



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



THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Daily Morning Prayer Rite Two

October 25, 2020

Join via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/550879335>

The Officiant begins and says

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

Venite

Psalm 95:1-7

Sung by the Cantor

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The people repeat the antiphon after the Invitatory

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Sung by the Cantor

1. Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
2. Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
3. You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
4. For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
5. You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
6. In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
13. Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
14. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
15. Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
16. Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
17. May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

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:

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Lesson:

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: L-184 *Blessed assurance*

Sung by the Cantor

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

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2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **Refrain**
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. **Refrain**

Words: Fanny J. Crosby, Music: Phoebe P. Knapp

The Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions..

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Krista Forbes

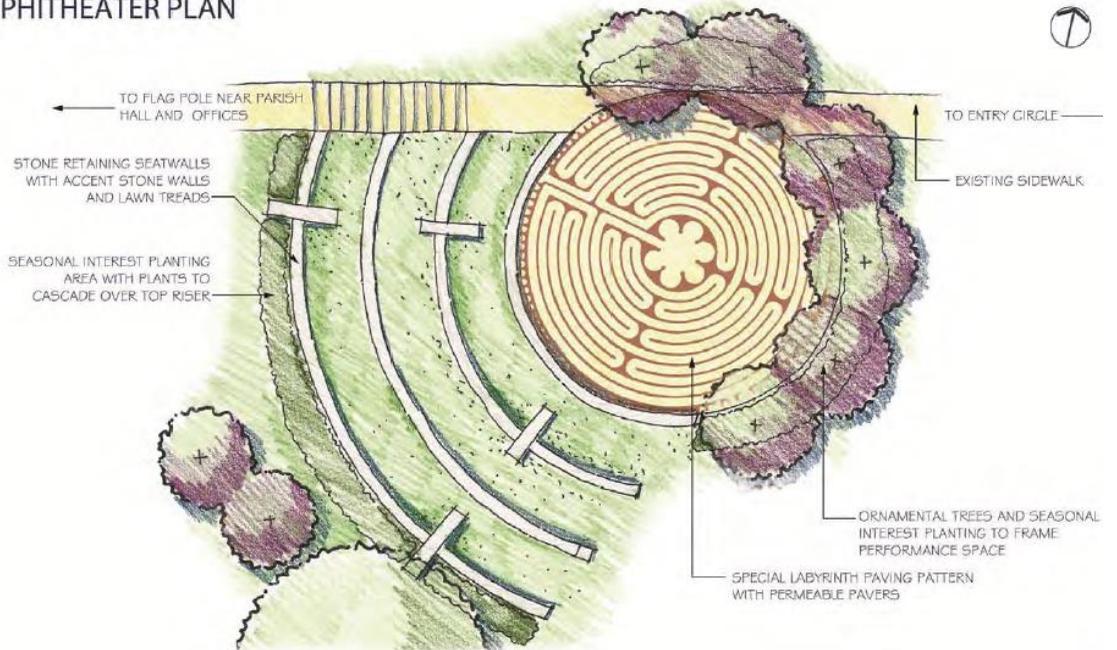
*This morning we welcome the Rev. Krista Forbes as our Preacher at both services
(8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.)*

Amphitheater at the Cathedral



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The Apostles' Creed

Said by all.

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

Said by all.

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 Prayers of the People

Form II

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; Pray for The Episcopal Church in Cuba, Church of Santa Maria, and **The Rev. Yordanis Acosta**, Rector. **In the diocese**, pray for 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** and , our priests; and for all who minister here at St. Paul’s Church, 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 **Donald**, 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, Louise Kendrick, Jean Ringuette, Michael Swann, Joan Williams, and Paula S.F. Marshall]. 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, III, Joy Warde, Tiffany Fleming-Withrow, Evelyn Clay, Kathy Butler, Michael Mann, Al Moffet, Dave Morentz, and Richard Dunn-Senior], 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.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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.*

Prayer for Those Who Speak Truths and Seek Justice

We pray today for all who speak. We call down God's blessings on those who use their voices and find words to bring calm and truth, hope and confidence for those who are struggling with life. We call down God's mercy on those who use words to sow discontent, tell lies, or manipulate the truth. And we call down God's creative love on those who speak for the voiceless, the despairing, and the forgotten. Teach us O Lord, that when we must speak, to speak with care. *Amen.*

For those who are ill

Merciful God, we entrust to your unfailing and tender care, those who are ill or in pain, knowing that 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.*

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)

