Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, December 25, 2021

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: 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 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

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,
you take away the sins 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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
1. Sing to the LORD a new song,*  
   for he has done marvelous things.

2. With his right hand and his holy arm*  
   has he won for himself the victory.

3. The LORD has made known his victory;*  
   his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,*  
   and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5. Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;*  
   lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6. Sing to the LORD with the harp,*  
   with the harp and the voice of song.

7. With trumpets and the sound of the horn*  
   shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

8. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,*  
   the lands and those who dwell therein

9. Let the rivers clap their hands,*  
   and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
   when he comes to judge the earth.

10. In righteousness shall he judge the world*  
    and the peoples with equity.
Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be his Father, and he will be my Son”? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.” Of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.” But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.” And, “In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.”

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God
The Gospel

At the announcement, all say Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: Fr. Greenaway
The Nicene Creed (by all, standing)

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 the Son he is worshiped 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 sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.
The Prayers of the People for Christmas

God of grace, you nurture us with a love deeper than we could ever ask for or imagine, and your will for us is life abundant. We thank you for the true light of Christmas, and for coming to dwell in us every day.

*We praise and thank you, O God.*

God of love, who enters into our lives, our pain and our brokenness, and stretches out your healing hands to us; fill our hearts with the joy and peace that can come from you alone;

*We praise and thank you, O God.*

God of strength, you fill us with your presence and send us forth to love everyone, even our enemies;

*We praise and thank you, O God.*

Empower us, O LORD, to be your Church in a community and a world that is often indifferent to your presence; we pray especially for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann our Bishop; and Allan and Douglas our Priests. We pray also for the people of the Diocese of Washington; and all the Baptized who worship here at St. Paul’s Church.

*Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Give your wisdom on all who govern, and make decisions for the welfare of the world. We pray especially for Joe, our President; the Congress of the United States; the Supreme Court; Muriel, our Mayor, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; that in honoring the earth and its diverse races, cultures, and religions, we may celebrate the light of this holy night, let us pray to the Lord.

*Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Revive our hearts burdened by anguish, despair, and isolation and transform our thoughts trapped by confusion and doubt.

*Hear us, O Lord of life.*
Lord Jesus, you have promised to send your holy angels to watch over us, and to keep us always in God’s care; touch and heal those whose bodies suffer from sickness, injury, and disability, and make them whole again; we pray especially for the sick of our parish, including [Jean Ringuette, Joan Williams, Susannah Cernejevich, and Christiana Carter]. 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, 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, Terry Malone, Stan Bien, Gary Santal, and Roslyn Antoinette Leighton]; and for all others whose health and well being have been entrusted to our prayers.

_Hear us, O Lord of life._

God of hope, break the bonds of those who sit in darkness, imprisoned by fear, compulsion, and addiction; and help them to prepare for your coming into their lives.

_Come with your healing power, O Lord._

Restore to wholeness all that has been broken by our sin. Help us to see how we can make room in our lives for some of the people you rejoice in.

_Come with your healing power, O Lord._

Take the hands of the faithful who have died, especially; (People may offer names), and bring them through death into your eternal and loving glory;

_Come with your life giving power, O Lord._

Lord Jesus, you are the Light of the world; in you all darkness is turned to light and all brokenness is made whole; look with compassion on us and those for whom we pray; that we may always live as children of the light. _Amen._

_Silence_

_The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect._
The Peace (by all)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Offertory

Please consider making your contribution to St. Paul’s via our online giving portal at https://www.stpaulsrockcreek.org/give-online/. 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.”
TheLiturgy of theEucharist

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs of everlasting life; that when Christ shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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.
The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.
The Lord’s Prayer

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

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.

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.

Post-Communion Prayer

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  “Joy to the world”  H-100

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.
Outreach Opportunities

Below are the descriptions of five (5) Washington D.C based organizations that were identified as being aligned with the engaging vision of St. Paul’s. Each organization provides an opportunity to serve the greater community, while lifting the mission of St. Paul’s in *using gifts and resources to respond to the spiritual, social, and human needs of our parish and community*. Please review the brief description of each organization; and if so moved, to make a contribution that will allow St. Paul’s to support one of the ministries listed below.

