



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



THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Daily Morning Prayer Rite Two

SEPTEMBER 27, 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 78:1-4, 12-16

Sung by the Cantor

1. **H**ear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2. I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
3. That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
4. We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
12. He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
13. He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.
14. He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
15. He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
16. He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

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 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with

thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Lesson:

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn L-64 *I love to tell the story*

Sung by the Cantor

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory.
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when, it scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory.
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

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The Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went.

The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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 IV

Deacon or other Leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

In the Anglican Communion, pray for *Justin*, the Archbishop of Canterbury; pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan and **The Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo**, Archbishop of the Province of Sudan & Bishop of Khartoum. Pray for the Episcopal Church in Cuba, Church of Santa Maria, and **The Rev. Yordanis Acosta**, Rector. **In the diocese**, pray for the Church of the Holy Communion, DC; Diocesan Youth Ministry; Diocesan Young Adult Ministry; Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Adelphi.

Pray for **Michael**, our Presiding Bishop; **Mariann**, our Bishop; **Chilton**, our Assisting Bishop; and **Allan** and **Douglas** our priests; and for all who minister here at St. Paul's Church, we pray to you. 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 **Donald**, 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 in 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, **Dave** Morentz, and **Richard** Dunn-Senior]. 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.

The Collect of the Day

○ God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

○ 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

Sharon Pecover Karyne Jones

Epistle

Lauren Walker Walter Roberts III

Prayers of the People

Clive Pecover Marci Young



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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