

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
Foley, Alabama
September 29, 2024

HYMNS
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O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

LESSONS

A reading from Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19:7-14 *Read responsively by whole verse*

7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; *

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight*

O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

A reading from James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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THE GOSPEL

7:30 am Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go.

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 9:38-50

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and

you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For healing: Adriene, Al, Amber, Amy, Arlene, Becky, Bev, Carol, Charles, Chery, David, Debbie, Dennis, Donna, Doris, Doug, Elsie Claire, Helen, Jake, Jan, Jerry, Joan, Joanna, Joe, Joey, John, Judith, Judy, Julie, Kate, Kay, Kirsten, Larry, Lee, Leigh, Leslie, Linda, Lulu, Lynn, Margaret, Marie, Massey, Meg, Michelle, Mike, Milton, Morgan, Ralph, Rebecca, Rita, Ron, Sandy, Sarah, Sherry, Stan, Stephanie, Steve, Tim, Tony, Tracie, Vera, Wayne and those who care for them.

For those serving in the military: Kevin, Gerromy, Chris, Noel, Drew, Dalton, Kyle, Brad, Ben, Taylor, Jacob, Andrew, Neil, Wayne & those serving with them.

For those in prison: for the prisoners, staff and families of prisoners and staff at Dale County Jail, Ozark, AL.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS COMING

Consecration Sunday is coming. Sunday, October 13th there will be one service at 10:00 am followed by a celebration meal as we gather our estimate of giving for the work of St. Paul's for the coming year. Today there will be cards distributed for your reservation to the luncheon..

SAINT PAUL'S THIS WEEK

TODAY

- 7:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 9 am Formation Class
- 9 am Choir Practice
- 10 am Holy Eucharist
- 7 pm NA Meeting

MONDAY

- Noon NA Meeting
- 8 pm AA Meeting

WEDNESDAY

- 10:30 Pastor Brent's Bible Study
- Noon Holy Eucharist with Healing

- 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm Children's Choir Practice
- 5 pm to 6 pm Choir Practice
- 7 pm NA Open Meeting

THURSDAY

- Noon NA Meeting
- 4pm Women's Bible Study
- 6 pm AA Meeting
- 8 pm AA Open Meeting

SATURDAY

- 10 am AA Meeting

REMEMBER EMI WHEN YOU SHOP

Ramen noodles, salt, garlic powder, rice and mashed potatoes.

BLESSING BOX

Our Blessing Box is in need of donations of food and toiletries. Drop off on Sunday's in the Parish Hall or in the office during the week. You are always welcomed to put food & supplies directly into the Blessing Box

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE PETS OCTOBER 5TH AT 10AM.

The Annual Blessing of the Animals will be Saturday, Oct. 5th at 10:00 am. Daphne Animal Shelter will be offering pet adoptions from 10-1.

TRASH AND TREASURE SALE ON OCTOBER 19th

The Trash & Treasure Sale will be on Saturday, Oct 19 from 8 am until 2ish. You may bring items to the office for storage between 9 & 4 Monday through Thursday or on Friday Oct 18 to the Parish Hall. Volunteers are needed to organize and price items on the 18 & to assist in sales on Oct 19. Contact Helen Lambard for more information.

LAY DELEGATES TO ANNUAL CONVENTION NEEDED

St. Paul's needs to Lay Delegates to represent us at the Annual Convention of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast which will be held in Fort Walton Beach, February 21 and 22. If you would like to be a part of this ministry please contact either Pastor Brent or Karen Walters, Sr. Warden.

CLAY SHOOT INFORMATION AVAILABLE

The Clay Shoot will be on Nov 2 at the Santa Rosa Shooting Center. There are forms available for sponsorships in the Parish Hall & the church office. There are a variety of sponsorship levels and volunteer opportunities available. Please contact Howard Krauss 251 454-4214, Brian Lehmann 251 752-2262 or Kenneth Maidment 251 923-8304.

HELP NEEDED TO DECORATE A FLOAT FOR THE KIWANIS CHRISTMAS PARADE

St. Paul's has the opportunity to have a float in this year's Kiwanis Christmas Parade. If that sounds like something fun that you would like to be a part of let Pastor Brent know so we can start planning.

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