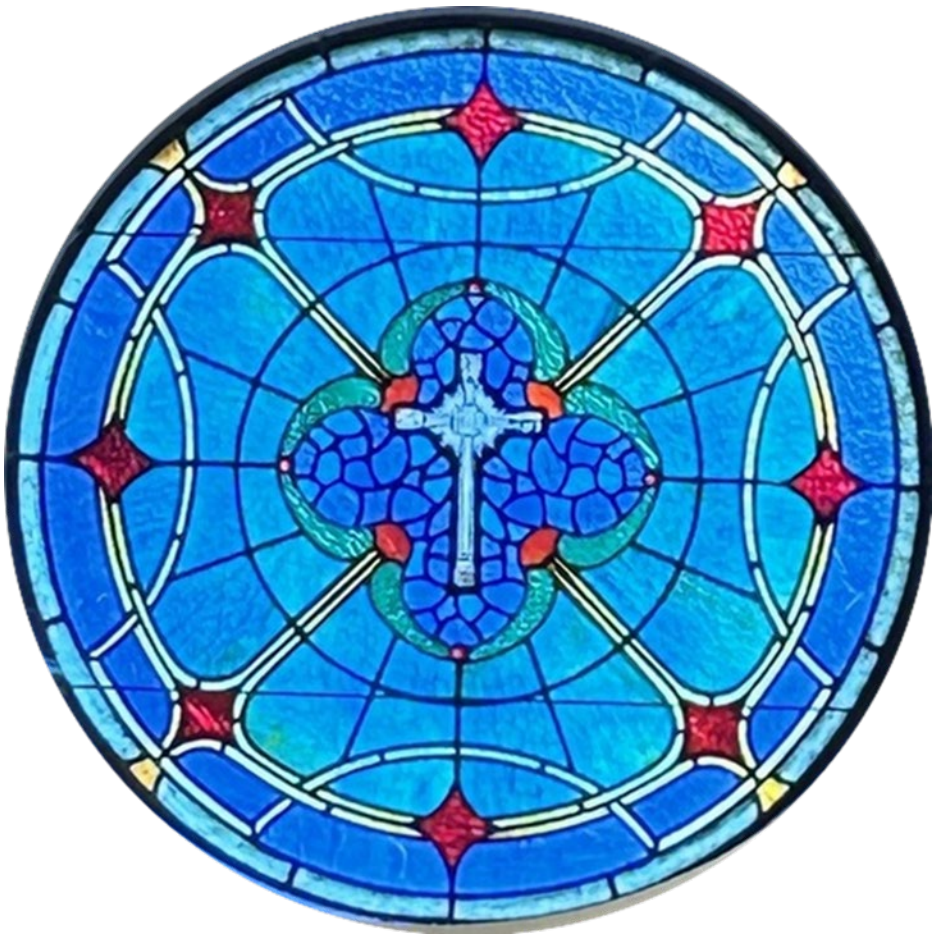


The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2024



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Daily Morning Prayer Rite II- August 11, 2024

Prelude

Trio

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

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 lay person alone says

Almighty God have mercy on *us*, forgive *us* all *our* sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen *us* in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep *us* in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

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

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Venite

Psalm 95:1-7

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. *

The people repeat the antiphon after the Invitatory

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

The Psalm

Psalm 130

The psalms are poems from the Old Testament (or Hebrew Scriptures). They cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. That portion of the Psalter appointed for today is recited in unison. The Celebrant begins the recitation.

1. **O**ut of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
2. If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?
3. For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
4. I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
5. My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
6. O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;
7. With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

The First Lesson

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

This reading is from the Old Testament (or Hebrew Scriptures), which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man." The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is from a letter (epistle) to the early Church.

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

There's something about that name

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The hymn moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word- reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means "good news"- specifically the "good news of Jesus."

