
The Word of God

PRELUDE | *Benedictus, Op. 59 No. 9*

Max Reger

ENTRANCE HYMN | *The Church's one foundation*
The people stand.

Hymnal 525

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GLORIA (*Robert Powell*) (The "S" numbers are found at the front of the blue hymnal)

S 280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 12:1-9

¹Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. ⁹And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God

PSALM

Psalm 33:1-12

ANTIPHON:



By the word__ of the Lord were the heav - ens__ made, by the breath of his mouth all the heav - en - ly hosts.

¹Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; it is good for the just to sing praises.

²Praise the Lord with the harp; play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

³Sing for him a new song; sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet. **ANTIPHON**

⁴For the word of the Lord is right, and all his works are sure.

⁵He loves righteousness and justice; the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth. **ANTIPHON**

⁶By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.

⁷He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin and stores up the depths of the sea. **ANTIPHON**

⁸Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.

⁹For he spoke, and it came to pass; he commanded, and it stood fast. **ANTIPHON**

¹⁰The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; he thwarts the designs of the peoples.

¹¹But the Lord’s will stands fast for ever, and the designs of his heart from age to age.

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! happy the people he has chosen to be his own! **ANTIPHON**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants

be.”¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN / *More Love To Thee, O Christ.*

LEVAS 87

The people stand.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The people sit.

THE NICENE CREED

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The people stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin

Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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The people kneel or stand. The leader and people pray responsively.

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence.

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;
People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;
People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader For Sarah Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, and John our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
People For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Silence is kept. The People may add their own petitions as the Leader adds the collected petitions of the Congregation.

Leader Hear us, Lord;
People For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence is kept. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;
People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence is kept. The People may add their own petitions as the the Leader adds the collected petitions of the Congregation.

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY | *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*
The people sit

Susan Borwick

THE DOXOLOGY
The people stand.

Hymnal 380 v.3

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

[Here a Proper Preface is said].

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
 therefore let us keep the feast.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

NOTE ON RECEIVING COMMUNION: *All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament regardless of age or denomination. Those who have not been baptized are welcome to receive a blessing—indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Intercessory prayer teams are available to pray with you at the back of the nave.*

COMMUNION HYMN | *Let us break bread together on our knees*

Hymnal 325

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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The people kneel or stand.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant gives the blessing.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN | *Lift high the cross*

Hymnal 473

The people stand

The Priest dismisses the People with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE | *Gloria in excelsis, Op. 59 no. 8*

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Flowers by the Flower Guild

FLOWER DEDICATION

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God
and
in celebration of our 25th wedding anniversary by Melissa and Morris Hamby.

PRAYER CONCERNS

For those with cancer: Dennis, Doug, Earl, Jeff, Leigh, Lois, Margaret, Mark, Marsha, Mary Beth, Matt, Maxine, Molly, Pat, Sage, Sandy, Sherry, Tim, Trevor and Zanie.

For those in cancer remission: Andie, Jim, Katarina, and Mandy.

For those healing from surgery: Cleo, James, and Steve.

For those with disabilities, their families, and their caregivers.

For those experiencing mental health issues.

For those with other needs: Aiden, Alyssa, Bernice, Byrena, Dan, David, Jane, Emily, Erika, Greg, Hannah, Henry, Jack, Jerry, Joe, Kandace, Kim, Kristin, Lisa, Lloyd, Marcie, Marian, Miranda, Nicole, Poston, Rylan, Sarah, Vanessa, Waylon, and Zach.

For those imprisoned including: Abu-Ali, Charlie, Corinio, Gregory, Joe, Michael Tyrone, and Tyler.

For those experiencing homelessness including: Adrienne, Andrea, Carol, Cindy, Connie, Deborah, Donna, Jacki, Jeri, Jessica, Joe, Kanasha, Kelsey, Kimberley, Kristi, Laura, Leanna, Lonetria, Lori, Melissa, Renada, Sharon, Tiffany, and Trista.

For all veterans and those in military service and their families, including: Benjamin, Brianna, Chris, Evan, Gaven, Grace, Jeffrey, Josh, Kaitlin, Nate, Topher, Trevor, and Sean.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

- 7:30 a.m. | **Holy Eucharist Rite I**, Gospel Piano
- 8:45 a.m. | **Holy Eucharist Rite II**, Ancient and Modern
 - Nursery available 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 - Children's Church
- **Christian Education** *resumes Sunday, August 9, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.*
- 11:00 a.m. | **Holy Eucharist Rite II**, Choir, Organ, and Livestream

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

- 7:00 a.m. | **Holy Eucharist Rite II**, St. Andrew's Chapel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vacation Bible School | THIS WEEK! June 8-12, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

5 foundational truths about the nature of God. Get kids ready to embark on a wild, creature-filled adventure at Rainforest Falls where kids learn that God is Creator, All-knowing, our Refuge, Love, and Forever. Age 3 to rising 6th graders. The cost is \$20 a child. Contact Cindy at Cindy.Guevart@stpaulsmurfreesboro.org with any questions!



Alpha is Coming & We Need You

St. Paul's is bringing Alpha back for a third year this fall and we need everyone's help. HOW can you help? First, of all please pray for the planning team and pray for those people you need to invite to experience Alpha. Second, look over the following list to see where you can step up. Have questions? Want to help and are not sure where you fit? Scan the QR code for more information, and someone from the Alpha team will contact you.



Meat and Potatoes resumes

Meat and Potatoes is an in-depth exploration of the essentials of the Christian Life. In our weekly meetings, we worship together, discuss our readings, and engage in theological reflection. This seminar is open to adult, Confirmed communicants in good standing. We follow a three-year reading cycle, and, this year, we are studying Scripture. Participants may join at any point in the cycle, provided they commit to a full year. Want to know more? Please contact Fr. Michael (Michael.Whitnah@stpaulsmurfreesboro.org) by June 8.



St. Paul's Episcopal 1892 Society

1892 marks the year that our church was founded. The St. Paul's Episcopal 1892 Society is a planned giving initiative aimed at building a strong financial foundation for the future of our church. We invite you to join the St. Paul's Episcopal 1892 Society and leave your legacy. To join St. Paul's Episcopal 1892

Society, parishioners would need to share with us that they have declared voluntary estate gifts, beneficiary designations, or other gifts to St. Paul's in any amount. To learn more, scan the QR code to visit our planned giving website (<https://stpaulsmurfreesboro.netlify.app/>). If you already have a will and would like to share if St. Paul's is a part of your estate plans, you may scan the "I have a will" QR code to complete a short form to let us know of your intent. If you have any further questions, please email us at 1892society@stpaulsmurfreesboro.org.



Learn More



I have a will.

Offering

To make an offering online with your debit/credit card, scan the QR code with your smart phone camera. A link will appear, click on it to open our website's giving page. You can select the fund you want to give to (i.e. pledge fulfillment, general offering, CONNECT, etc.) and leave a note in the memo line, if desired. Text giving is also available, text GIVESTPAULS to 73256 (ex., GIVESTPAULS \$100).