**Organization Descriptions:**

**Capital Area Food Bank** - Most of the food provided goes to the community through a network of more than 450 nonprofit partners. Food is distributed straight to those being served in a neighborhood where people are in need. Our direct distribution programs include: Afterschool meals for kids, Monthly groceries for seniors, Mobile markets and monthly pop-up markets for families and Large scale emergency food aid when needed. [Learn more about Capital Area Food Bank here](#)

**The National Re-entry Network for Returning Citizens** - Helps and assists the formerly incarcerated and imprisoned to become productive members of society and their communities. The Network was formed after introducing the men and women to spiritual principles and an alternative way to resolve issues. Many of the people who make up the Network experience personal growth, family reunification, job retention, entrepreneurship, and getting involved in community and criminal justice reform. [Learn more about National Re-entry Network here](#)

**Rock Creek Conservancy** - Rock Creek Conservancy exists to restore Rock Creek and its parklands as a natural oasis for all people to appreciate and protect. It is the only organization dedicated solely to Rock Creek and its parks working through a combination of education and advocacy. [Learn more about Rock Creek Conservancy here](#)
**Walker School for Boys** – The Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys is a tuition-free Episcopal school for boys from traditionally underserved communities. It nurtures the spiritual, intellectual, social-emotional, artistic and physical development of its students in a Christian community of learners that welcomes boys of all faiths and beliefs. Website - Learn more about Walker School for Boys here

**Washington School for Girls** – An all-scholarship, independent, Catholic Day School educating girls in grades 3-8. Located in Ward 8 and serving the surrounding communities, the school provides an excellent academic program in a supportive environment which engages families and the community in the social, emotional, and spiritual growth of its students and graduates. Learn more for Washington School for Girls here
WORSHIP SCHEDULE & CALENDAR

Birthdays and Anniversaries
December 2021

Birthdays
Jonathan Southgate 6th
Jael Anker-Lagos 16th
Michael Wallace 17th
Tori Hill 27th

Gabriela Kazeem 27th
Isabela Kazeem 27th
Leanora Caruth 28th
Pamela McKee 28th
Everett Gallas 31st

Anniversaries

ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY
Old Testament

.................................................................Michelle Pendarvis
Epistle

.................................................................Jonathan Southgate
Prayers of the People

.................................................................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.

Staff:
Jeremy Sullivan ............................................................................................................. Director of Music
Nadirah Majied ............................................................................................................. Office Manager

THE RT. REV. MARIANN BUDDE, BISHOP OF WASHINGTON

THE REV. ALLAN JOHNSON-TAYLOR, RECTOR
CELL 410-908-5625 OR ALLANJOHNSON@STPAULSROCKCREEK.ORG
THE REV. DOUGLAS GREENAWAY, PRIEST ASSOCIATE
DOUGLAS.GREENAWAY@STPAULSROCKCREEK.ORG

WARDENS & VESTRY:
JOSEPH ALCOCK, SR. WARDEN; JONATHAN SOUTHGATE, JR. WARDEN
CLASS OF 2021 ROSALIND PALMER, SHEILA ROBERTS, JONATHAN SOUTHGATE
CLASS OF 2022: LARRY DORMAN, DIANE LIBURD-WILLIAMS, ROYAN MILLER-MORGAN
CLASS OF 2023: SUSANNAH CERNOJEVICH, EMILY GALLAS

CLERK: SHEILA ROBERTS
CO-TEASURERS: LEANORA CARUTH, HELEN JAMES

ST. PAUL’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ROCK CREEK CHURCH RD & WEBSTER ST, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20011
202-726-2080 EMAIL: CHURCHOFFICE@STPAULSROCKCREEK.ORG
WEB SITE: WWW.STPAULSROCKCREEK.ORG
Facebook: www.facebook.com/rockcreekparish
Twitter: http://twitter.com/#!RockCreekParish

ROCK CREEK CHURCH RD & WEBSTER ST, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20011