The Gospel

John 6:35, 41-51

This reading is taken from one of the four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Savior Jesus Christ. We stand as we are able for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

Then, all standing, the Gospeller reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

After the Gospel the Gospeller says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Open Discussion

Susannah Cernojevich

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

**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

The people stand or kneel

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 Leader and People pray responsively

In the Anglican Communion, pray for **Justin**, the Archbishop of Canterbury; and for The Anglican Church of Korea. Pray for The Church of the Holy Ghost, Genoa, Italy. **In the Diocese**, pray for St. Mary's Church, DC. Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for **Michael**, our Presiding Bishop; **Mariann**, our Bishop; **Cynthia**, our Rector-; **Douglas**, our Priest; all who minister at St. Paul's; and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for **Joe**, our President; the **Congress of the United States**; the **Supreme Court**; **Muriel**, our Mayor; and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for the sick and suffering of our parish, including: [Joan Williams, Allen Tapera, Athara Lindsay, and Jim Jones]. Let us pray for all others whose health and well-being have been entrusted to our prayers including [Eric Spencer, Jackie Singeltary, Austin Carty, Jennings family, and Hargraves family]. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Collect of the Day

The collect (pronounced cah-lect) is the prayer appointed for each day that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

Offertory

Offertory Hymn

God is so good

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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*

Postlude

Grand Plein Jeu

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

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. Fellowship is an important part of our Christian life, and we look forward to seeing you.

Weekly Attendance for Sunday	4 August 2024
Attendance	29

Preaching at St. Paul's

Today	Pentecost 12	Susannah Cernojevich
August 18th	Pentecost 13	Rev. Cynthia McKenna
August 25 th	Pentecost 14	Rev. Cynthia McKenna

Upcoming Events at St. Paul's

August 18th	Welcome The Reverend Cynthia McKenna, Rector
August 20 th	Vestry Meeting; Great Hall 7 PM
August 31 st	WalkingTown Tour; Gatehouse 11 AM
September 2 nd	Labor Day; Offices Closed
September 14 th	WalkingTown Tour; Gatehouse 11 AM
September 15 th	Homecoming Sunday
September 21 st	WalkingTown Tour; Gatehouse 11 AM
September 22nd	8:00 AM Service resumes
September 22 nd	Outreach Committee Meeting; Great Hall, immediately following 10:30 AM service

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour with our new Rector, The Reverend Cynthia McKenna: Please join us for coffee hour on Sunday, August 18th immediately following the 10:30 am service to welcome The Reverend Cynthia McKenna to St. Paul's.

The 8:00 AM Service will resume on September 22, 2024.

WalkingTown DC Cemetery Tours: 25th Anniversary of WalkingTown DC: This year marks the 25th year of a unique DC tradition – Cultural Tourism's WalkingTown DC. Our cemetery tour is one of the longest running and most popular walking tours on this annual event of "Seeing DC off the Mall". Our tour is called "Art and History Are Alive in the Cemetery" and you are invited to join our neighbors from all 8 wards (and beyond!) for this free, 2-hour tour of our historic churchyard.

Tour times:

Saturday, September 14, 10:00AM

Saturday, September 21, 10:00AM

In addition – and for the 25th anniversary of this event - we will also be doing a "Summer Tour" on Saturday **August 31 at 11:00AM.**

The tour will start and end at the Gatehouse. Restrooms will be available. All are invited to join the tour as guests. Members of St. Paul's don't need a reservation (but one is encouraged at <https://eventsdc.com/walkingtowndc/>!)

Interested in learning more than just the tour? Consider volunteering! We need volunteers to welcome guests to our property or help keep the group together as we tour. If anyone is interested in helping with this year's tour or learning the tour as a tour guide, it would be a wonderful gift to the parish and this city! Please contact the church office if you would like to learn more about volunteering.

Education for Ministry, (EfM) is a program of personal renewal and spiritual transformation based upon individual study and practice. Deeply rooted in the Christian tradition, yet open to all, EfM invites us to engage in study, worship, and theological reflection. Guided by trained mentors, participants meet each week in a small group setting for a period of 2-3 hours.

Over the course of nine months, group members are invited to connect more deeply with God and our role in bringing God's healing love to a hurt and broken world. New groups begin in September and run through mid-May. Mother Cynthia has a group that meets via zoom, Tuesdays 5-7pm beginning September 3rd.

Please visit <http://efm.sewanee.edu/> to learn more about EfM and consider if this program of study is right for you. To learn more about the EfM program at St. Paul's', please visit with Mother Cynthia, (cmckenna@stpaulsrockcreek.org). Scholarships are available.

Dear Members of St. Paul's Rock Creek Episcopal Church,

Grace and peace to you all.

With great joy and excitement, I write to introduce our new Rector, Reverend Cynthia Ann McKenna, who has been called to lead our congregation. This marks the beginning of an inspiring new chapter in the life of our church as a body of Christians and the surrounding community.

