



*St. Paul's Episcopal Church,
Rock Creek Parish
Diocese of Washington*



PENTECOST 14
Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, August 29, 2021

Join via Zoom

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Passcode: 807401

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Processional Hymn

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

H-376

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way;
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash-ing sea,
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our Bro-ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 teach-us how to love each o-ther, lift us to the joy di-vine.

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 Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

The Opening Sentences

The Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

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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, **Chorus**

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 Chorus**

Chorus

Glory, Glory, hallelujah,
Lord we praise your Holy name.

Glory, Glory, hallelujah,
Lord we praise your Holy name.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,

leaping upon the mountains,

bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle

or a young stag.

Look, there he stands

behind our wall,

gazing in at the windows,

looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:

"Arise, my love, my fair one,

and come away;

for now the winter is past,

the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;

the time of singing has come,

and the voice of the turtledove

is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,

and the vines are in blossom;

they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,

and come away."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

Sung by the Cantors

1. **M**y heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
2. You are the fairest of men; *
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.
7. Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
8. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
9. All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
10. Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
on your right hand is the queen,
adorned with the gold of Ophir.

The Epistle

James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who

act-they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Fr. Johnson

The Nicene Creed

BCP. 358

Celebrant and People

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 Son he is worshipped 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 sin. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People Form IV

BCP. 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

In the Anglican Communion, pray for **Justin**, the Archbishop of Canterbury; and for, [Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan](#). Pray for [The Episcopal Church in Cuba](#), [Church of Santa Maria](#), and [The Rev. Yordanis Acosta](#), Rector. **In the diocese**, pray for [St. Albans School for Boys](#); [The National Cathedral School for Girls](#); [Beauvoir](#), the National Cathedral Elementary School; [Washington Episcopal School](#); and [The Bishop John T. Walker School](#).

Let us pray for **Michael**, our Presiding Bishop; **Mariann**, our Bishop; **Chilton**, our Assisting Bishop; **Allan** and **Douglas**, our priests; **Krista**, our Associate for Parish Life; and all who minister here at St. Paul's. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for **Joe**, our President; **The Congress of the United States**; **the Supreme Court**; and **Muriel**, our Mayor. Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially those in our parish, including: [**Virginia** Keane, **Jean** Ringuette, **Joan** Williams, **Paula** S.F. Marshall, **Susannah** Cernojevich, and **Dora** Whitsett]. For all others whose health and well-being have been entrusted to our prayers, including: [**Sarah** Woodbury, **Bezelle** Thomas, **Bessie** Mann, **Marla** Jones, **Raven** Taylor and family, **Jeff** Wilkerson, **Ashley** Walker and family, **Bernard** Walker, **Beverly** Taylor, **Rosemary** Nabor, **Louise** Cade, **Kathy** Mahoney and family, **Andrea** Rodgers, **Jeannette** Brownson and family, **Booker** Diggins, III, **Joy** Warde, **Tiffany** Fleming-Withrow, **Evelyn** Clay, **Kathy** Butler, **Dave** Morentz, **Lauvinia** Alston, **Joetta** Chaplin, **Mark** Firley, **Rhonda** Herndon, **John** Eng, **Lydia** Streit, **Abdul** Latif Nasir, **Henry** Russell, **Michele** Moore, and **Riley** Luck]. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People together

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen**

The Priest 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 *(by all)*

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

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory



Please consider making your contribution to St. Paul's via our online giving portal at <https://www.stpaulsrockcreek.org/give-online/>. Your gift provides support for our worship, ministries, and programs. Thank you for worshipping, sharing and, prayerfully supporting the life and ministries here at St. Paul's. You may also support the mission and ministry of this parish by going to your Realm account and selecting "Giving."

STEWARDSHIP

"Stewardship is not only a matter of faithful giving but of faithful living. In response to the Gospel, we submit our lives to the rule of God, to the lordship of Christ, and to the direction of the Holy Spirit, so that we may be the people God wants us to be and have the lives God wants us to have." –**Mark Allan Powell**, author of [*Giving to God*](#).

Stewardship Snippets

James 1:17 – Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.

