



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



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Daily Morning Prayer Rite Two

SEPTEMBER 13, 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 114

Sung by the Cantor

1. Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
2. Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.
3. The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.
4. The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.
5. What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?
6. You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?
7. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
8. Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

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:

Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian

army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses..

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Lesson:

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: *Lord, I want to be a Christian*

Sung by the Cantor

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving...

Lord, I want to be more holy...

Lord, I want to be like Jesus...

Words: Traditional, Music: Negro Spiritual

The Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the

debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Fr. Johnson

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

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; **In the Anglican Communion**, pray for **Justin**, the Archbishop of Canterbury; pray for the Anglican Church of South America; The Most Revd Gregory James Venables, Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of South America & Bishop of Argentina.. 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. Pray for inspiration for every person to take their next step towards Christ (Strategic Plan Vision)..

Pray for **Michael**, our Presiding Bishop; **Mariann**, our Bishop; **Chilton**, our Assisting Bishop; and **Allan** and **Douglas**, our Priests; and for all who minister at St. Paul's Church; pray for this gathering, and for all ministers and people. Pray for the church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for **Donald**, our President, the **Congress of the United States**, the **Supreme Court**, and **Muriel**, our Mayor. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, for the sick of our parish, including: [**Virginia Keane, Louise Kendrick, Jean Ringuette, Michael Swann, and Joan Williams**]. 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 and Dave Morentz**]. Pray for the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, the members of the Armed Services who have lost their lives in the service of our country. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Collect of the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 me 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 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*



When you live in a poor neighborhood, you are living in an area where you have poor schools. When you have poor schools, you have poor teachers. When you have poor teachers, you get a poor education. When you get a poor education, you can only work in a poor-paying job. And that poor-paying job enables you to live again in a poor neighborhood. So, it's a very vicious cycle.

MALCOLM X

WORSHIP SCHEDULE & CALENDAR

Birthdays and Anniversaries

September 2020

Birthdays

Ernest Garner 1st

Rolando Campos 6th

Sharon Pecover 10th

Jeremy Sullivan 11th

Meredith Miller-Morgan 11th

Sheila Tiedemann 11th

Zion Hopper-Roberts 13th

Theodore Earls 13th

Sarah Fisher 14th

Orren Gallas 18th

Aris Allen 23rd

Ernest Willams IV 23rd

Madison Pecover 28th

Rya Miller 29th

Mateo Roberts 30th

Anniversaries

Dexter & Rhina Bobb 3rd

Marty & Robert Emeritz 4th

Michelle & Clay Pendarvis 10th

Royan & Meredith Morgan 25th

ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

LECTORS

Old Testament

Clive Pecover Michelle Pendarvis

Epistle

Sharon Pecover Jonathan Southgate

Prayers of the People

Barbara Walker Rosalind Palmer



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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