Prayer for Racial Healing

God of justice, in your wisdom you create all people, without exception, in your image. Open our eyes to see the dignity, beauty, and worth of every human being. Open our minds to understand that all your children are brothers and sisters in the same human family. Open our hearts to repent of racist attitudes, behaviors, and speech which demean others. Open our ears to hear the cries of those wounded by racial discrimination and their passionate appeals for change. Strengthen our resolve to make amends for past injustices and to right the wrongs of history. And fill us with courage that we might seek to heal wounds, build bridges, forgive and be forgiven, and establish peace and equality for all in our communities. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. (Catholic Charities USA)

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.*

The people offer their intercessions and thanksgivings

Prayers when we cannot receive Holy Communion

In union, O Lord Jesus Christ, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I join in offering the sacrifice of my praise and thanksgiving to you. I present to you myself, my soul, and my body, with the earnest longing that I may ever be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you in this Holy Sacrament, come spiritually, I pray you, into my heart. I unite myself to you, and love you with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength. Let nothing ever separate me from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

Adapted from Prayers from the Anglican Diocese of Melanesia

The General Thanksgiving

Said by all

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.*

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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. Ephesians 3:20,21*

The Reverend Krista L. Forbes



Reverend Krista L. Forbes is a spirited and compassionate speaker who has served in various roles in ministry including bible study and workshop facilitator, community outreach in local communities as well as having received extensive training in pastoral care support during her time as a Healthcare Chaplain. Her calling for a more in-depth theological training led to her earning a Master of Divinity with a concentration in Women's Studies from Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ in 2012. She was ordained through the Progressive National Baptist Convention that same year.

Rev. Krista has also led two 100 plus-member congregations through their transitional period of pastoral leadership as Interim Pastor in the United Church of Christ denomination. It was in these roles that she was able to incorporate her pastoral skills with her experience in diversity and inclusion training, by leading members in conversations on racial and gender identity inclusion in order to experience church growth and sustainability.

Currently, Rev. Krista is a Senior Engagement Counselor with Pyxis Partners, a Washington D.C.-based consulting firm. The firm provides advocacy and community engagement support of health-based clients, including the NIH *All of Us* Research Project. With *All of Us*, she contributes to the delivery of educational tools to communities who have historically been underrepresented in biomedical research.

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

Weekly Attendance for Sunday	101/18/2020
Attendance	58

Day by Day (Daily Devotions for Disciples): November 2020 – January 2021 books have arrived. There are 21 small print and 15 large print books available. One copy per request. First come first serve basis. Please email churchoffice@stpaulsrockcreek.org to request a copy.

Halloween Get-Together: SPC Courtyard 10 am – 12 noon; Kids wear your costumes and families will carve pumpkins. To RSVP, please contact Jael at jael.ankerlagos@gmail.com.

St. Paul's Annual Meeting of the Parish is scheduled for **November 8, 2020**. There will be one service beginning at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. The Annual Meeting will also be held via Zoom, details will be forthcoming All committee chairs and ministry leaders should begin preparing their submissions for the Annual Meeting Report (**due by October 30**). Required reports include those from the Vestry Nominating Committee (outgoing members: JOEY ALCOCK, BARBARA WALKER, plus the two wardens); Senior Warden; Junior Warden; Treasurers; Acolytes; Auxiliary Board of The Episcopal Center for Children; The Capital Area Food Bank; Christian Formation; the Investment Committee; the Outreach Council; Red and White; Ushers; and the Women of Rock Creek. If you have not received a template for your report submission, please call the office.

Conversation on Race - St. Paul's will be hosting a six-week online conversation on race that will begin Saturday, November 7th at 10:00 A.M., we will be using Ijeoma Oluo's book [So You Want to Talk About Race](#). If you are interested in being part of this ongoing conversation, we will meet online starting Saturday, November 7th. We will open our Zoom meeting at 9:45 A.M. for informal talk and introductions, then move to our conversation on race at 10:00 A.M. The Rev. Krista Forbes will be joining us and will facilitate our discussion.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE & CALENDAR

Birthdays and Anniversaries
October 2020

Birthdays

Iona Andrews 4th

Paul Logan 5th

Nathaniel Constantine 9th

Clive Pecover 10th

Catherine Prevour 13th

Nyren Quashie 13th

Gloria Tapera 18th

Ernest Williams III 18th

Barbara Walker 22nd

Anniversaries

Lauren Olson & Jonathan Southgate 8th

Lauren & Melvin Green 15th

ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

LECTORS

Old Testament

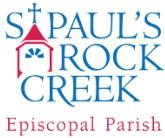
George Gordon.....Jonathan Southgate

Epistle

Sharon PecoverRosalind Palmer

Prayers of the People

Clive Pecover Michelle Pendarvis



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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