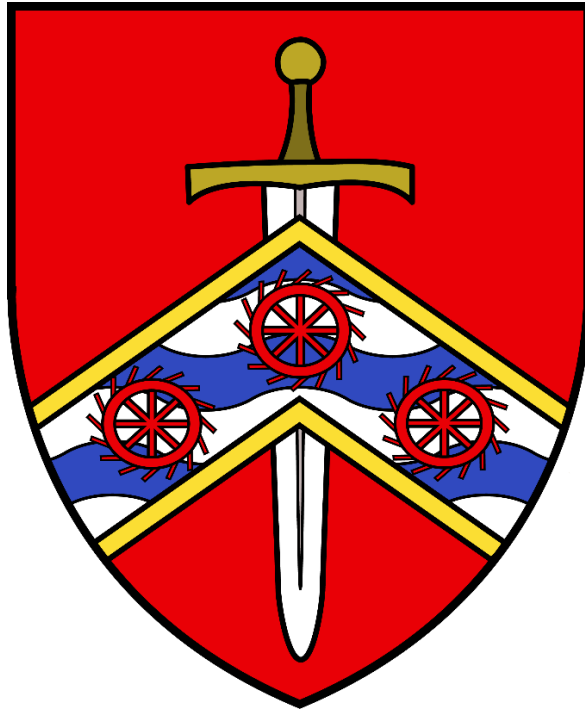


# Episcopal Parish of Alton



## **The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 5, 2026

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

10:30 a.m.

The Rt. Rev. Brian K. Burgess, DD

XII Bishop

## Prelude

'Gloria' (from Mass #12)

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

## Hymn # 525

*The Church's One Foundation*

*The Hymnal 1982*

*Celebrant*

Bless - ed be God: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

*People*

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

Music: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991). Copyright © 1971 Mason Martens.

*Celebrant*

There is one Body and one Spi - rit;

*People*

There is one hope in God's call to us;

*Celebrant*

One Lord, one Faith, one Bap - tism;

*People*

One God and Fa - ther of all.

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## The Collect of the Day

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

***People: And with thy Spirit.***

Bishop: Let us pray

O God, who hast taught us to keep all thy commandments by loving thee and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to thee with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## The Word of God

**The Lessons** *Please be seated.*

**A reading from the Book of Prophet Zechariah**

9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!  
Lo, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.  
As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.  
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Word of the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 145: 8-15

Mode 7 **Refrain**

Great is the Lord and great-ly to be praised.

8. The Lord is gracious and full of com-pas-sion, slow to anger and of great kind-ness.

9. The Lord is lov-ing to ev'-ry one and his compassion is o-ver all his works. **Refrain**

10. All your works praise you, O Lord, and your faithful ser-vants bless you.

11. They *make* know the glory of your king-dom and speak of your pow-er; **Refrain**

12. That the peoples may know of your pow-er and the glorious splendor

of your king-dom. 13. Your kingdom is an ever-last-ing king-dom;

your dominion endures throughout all a-ges. **Refrain** 14. The Lord is

faith-ful in all his words and merci-ful in all his deeds.

15. The Lord *upholds* all those who fall; he *lifts up* those who are bowed down. **Refrain**

Alleluia *ad libitum*

from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford

**A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans**

7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God.***

**Hymn #488**

*Be thou my vision*

*The Hymnal 1982*

*Please stand*

**The Gospel**

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

***People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

*People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

**The Sermon**

The Rt. Rev. Brian K. Burgess, DD

### **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

Bishop: The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters: We present Laura Nichole Pavia for Confirmation.

I present Cheryl Janette Wooden for Confirmation.

I present Thomas Walker Fox for Confirmation

I present Steve Edward Davis to be received into this Communion.

I present Eric Ray Corbin to be received into this Communion.

Bishop: Dost thou reaffirm thy renunciation of evil?