Make a list of the blessings in your life. Go ahead! These are gifts to you from God, the source of all. Now review the list and pray for each, "I thank God for" Do this every day and see how you feel.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

The people standing, the Celebrant says:

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus (8:00 AM spoken)

Celebrant and People

**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.

(10:30 AM sung)

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The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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 Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Agnus Dei *(8:00 AM spoken)*

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **grant us peace.**

(10:30 AM sung)

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Prayers when we cannot receive Holy Communion

Lord Jesus, I believe you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart so I may welcome your presence with joy. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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 Blessing

Closing Hymn

I'm pressing on

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1. I'm press - ing on the up - ward way, New heights I'm
 2. My heart has no de - sire to stay Where doubts a -
 3. I want to live a - bove the world, Though sa - tan's
 4. I want to scale the ut - most height, And catch a

1. gain - ing ev - ery day; Still pray - ing as I on - ward bound,
 2. rise and fears dis - may; Though some may dwell where these a - bound,
 3. darts at me are hurled; For faith has caught a joy - ful sound,
 4. gleam of glo - ry bright; But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,

1. "Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground."
 2. My prayer, my aim is high - er ground. Lord, lift me
 3. The song of saints on high - er ground.
 4. "Lord, lead me on the high - er ground."

up, and let me stand By faith, on heav - en's ta - ble - land; A high - er
plane than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground.

The Dismissal

The Priest dismisses the congregation with these words

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia.
Alleluia.

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

Postlude

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers Needed

As we slowly move back to in-person worship, we will need volunteers in a variety of ministries:

- **Altar Guild** -- We are looking for new volunteers for the Altar Guild. Members of the Altar Guild prepare the altar for Sunday worship. In addition to setting up for each service, members of the Altar Guild are responsible for polishing silver and brass, laundering linens, maintaining supplies of wine, wafers, candles, and cleaning materials. With enough members, the Altar Guild will be divided into four (4) teams, with each team serving one Sunday each month.
- **Ushers** (we really, really need ushers) -- Ushers welcome parishioners and visitors at Sunday services. Ushers are also responsible for directing traffic before, during, and after the worship service to make sure that everyone is complying with CDC guidelines and keeping our social distance. We need a minimum of one (1) usher for the 8:00 a.m. service and two (2) ushers for the 10:30 a.m. service.
- **Lay Eucharistic Ministers** – (This ministry is on hold due to COVID.)
- **Audio Visual (A/V) Team** – Members of the A/V team will operate video cameras, audio mixers, computers, and computer software that will allow us to connect to those who want to be part of our online church family. You don't even have to be a technical expert or a computer person. St. Paul's will provide the necessary training and guidance. This is an opportunity to learn about videography, streaming, and an opportunity to help your church.

If the above ministries sound like something you can help with, please contact Fr. Allan at Allan.johnson@stpaulsrockcreek.org or at 410-908-5625.

Art & History are Alive in the Cemetery!

Our parish has been a participant in Cultural Tourism DC's WalkingTownDC for over 10 years. After's a year's break due to COVID, WalkingTownDC is back this September! This is one of the largest and most popular of all the tours that offer a chance to "see DC off the Mall". We will be offering 3 Saturday tours: 9/18 at 10 a.m., 9/25 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. (Guests will be required to wear a mask during the tour.)

We are looking for volunteers to assist with welcoming guests to our historic churchyard. We are also in need of people who may be interested in helping provide tours of this remarkable history to which we are stewards. If you are interested in assisting, or learning more about this tour, we would love to have you join. Tour rehearsals are planned for:

- Sunday, 9/12 after Mass
- Friday, 9/17 at 11 a.m.

If you are interested in helping greet tour guests or joining in a rehearsal, please let Fr. Allan know. You can also contact Don Harrell at 202-258-7145.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE & CALENDAR

Birthdays and Anniversaries
August 2021

Birthdays

Mingo Roberts 3rd

Kathryn Poindexter 6th

Sheila Roberts 8th

Zuri Bobb 8th

Joey Alcock 10th

Samantha Fawkes 10th

Henry Earls 10th

Karyne Jones 14th

Matthew Green 22nd

Aino Sohlberg 23rd

Christy Grimsley 25th

Anniversaries

ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

8:00 a.m......**10:30 a.m.**

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LECTORS

Old Testament

Sharon Pecover Karyne Jones

Epistle

Lauren Walker-Green..... Mingo Roberts

Prayers of the People

Clive Pecover Marci Young



Mission Statement

To be one family in Christ using our gifts and resources; and to respond to the spiritual, social, and human needs of our parish and community.

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