



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



**PENTECOST 23**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite Two**  
**Sunday, October 31, 2021**

Join via Zoom

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Passcode: 807401

**THE ENTRANCE RITE**

**Opening Hymn**

**What gift can we bring?**

**VF-118**

1 What gift can we bring, what pres - ent, what to - ken?  
 2 Give thanks for the past, for those who had vi - sion,  
 3 Give thanks for to - mor - row, full of sur - pris - es,  
 4 This gift we now bring, this pres - ent, this to - ken,

What words can con - vey it the joy of this day?  
 who plant - ed and wa - tered so dreams could come true,  
 for know - ing what - ev - er to - mor - row may bring,  
 these words can con - vey it the joy of this day!

When grate - ful we come, re - mem - bering, re - joic - ing,  
 Give thanks for the now, for stud - y for wor - ship,  
 God gives us his word that al - ways, for - ev - er,  
 When grate - ful we come, re - mem - bering, re - joic - ing,

what song can we of - fer in hon - or and praise?  
 for mis - sion that bids us turn prayer in - to deed.  
 we rest in his keep - ing and live in his love.  
 this song we now of - fer in hon - or and praise!

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## 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

**L-243**

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.

**A**lmighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The First Lesson

**Ruth 1:1-18**

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against

me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## The Response

Psalm 146

*Sung by the Cantors*

### 1. Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! \*

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

### 2. Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \* for there is no help in them.

### 3. When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \* and in that day their thoughts perish.

### 4. Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \* whose hope is in the LORD their God;

### 5. Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \* who keeps his promise for ever;

### 6. Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \* and food to those who hunger.

7. The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
8. The LORD loves the righteous;  
the LORD cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
9. The LORD shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!

## The Epistle

**Hebrews 9:11-14**

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

**Mark 12:28-34**

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

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

One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and

besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' — this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

Fr. Greenaway

## 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.**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

**In the Anglican Communion**, pray for **Justin**, the Archbishop of Canterbury; and for **The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria**. Pray for **The Episcopal Church in Cuba**, **Church of Santa Maria**, and **The Rev. Yordanis Acosta**, Rector. **In the diocese**, pray for **All Souls Memorial Church**; **All Souls Parish, DC**; **All Saints' Day (November 1)**; and **All Souls Day**.

Let us pray for **Michael**, our Presiding Bishop; **Mariann**, our Bishop; **Allan** and **Douglas**, our priests; 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, **Susannah** Cernojevich, **Dora** Whitsett, and **Lauren** Howie]. 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, **Riley** Luck, **Margaret** Morrison, **Linda** St. Martin, **Mildred** Robinson, and **Terry** Malone]. 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.**

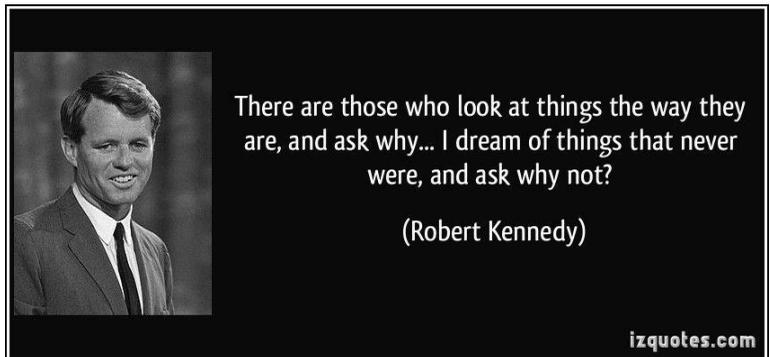
## Offertory



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### 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\*](#).



# 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)

**L-253**

*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

BCP. 364

*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)*

**L-270**

*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.



1 Strength - en for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly  
 2 Lord, may the tongues which "Ho - ly" sang, keep free from  
 3 The feet that tread thy hal - lowed courts from light do



things have tak - en; let ears that now have  
 all de - ceiv - ing; the eyes which saw thy  
 thou not ban - ish; the bo - dies by thy



heard thy songs to clam - or nev - er wak - en.  
 love be bright, thy bless - ed hope per - ceiv - ing.  
 Bo - dy fed with thy new life re - ple - nish.