Candidates: I do

Bishop: Dost thou renew thy commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I do, and with God’s grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*After all have been presented, the Bishop address the congregation, saying*

Will ye who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

***People: We will.***

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### **The Baptismal Covenant**

Bishop: Dost thou believe in God the Father?

***People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Bishop: Dost thou believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***People: I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God  
the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.***

Bishop: Dost thou believe in God the Holy Ghost?

***People: I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.***

Wilt thou continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

***I will, with God's help.***

Wilt thou persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever thou dost fall into sin, repent and return unto the Lord?

***I will, with God's help.***

Wilt thou proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ Jesus?

***I will, with God's help.***

Wilt thou seek and serve Christ in all people, loving thy neighbor as thyself?

***I will, with God's help.***

Wilt thou strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every person?

***I will, with God's help.***

### **Prayers for the Candidates**

*The Bishop then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*A person appointed leads the following petitions*

Leader: Deliver them, O lord, from the way of sin and death.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Open their heart to thy grace and truth.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Fill them with thy holy and life-giving Spirit.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of thy holy Church.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Holy Ghost.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Send them into the world in faithful witness to thine abounding love.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of thy peace and glory.

***People: Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Then the Bishop says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ thy Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who liveth and reigneth now and forever. ***Amen.***

*A period of silence follows. Then the Bishop says*

Almighty God, we thank thee that by the death and resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ thou hast overcome sin and brought us to thyself, and that by the sealing of thy Holy Spirit thou hast bound us to thy service. Renew in these thy servants the covenant that thou hast made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in thy Holy Spirit to perform the service that thou dost set before them; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Amen.*

### **For Confirmation**

Defend, O Lord, thy servant *N.* with thy heavenly grace, that *he/she* may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until *he/she* comes unto thine everlasting Kingdom. *Amen.*

### **For Reception**

*N.*, we do acknowledge thee as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we do receive thee into the fellowship of this Communion. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost bless, preserve, and keep thee, now and for ever more.

*Amen.*

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer*

Almighty and everliving God, let thy fatherly hand be ever over these thy servants; let thine Holy Ghost ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy Word, that they may serve thee in this life, and dwell with thee in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People: And with thy spirit.*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Offertory Sentence**

#### **Offertory**

Choir

Bill Kodros

Choir

*Prayer of Peace*

*The Call*

*God be in My Head*

D. Cherwin

R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

J. Rutter

**The Great Thanksgiving**  
Eucharistic Prayer II

*Celebrant* *People*  
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

*Celebrant* *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

*People*  
It is meet and right so to do.

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It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord thou hast received us as thy sons and daughters, made us citizens of thy kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus*

#S114 *The Hymnal 1982*

*Celebrant and People*

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:***

***Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.***

***Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.***

***Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*The people kneel or stand.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**The Lord's Prayer**

#S119 *The Hymnal 1982*

*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,***

***for ever and ever. Amen.***

***The Breaking of the Bread***

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

*Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei*

#S158 *The Hymnal 1982*

***O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,***  
***have mercy upon us.***

***O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,***  
***have mercy upon us.***

***O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,***  
***grant us thy peace.***

*The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer*

***We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.***

*Celebrant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

***All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward to receive Communion, and everyone is welcome to come to the rail for a blessing.***

***If you do not wish to receive either the bread or the wine, please cross your arms across your chest as a silent request for a blessing from the priest.***

## **Communion Anthem**

Organ Symphony #5

*Adagio*

C.M. Widor (1844-1937)

*Aria*

P. Manz (1919-2009)

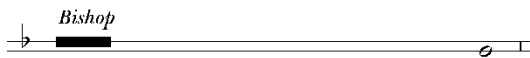
## **Postcommunion Prayer**

*After communion the Celebrant says*

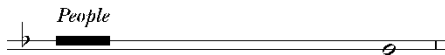
Let us pray.

***Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.***

## The Episcopal Blessing



Our help is in the Name of the Lord;



The maker of heaven and earth.



Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

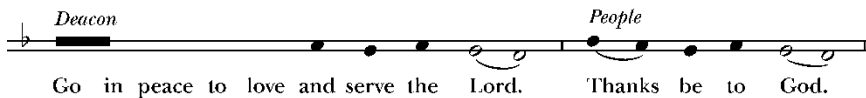


From this time forth for ever-more.

*The Bishop sings the blessing.*

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## Dismissal



**Closing Hymn #680**

*O God, our help in ages past*

*The Hymnal 1982*

**Postlude:**

*War March of the Priests (from 'Athalia')* F. Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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Officiant:	The Rt. Rev. Brian K. Burgess, DD
Assisting Clergy:	The Rev. Garron C. Daniels, OCS
Organist and Choirmaster:	Gay Anderson, MM
Verger:	Robbie Cupp
Banner Bearer:	Michael Kokos
Boat Bearer:	Liam Kokos
Thurifer:	Donna Fisher
Crucifer:	Chuck Drennan
Altar Acolyte:	Destiny Drennan
Acolyte:	Tina Ritchie
Chalice/BB:	Susan Lukasik
Lector:	Dave Elson
Intercessor:	John Pearson
Cantor:	Ruth Spencer
Usher:	Nathalia Baum
Greeter:	Meg Dorris
Altar Guild:	N. Weiss-Hayes

## NEXT SUNDAY

### St. Paul's:

Celebrant:	The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+
Organist:	Gay Anderson
Thurifer:	Chuck Drennan
Crucifer:	Robbie Cupp
Altar Acolyte:	Nathalia Baum
Acolyte:	
BB/CB:	Donna Fisher
Lector/Intercessor:	Tom Harris
Cantor:	Roy Anderson
Usher:	Verla Moyer
Greeter:	Bill Moyer
Altar Guild:	R. Cupp, C. Terry

### Trinity Chapel:

The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+
Gay Anderson
Donna Fisher
Chuck Drennan
Mary Molloy

## Calendar for the Week of July 5, 2026

- Sunday, July 5**      *Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Open Offering supports Bishop's Discretionary Fund*  
A Brunch will be hosted by Parish Life in Heneghan Hall  
following this morning's service for all to enjoy!  
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Pet Food Pantry - St. Paul's
- Monday, July 6**      *Office Closed*
- Tuesday, July 7**      9:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer – St. Paul's  
No Bible Study will be held
- Friday, July 10**      7:00 p.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew – Trinity Chapel
- Saturday, July 11**      10:00 a.m. Second Saturdays  
Noon – *Feast of St. Benedict* – Trinity Chapel
- Sunday, July 12**      *Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*  
8:15 a.m. Mass-Trinity Chapel  
10:30 a.m. Mass – St. Paul's



**Our Pet Food Pantry is scheduled for today, July 5th. The pet food pantry is open one hour monthly on the first Sunday of the month from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Enter St. Paul's through the Market Street entrance.**

**Bible Study will be not held Tuesday, July 7th.** Join us next week following Morning Prayer in St. Elizabeth's Chapel at 9:00 a.m. Bible study begins at 10:00 a.m. and lasts approximately an hour. Evening Bible Study is held at 5:30 p.m. following Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's. All are welcome to join – be sure to bring your Bible!

**All men of the Parish are welcome and encouraged to attend the next Brotherhood of St. Andrew meeting on Friday, July 10th, at Trinity Chapel at 7:00 p.m.** We will be joined by Fr. John Ng'oma who will continue our discussion on Discipleship.



**Please remember in your prayers this week:**

Linda, Deb, Sam, Patty, Marti, Victor, Don, Joe, Baby Emerson, Lauren, Shelby, Donna, Linda, Janice, Randy, Bill, Barbara, Brenda, Dane, Greg, Irene, Charles, Tracy, and those known only to us.

*Please contact the office if you have someone you would like added to the prayer list. Individuals will remain on the list for one month and will be re-added upon request.*

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