THE ENTRANCE RITE

Processional Hymn

Sing praise to God who reigns above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
What God’s almighty power hath made, his gracious mercy
Let all who name Christ’s holy Name give God all praise and

2 What God’s almighty power hath made, his gracious mercy
keep-eth; by morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade his watch-ful
glo-ry; let all who know his power pro-claim aloud the

3 Let all who name Christ’s holy Name give God all praise and
action, the God of power, the God of love, the God of

our sal-va- tion; with heal-ing balm my soul he fills, and
eye ne’er sleep-eth. With-in the king-dom of his might, lo!

wond-rous sto-ry! Cast each false i-dol from its throne, the

ev-ery faith-less mur-mur stills: to God all praise and glo-ry.
All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo-ry.
Lord is God, and he a-lone: to God all praise and glo-ry.

Words: Johann Jacob Schütz (1640-1690), tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt.
Music: Mit Freuden zart, melody from “Une pastourelle gentille,” 1529; adapt. Pseu-\naes cinquante de David, 1547, and Kirchenge\nigung darinnen die Heubart\cken des Christlichen Glaubens gefasst, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.)
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

Gloria 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 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. **Chorus**

Amen.
The Collect of the Day

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

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, “Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.” And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab’s armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, “Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.” The king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” The Cushite answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.” The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

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

Psalm 130

Sung by the Choir

1. Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;  
   LORD, hear my voice; *  
   let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2. If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *  
   O Lord, who could stand?

3. For there is forgiveness with you; *  
   therefore you shall be feared.

4. I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *  
   in his word is my hope.

5. My soul waits for the LORD,  
   more than watchmen for the morning, *  
   more than watchmen for the morning.

6. O Israel, wait for the LORD, *  
   for with the LORD there is mercy;

7. With him there is plenteous redemption, *  
   and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

The Epistle

Psalm 130

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and
wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

The Gospel

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon..........................................................................................................Fr. Greenaway
The Nicene Creed

*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 VI*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

Let us pray for Joe, our President, the Congress of the United States, the Supreme Court, Muriel, our Mayor; and for this community, the nation, and the world.

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*
We pray for the sick and suffering of 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, Ill, 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]. Let us pray for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

In the Anglican Communion, pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; and for, The Church of South India (United). Pray for The Episcopal Church in Cuba, Church of Santa Maria, and The Rev. Yordanis Acosta, Rector. In the diocese, pray for Church of Our Saviour, Brookland; Church of Our Saviour, Hillandale; and Nuestro Salvador. For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

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; all who minister at St. Paul’s Church; and all bishops and other ministers;

*For all who serve God in His church.*

For the special needs of this congregation.

*Silence*

The people may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord:

*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

*And praise your name for ever and ever.*
We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

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 Snippets

Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:31,32 –

As God’s called and blessed community, Christians live by different rules than “the world,” which is too often angry and blameful. We are good stewards of community and relationships when we do our best to live with kindness and love.

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? ~ Micah 6:8
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)

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.
Communion Hymn

Eat this bread, drink this cup

The people join in singing the refrain. The choir sings the verses.

Refrain

Text: John 6; adapt. by Robert J. Battistini, b.1942, and the Taizé Community
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

Verses:
I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father.

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but this is the bread come down from heaven.

Eat my flesh and drink my blood and I will raise you up on the last day.

Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.

If you believe and eat this bread, you will have eternal life.
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  

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
1 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor, first be-

*2 Here our humblest homage pay we, here in

*3 Though the lowest form doth veil thee as of

4 Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished once for

5 Life-imparting heavenly Manna, smitten

1 gotten from the dead. Thou alone, our strong de-

2 loving reverence bow; here for faith’s discernment

3 old in Bethlehem, here as there thine angels

4 all when thou wast slain, in its fullness undi-

5 Rock with streaming side, heaven and earth with loud ho-

Al - le -

1 fender, liftest up thy people’s head.

2 pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.

3 hail thee, branch and flower of Jesse’s stem.

4 diminished shall for ever more remain.

5 san - na worship thee, the Lamb who died.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

1 Jesus, true and living bread!
2 Thou art here, we ask not how.
3 We in worship join with them.
4 Cleansing us from every stain.
5 Risen, ascended, glorified!

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

In-person worship
We will gather for in-person worship on **Sunday, August 15th**, for both the 8:00 am and 10:30 am service. Because we have not worshipped in the sanctuary since March of 2020, our transition back to in-person worship will be a bit challenging. We are working on returning to what will be our new normal. Please be assured that we will mark the return to full in-person worship with a celebration.

For those who feel comfortable gathering for in-person worship, here is the information you will need:

- **We will continue to wear our masks while indoors** until children are eligible for the vaccine.
- **Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance of the church and in the choir room for use.**
- **Pods (family groups) are asked to maintain at least 6′ of physical distance** between their group and other groups.
- **To assist with this effort, seating is restricted to every other pew.** Pews will be marked for social distancing. Please follow the ushers’ instructions.
- **Communion (pre-packaged bread and wine) will be served at a standing station instead of the altar rail.** Everyone will be asked to come forward one pew at a time, while still maintaining social distance.
- **A collection plate will be available for donations at the entrance of the church.**
• Following the conclusion of the postlude, the Ushers will direct the congregation to begin exiting the church from the back pews first and move down the rows to the front until everyone has exited the sanctuary.
• The church will continue to use the disinfecting mister following services.
• We are still working out details around Coffee Hour.

We will continue to livestream the 10:30 am service for those who are not comfortable attending any service as we continue to learn how to worship in-person and online at the same time. Please anticipate that there will be some adjustments between now and September.
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.
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
Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 a.m. .......................................................................................................................... 10:30 a.m.

Lectors
Old Testament
Barbara Walker ............................................................................................................. Rhina Bobb
Epistle
Iris Snowden ............................................................................................................... Anne Robinson
Prayers of the People
Lauren Walker-Green ............................................................................................... Joey Alcock
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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