The Officiant begins and says
I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

Confession of Sin
The Officiant says to the people
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Officiant and People together
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest alone 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 Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.
*People:* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*The people join in the antiphon before the Invitatory*

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

**Jubilate**

*Psalm 100*

*Sung by the Cantor*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

*The people repeat the antiphon after the Invitatory*

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.
Psalm 50: 1-6

*Sung by the Cantor*

1. The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; * he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
3. Our God will come and will not keep silence; * before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
4. He calls the heavens and the earth from above * to witness the judgment of his people.
5. "Gather before me my loyal followers, * those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."
6. Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; * for God himself is judge.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson:  

2 Kings 2:1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord
has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Hymn: **Shine, Jesus, shine**
*Sung by the Cantor*

**Verses / Estrofas**

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining. In the midst of the darkness, shining. Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us; Set us free by the truth you now bring us: Shine on me; Shine on me.

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence. From the shadows into your radiance; By the blood I may enter your brightness; Search me, try me, consume all my darkness: Shine on me; Shine on me.

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness, So our faces display your likeness, Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story: Shine on me; Shine on me.

**Refrain / Estribillo**

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory. Btória, Jesús, reflejan-do la luz del Padre;
Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
On 1910, November 20th. Anna Pauline "Pauli" Murray was born in Baltimore, Maryland on

In 1914, Murray’s mother died of a cerebral hemorrhage when Pauli was three.

In 1923, her father, who had been committed to the Hospital for the Negro Insane of Maryland, died as a result of being beaten by a white guard.

In 1927, Murray applied to Columbia University. However, Columbia did not accept women, and its sister school, Barnard College, was too expensive.

In 1933, Murray graduated from Hunter. The 1929 stock market crash and ensuing depression had delayed Pauli’s studies.

In 1938, Pauli Murray applied to the University of North Carolina but was rejected because of her race. It wasn’t until 1951 that the first Black student was accepted at UNC.
In 1938, after President Franklin D. Roosevelt praised an all-white university for its commitment to social progress, a young WPA worker named Pauli Murray, brimming with anger and moxie, wrote to him saying:

I am a Negro, the most oppressed, misunderstood, and most neglected section of your population. You called on Americans to support a liberal philosophy based on democracy. What does this mean for Negro Americans?

She sent her letter through Eleanor Roosevelt, whom she had once seen in person when the First Lady visited Camp Tera, a government-sponsored residence for unemployed women. Not only did the First Lady respond to her letter, but the two very different women developed a lasting friendship.

In 1940, 15 years before Rosa Parks, Pauli Murray sat in the whites-only section of a Virginia bus with a friend, and they were arrested for violating state segregation laws.

In 1941, Murray began attending Howard University law school. Murray was the only woman in her law school class. She graduated first in her class,

In 1944, Murray applied to Harvard University hoping to continue studying law but was rejected again—this time for being a woman. Traditionally, men who were graduated first in the class were awarded Julius Rosenwald Fellowships for graduate work at Harvard University, but that university did not accept women. Murray was rejected despite a letter of support from President Franklin D. Roosevelt. She wrote in response,

"I would gladly change my sex to meet your requirements, but since the way to such change has not been revealed to me, I have no recourse but to appeal to you to change your minds. Are you to tell me that one is as difficult as the other?"

In 1946, after completing her thesis, entitled “The Right to Equal Opportunity in Employment,” and passing the bar exam, Pauli was named a deputy attorney general in California, making her the first African American in the state’s attorney general’s office.

In 1960, Murray moved to Accra to become a senior lecturer at the Ghana School of Law.

**The Apostles’ Creed**

*Officiant and People together*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
   creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
   He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
      and born of the Virgin Mary.  
   He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
      was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
    and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Prayers**

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* And also with you.  
*Officiant:* Let us pray.
The Lord's Prayer
*Officiant and People together*

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.

Suffrage A
Leader: Show us your mercy, O Lord;
All:   And grant us your salvation.
Leader: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
All:   Let your people sing with joy.
Leader: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
All:   For only in you can we live in safety.
Leader: Lord, keep this nation under your care;
All:   And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
Leader: Let your way be known upon earth;
All:   Your saving health among all nations.
Leader: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
All:   Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God;
All:   And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.
The Prayers of the People

Form V

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”.

In the Anglican Communion, pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; and pray for The Anglican Church of Canada. Pray for The Episcopal Church in Cuba, Church of Santa Maria, and The Rev. Yordanis Acosta, Rector. In the diocese, pray for Diocesan Commission on Ministry; pray in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Absalom Jones (February 13); and Ash Wednesday (February 17). For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann, our Bishop; Chilton, our Assisting Bishop; Allan and Douglas, our priests; and all who minister here at St. Paul’s, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, especially Joe, our President; The Congress of the United States; the Supreme Court; and Muriel, our Mayor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick from our parish, including: [Virginia Keane, Jean Ringuette, Joan Williams, Paula S.F. Marshall, and Susannah Cernojevich]. Let us pray 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, Michael Mann, Al Moffet, Dave Morentz, William Bailey, Lauvinia Alston, Joetta Chaplin, and Mark Firley, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
The Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

A prayer for the Holy Spirit presence among God’s people

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ’s body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Lives That Matter

God of Abel and Cain, the one who was slain and the one who denied complicity or responsibility: visit those who can’t breathe because of the virus or because of oppression at the hands of another. Raise up leaders who offer their people vision and hope; empower any who dwell in the midst of violence or live in the face of prejudice, and make your people a rainbow that promises plenty at the end of the storm. All this we ask, in the name of Christ, our brown-skinned Lord, and in the power of the Spirit, who speaks in every tongue. Amen.

(Rev. Dr. Sam Wells, St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London, UK)

For hospital staff and medical researchers

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
For those who are ill

Merciful God, we entrust to your unfailing and tender care, those who are ill or in pain, knowing whenever danger threatens, your everlasting arms are there to hold us safe. Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people offer their intercessions and thanksgivings

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.

Offertory

Officiant: Walk in love as Christ loved us and by whose death on the cross showed us the way to eternal life

Please consider making your contribution to St. Paul’s Saints' via our online giving portal at https://www.stpaulsrockcreek.org/give-online/. Due to the pandemic and our inability to gather in person, we experienced a shortfall in plate giving in 2020 pledge giving. 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.”
The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People together

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Officiant concludes with the following
Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.
Welcome to St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS AND VISITORS WORSHIPING WITH US THIS MORNING!! Please take the time to fill out a welcome card and join us for Coffee Hour immediately following the service. Fellowship is an important part of our Christian life and we look forward to seeing you.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **February 15th**: Presidents’ Day: Offices Closed
- **February 16th**: Vestry Meeting, Zoom @7 PM
- **February 17th**: Ash Wednesday
WORSHIP SCHEDULE & CALENDAR

Birthdays and Anniversaries
February 2021

Birthdays
Quintina Hampton 5th
Benjamin Johnson-Bailey 8th
Kayla Robinson 8th
Chandra Lewis 17th
Cameron Young 18th
Lauren Howie 20th
Sierra Grimsley 25th
Paula Marshall 27th

Anniversaries

ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY
Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 a.m. .......................................................... 10:30 a.m.

Lectors
Old Testament
Clive Pecover ...................................................... Royan Miller Morgan
Lauren Walker .................................................... Dexter Bobb
Epistle
Prayers of the People
Sharon Pecover .................................................. Walter Roberts Jr.
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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