

A Service Commemorating the Inclusion
of The Reverend Dr. Pauli Murray
in the Liturgical Calendar of the Episcopal Church



The Right Reverend Anne Hodges-Copple
The Venerable Archdeacon Jan Lamb
The Reverend Doctor Alicia Alexis
The Reverend Deacon Sarah Woodard
The Reverend Winnie Varghese

St. Titus' Episcopal Church
400 Moline St. Durham, NC 27707

Reader A reading from the Epistle to the Galatians

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 119: 17-24

Gimel

Retribue servo tuo

Lionel Parker

Read in unison

- ¹⁷ Deal bountifully with your servant, *
that I may live and keep your word.
- ¹⁸ Open my eyes, that I may see *
the wonders of your law.
- ¹⁹ I am a stranger here on earth; *
do not hide your commandments from me.
- ²⁰ My soul is consumed at all times *
with longing for your judgments.
- ²¹ You have rebuked the insolent; *
cursed are they who stray from your commandments!
- ²² Turn from me shame and rebuke, *
for I have kept your decrees.
- ²³ Even though rulers sit and plot against me, *
I will meditate on your statutes.
- ²⁴ For your decrees are my delight, *
and they are my counselors.

Sequence Music *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* Hymnal 1982 #293

The Gospel Mark 12:1-12 The Rev. Deacon Sarah Woodard

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People Glory to you Lord Christ

Then he began to speak to them in parables. ‘A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watch-tower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But those tenants said to one another, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.” So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. Have you not read this scripture:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;^{*}
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes”?’

When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon The Reverend Winnie Varghese

The Nicene Creed

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.

A Litany of Thanksgiving

The Reverend Mawethu Ncaca

Composed by The Reverend Dr. Marion Thullbery

The lines in italics are spoken by the People

God of the prophets, who taught us to let justice roll down like an ever-flowing stream, thank you for placing Elijah's mantle upon Pauli's shoulders.

In thanksgiving we remember Pauli's work.

Help us to be encouraged by her prophetic invitation, and to remember that it is only as we seek justice for others that we experience your saving health in our lives.

Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.

Author of all freedom, who reminds us that it is for freedom that we have been set free, thank you for Pauli's vision of freedom, beckoning us to make freedom the measure of our souls.

In thanksgiving we remember Pauli's work.

Help us to hear the invitation to embrace spiritual freedom and to see more clearly the ways in which some are still denied their freedoms and liberties.

Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.

God of all tribes and nations, who saw that it was too little a thing that your light should be harnessed within one people, thank you for Pauli's growing awareness of the way in which our world is deeply connected.

In thanksgiving we remember Pauli's work.

Help us to follow the example of Pauli, that oppression may be challenged on behalf of peoples, regardless of race or gender.

Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.

God of our dreams, who guided Jacob with a dream of angels ascending and descending, who convicted Peter of the value of inclusion with a dream of embracing all of Creation, thank you for the dream that Pauli passed onto us, that "none shall rest in any land and none return to dreamless sleep and no tongue be

stilled” until anyone may stand in any place, thrust shoulders to the sky, friend and kindred to every other.

In thanksgiving we remember Pauli’s work.

Help us to be inspired by the dream of God to respect the dignity of every human being.

Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.

God of the Angels heralding Peace, who invited peace and reconciliation between those who are far off and those who are near, thank you for Pauli’s commitment to protest, balanced by a resistance to violence and by a love for the beauty of life and creation.

In thanksgiving we remember Pauli’s work.

Help us to know ourselves to be held in the gaze of your love, that we might learn to love, and to embrace all of creation.

Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.

God who knows us before we are born, thank you for Pauli’s strong sense of identity that gave her a stability from which she could grow into a person of deep conviction.

In thanksgiving, we remember Pauli’s work.

Help us to find those touchstones in our own lives that remind us who we are and what we are called to do.

Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.

Jesus the teacher, who taught through both words and actions, thank you for Pauli’s love of learning and her strength to pass that learning on, even in ways that challenged the sensibilities of those around her.

In thanksgiving we remember Pauli’s work.

Help us to be mindful of new ways we might learn to see with an eye toward justice and peace for all peoples.

Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.

Gracious God, who called into being a people, helping them see their oppression and then opening the sea that they might pass through to freedom, thank you for Pauli's family and friends who joined in her work and gave her the nourishment to lead others.

In thanksgiving we remember Pauli's work.

Help us to remember the support that surrounds us, enabling us to open paths to freedom for others, even in ways that may seem small in our eyes.

Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.

Concluding Collect

The Celebrant says

O God, whose voice came through a burning bush, who led your people with a pillar of fire by day, whose spirit was seen in tongues of flame over the heads of those gathered on that first Pentecost, may we follow in the example of your servant Pauli, in whom the fire of passion for life and love led to action on behalf of oppressed people throughout our global village, that emboldened by her witness, we might discover in our own souls the fire of passion for our service in this world: We ask it of you who gave us your name out of holy fire. Amen

The Exchange of the Peace

Greetings The Rt. Reverend Anne Elliott Hodges-Copple

The Life and Legacy of Pauli Murray

Barbara Lau
Executive Director of the
Pauli Murray Project for
History and Social Justice

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The offering at this service will go to the Pauli Murray Center for History and Social Justice. Join the effort to establish an impactful and welcoming Pauli Murray Center for History and Social Justice that will activate visitors of all ages to be inspired by Pauli's legacy and stand up and speak out for peace, equity, and justice.

You may also donate online by following the QR code at the end of the service bulletin.

Offertory Sentence

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. Psalm 96:8

Offertory Anthem *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

Hymnal 1982 #618, vv. 1, 2, & 4

Eucharistic Prayer B

Please stand as you are able. The Celebrant says

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 continues

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

For the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your saints, who have been the chosen vessels of your grace, and the lights of the world in their generations.

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:

Sanctus

LEVAS II #255

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

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed St. Pauli, Blessed St. Titus, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever.

The People respond AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

The Lord's Prayer African American Heritage Hymnal #663

Our Father, which 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
The People Therefore let us keep the feast. *Alleluia.*

The Priest invites the people to Communion

Recessional Hymn *For All the Saints*

The Hymnal 1982 #287, vv. 1,4,6,7,

Postlude *Three In Blue, #1*

Ann Southam

Program Participants

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| Celebrant | The Rt. Rev. Anne Elliott Hodges-Copple VI Bishop Suffragan of North Carolina |
| Bishop's Chaplain | The Venerable Jan Lamb, Archdeacon of the Diocese of North Carolina |
| Master of Ceremonies | The Reverend Dr. Alicia Alexis, Interim Rector, St. Titus' |
| Gospeler | The Reverend Deacon Sarah Woodard, St. Titus' |
| Preacher | The Reverend Winnie Varghese, Rector, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Atlanta, GA |
| Litany | The Reverend Mawethu Ncaca, Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill, NC |
| First Lesson | Callie Swaim-Fox, The Pauli Murray Center |
| Psalm | Lionell Parker, St. Titus' |
| Icon Bearer | Reverend Robert Jemonde Taylor, Rector St. Ambrose Episcopal Church, Raleigh, NC |
| Lay Eucharistic Minister | Lionell Parker, St. Titus' |
| Musician | Jennifer Wolfe, Interim Choir Director, St. Titus' |
| Choir | The Pauli Murray Choir |
| Ushers | St. David's Usher Guild |
| Altar Guild | Cheryl Myers |
| Reception Coordinator | Cheryl Myers |
| Pauli Murray Project | Barbara Lau, Executive Director Pauli Murray Project for History and Social Justice |

The Pauli Murray Center for History and Social Justice

To build a more just and inclusive world, the Pauli Murray Center for History and Social Justice (PMC) engages a diversity of communities to lift up the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray. The Pauli Murray Center for History and Social Justice stewards Pauli Murray's childhood home, a National Historic Landmark site in Durham, NC. Help us build the world Pauli dreamed of and keep her vision for justice alive.



We Are Celebrating Our First 10 years

Highlights from the first 10 years include the Transformative Restoration of Pauli Murray's Childhood Home; National Tour of To Buy the Sun, an original play about Pauli Murray; Significant grants from National Park Service, Iron Mountain, & the Mellon Foundation to support the work and growth of the PMC; Partnership with renown architects Perkins & Will to design Welcome & Education Center.

In the future we will welcome you to a visitor-ready historic house and Welcome & Education Center with new exhibitions and an online virtual site tour; and we will develop robust educational offerings for K-12 students and life-long learners.

You Can Help...

- To support our work with an online donation:
<https://paulimurraycenter.networkforgood.com/>
- Mail: Pauli Murray Center, P.O. Box 541, Durham, NC 27702
- Add your name to our mailing list by emailing us at info@paulimurraycenter.org
- For more information: www.paulimurraycenter.org



Thank You

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All are welcome at St. Titus

Sunday services at 8:30 am and 10:30 am

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