After a thorough and prayerful search, the Vestry is confident that Reverend McKenna is the right person to guide us in the next phases of our spiritual journey. She comes to us with nearly 27 years of experience, exceptional educational and training in theology, liturgy, congregational development, transformational leadership, and counseling. More recently, Reverend McKenna became a Fellow in Transformational Leadership at the Yale Divinity School. She holds advanced degrees in Counseling from St. Mary's University, a Master of Divinity from Seminary of the Southwest, and a Master of Education/Human Development from Texas Tech University.

Since 1997, Reverend McKenna has been a priest, sharing the Good News of the Gospels. She will hold the designation of Senior Rector (***Mother Cynthia or Reverend McKenna***) welcoming the opportunity to lead our congregation into a new era of community, love, and devotion to the values and teachings of Christ. Reverend McKenna's dedication to preaching, pastoral care, community outreach, youth ministry, etc. aligns perfectly with our church's mission and vision. *When asked, "How are you preparing yourself for the Church of the future?", Reverend McKenna responded, in part: "Teresa of Ávila said that Christ has no body but ours. Our work is to be the Body of Christ in our neighborhood, building relationships, [and] sharing God's love in action as well as word and sacrament. As followers of Jesus, we are invited to speak up for the oppressed and marginalized. I am on the Clergy Advisory Board for our local Micah ministry, serving those with housing and food insecurity. I've participated in Sacred Ground and continue to learn about my own prejudices. I am part of the initial cohort of transformational leaders participating in Yale's "The Leader's Way." This fellowship is intended to transform ministry and broaden our vision for how the Spirit is at work in the Church. I've participated in excellent training for digital and hybrid ministry."*

We could not be more delighted and excited by Reverend McKenna's response and the many conversations and interviews that led to our discussion. She has a rich spiritual background and a profound passion for nurturing faith and fostering community. Her enthusiasm for joining St. Paul's Rock Creek and helping to strengthen our future together is truly inspiring. We, the Vestry, believe deeply in the transformative power of the Holy Spirit and the importance of working together to grow both individually and as a congregation, and we have selected Reverend McKenna based on these foundational goals.

Sunday August 18th, Reverend McKenna will join us. She will report to the St. Paul's Wardens, Vestry, and The Rt. Rev. Mariann E. Budde, Bishop Episcopal Diocese of Washington. In the weeks following her on-boarding, anticipate that Reverend McKenna will reach out to each of you in time, eager to hear your stories, understand your hopes, and learn about your dreams for our congregation and your spiritual walk. We are confident that under her leadership and working closely with the Vestry Board and operational staff, we will continue to grow in faith, love, and service.

We invite you to join us in welcoming Mother Cynthia with open hearts and minds. Let us come together in unity and support, trusting that God has wonderful plans for our future. Please keep her, our Vestry, operational staff, and our church congregation in your prayers as we embark on this exciting journey.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me or a member of the 2024 Vestry. Let us embrace this new beginning with gratitude and anticipation for the blessings that are ahead.

Let's come alive by coming together at St. Paul's Rock Creek

In Christ's love and service,
Larry Dorman, Senior Warden

Dear St. Paul's,

With joy in my heart, I am delighted to accept the call to serve as your next rector. The interview process was Spirit-filled from beginning to end. I'm so grateful to the wardens and vestry for their faith in me, their love for the church, and their enthusiasm for our future together.

Before we begin our ministry together, my work is to say goodbye to the people of Trinity. We will tell stories, laugh, cry, and remember the ways God has blessed our time together. Saying goodbye is hard work, and I ask you to keep Trinity in your prayers.

I'll be with you all in late August. I can't wait to meet you. Please know that you are in my prayers every day.

Blessings,
Mother Cynthia McKenna+

WORSHIP SCHEDULE & CALENDAR

Birthdays and Anniversaries

August 2024

Birthdays

Mingo Roberts 3rd

Kathryn Poindexter 6th

Sheila Roberts 8th

Zuri Bobb 8th

Joey Alcock 10th

Smantha Fawkes 10th

Henry Earls 10th

Karyne Jones 14th

Stephen Harshly 15th

Matthew Green 22nd

Aino Sohlberg 23rd

Anniversaries

ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY

Old Testament

.....Mingo Roberts

Epistle

..... Dexter Bobb

Prayers of the People

..... Joey Alcock

Broadcast Team

Brandon Gallas & Oswald Carter

Vestry Persons of the Day

Karen Browns & Larry Dorman



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