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## 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 Lord, whose love through humble service

H-610



1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man  
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for  
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing  
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we

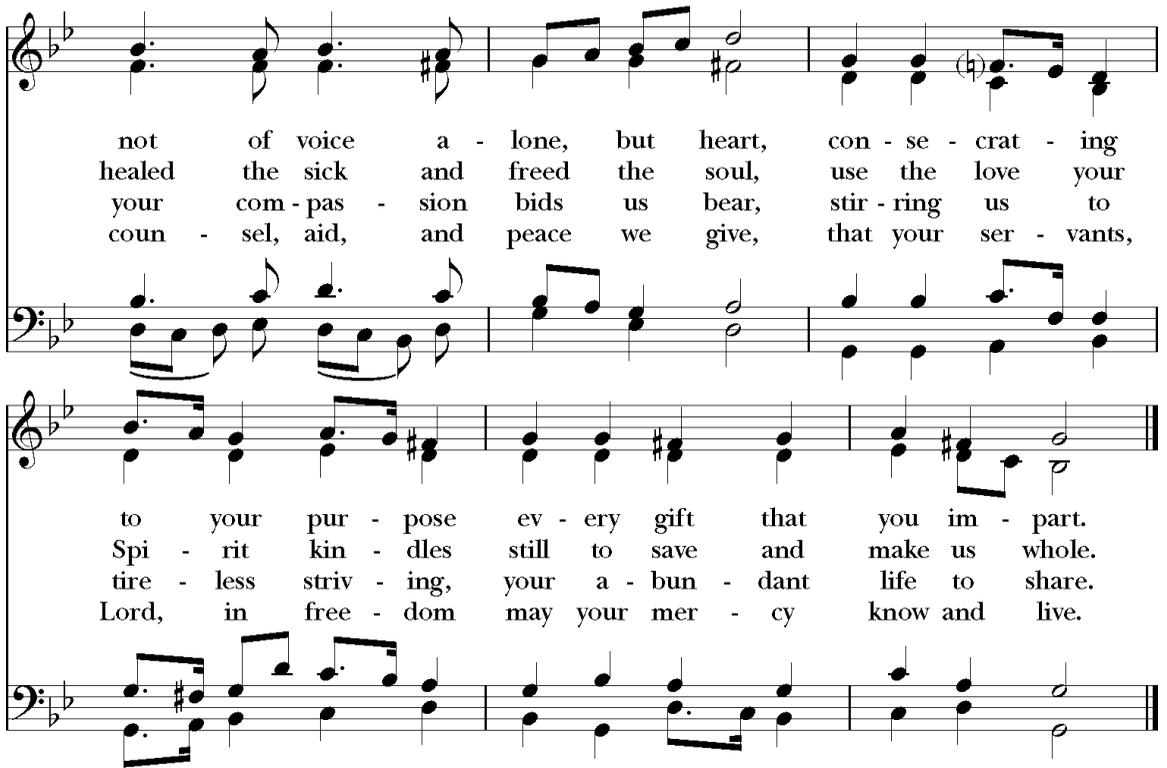


need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's  
 bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we  
 light, in its height and depth and great - ness, dawns up - on our  
 go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged love in liv - ing



per - fect deed, we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship  
 mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion  
 quick - ened sight, mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens  
 deeds to show; hope and health, good will and com - fort,





not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se - crat - ing  
 healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your  
 your com - pas - sion bids us bear, stir - ring us to  
 coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser - vants,

to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.  
 Spi - rit kin - dles still to save and make us whole.  
 tire - less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
 Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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 Music: *Blaenhafren*, Welsh melody.

## 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

**Baptism** - We joyfully invite you to share with the McVey's as their daughter, Riley McVey, receives the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on **Sunday, November 21, 2021** at 10:30 a.m.

St. Paul's **Annual Meeting of the Parish** is scheduled for **December 12, 2021** with more details to follow.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE & CALENDAR

Birthdays and Anniversaries  
October 2021

**Birthdays**

Iona Andrews 4<sup>th</sup>

Paul Logan 5<sup>th</sup>

Nathaniel Constantine 9<sup>th</sup>

Clive Pecover 10<sup>th</sup>

Krista Forbes 10<sup>th</sup>

Catherine Prevour 13<sup>th</sup>

Nyren Quashie 13<sup>th</sup>

Gloria Tapera 18<sup>th</sup>

Ernest Williams, III 18<sup>th</sup>

Barbara Walker 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Anniversaries**

Lauren Olson & Jonathan Southgate 8<sup>th</sup>

Lauren Walker-Green & Melvin Green 15<sup>th</sup>

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**ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

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

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**LECTORS**

**Old Testament**

George Gordon ..... Sheila Roberts

**Epistle**

Barbara Walker ..... Leanora Caruth

**Prayers of the People**

Iris Snowden ..... Chandra Lewis



**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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