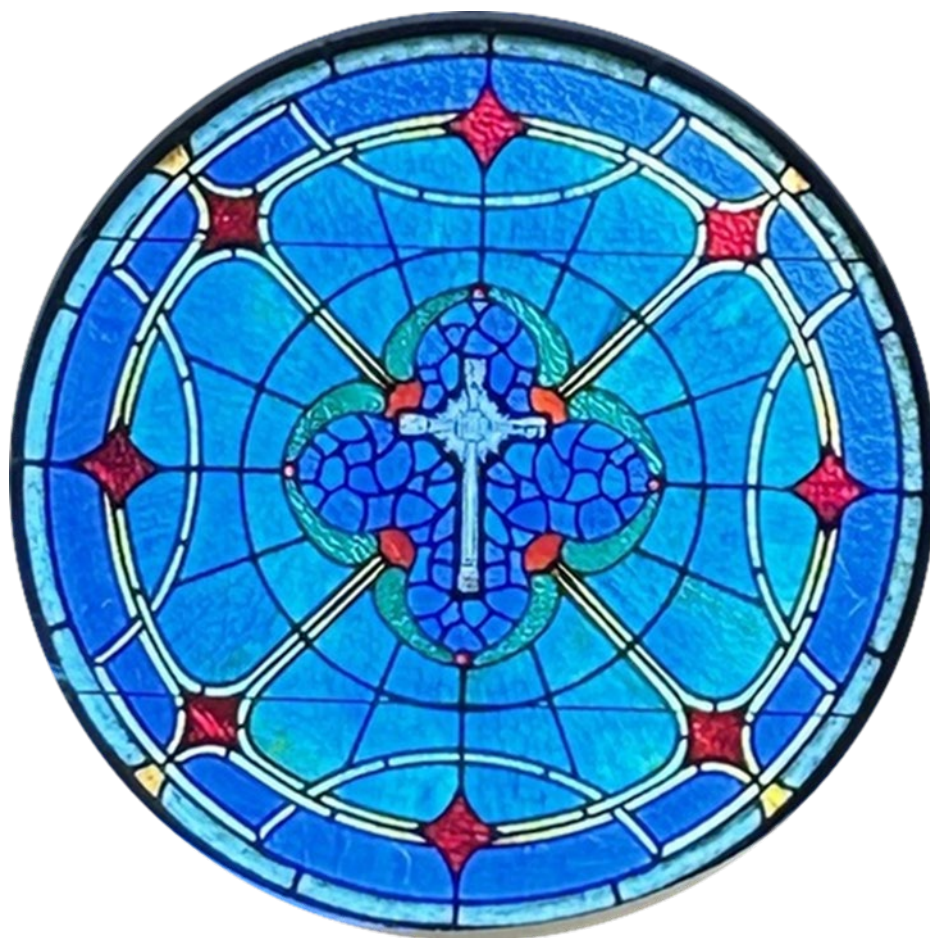


The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Holy Eucharist Rite II- September 1, 2024

Prelude

Processional Hymn

Come, thou fount of every blessing

L-111

1. Come, Thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing thy
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by thy help I'm
3. O, to grace how great a debt - or, Dai - ly I'm con - strained to

1. grace; Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est
2. come; And I hope, by thy good pleas - ure, Sure - ly to ar - rive at
3. be; Let that grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - d'ring heart to

1. praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a -
2. home. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - d'ring from the fold of
3. Thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel - it, Prone to leave the God I

1. love. Praise the mount, O fix me on it, Mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
2. God. He, to save my soul from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
3. love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it from thy courts a - love.

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The Opening Sentences

The people remain 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 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

Glo - ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. —

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth. —

2. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, — we give you thanks, — we praise you for — your glo-ry.

Unison

3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. — 4. You

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, 5. You are

seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive_ our_ prayer. 6. For

you a - lone_ are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are_ the Lord,

Unison

7. You a - lone_ are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the

glo - ry of the Fa - ther. Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we

praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo - ry, Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we

Women

Praise your Ho - ly name.

Men

Praise your Ho - ly name.

A - - - men.

A - - - men.

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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

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

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalms 45:1-2, 7-10

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. **M**y heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
2. You are the fairest of men; *
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.
7. Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
8. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

9. All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
10. Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
on your right hand is the queen,
adorned with the gold of Ophir.

The Second Lesson

James 1:17-27

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

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Alleluia

EOM-120

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.”

All sing three times.

The image shows two systems of musical notation for a hymn. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff.

System 1:
 Treble clef: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu -
 Bass clef: Accompanying chords and bass line.

System 2:
 Treble clef: - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al -
 Bass clef: Accompanying chords and bass line.



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The Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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 Mark.

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

After the Gospel the Gospeller says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Reverend Cynthia McKenna

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

Form I

BCP 383

The Leader and People pray responsively

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

In the Anglican Communion, pray for **Justin**, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola. Pray for The Church of the Holy Ghost, Genoa, Italy. **In the diocese** pray for Campus Ministries and the students they serve; National Association of Episcopal Schools. Pray for all students and teachers, and Labor Day (September). Pray for all who labor, those who are unemployed, those who seek jobs, and all who must work for less than a living wage.. For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Pray for **Michael**, our Presiding Bishop; **Mariann**, our Bishop; Cynthia and **Douglas**, our Priests; all who minister at St. Paul's; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For **Joe**, our President; the **Congress of the United States**; the **Supreme Court**; **Muriel**, our Mayor; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm; for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and suffering in our parish, including: [Joan Williams, Allen Tapera, and Athara Lindsay]. Let us pray for all others whose health and well-being have been entrusted to our prayers, including: [Eric Spencer, Jackie Singeltary, Jennings family, and Hargraves family]. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**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 Absolution

Celebrant: 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

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

People: **And also with you.**

The Offertory

Having gathered, listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Eucharist. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

Offertory Hymn

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me

L-105

1. I'm so glad _____ Je-sus lift-ed me _____ I'm so glad _____
glad that lift-ed so glad that
Je-sus lift-ed me _____ I'm so glad _____ Je-sus lift-ed me_ sing-ing
Lord so glad that
glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah _____ Je - sus lift - ed me. _____

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Prayers Over the Gifts

The people stand.

As the bread is offered, the Priest prays

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given, and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

People: **Blessed be God for ever.**

As the wine is offered, the Priest prays

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us our spiritual drink.

People: **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Priest continues

Celebrant: Pray, my brothers and sisters, that this our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and glory of God's name, both to our benefit and that of all God's holy Church.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

The word Eucharist comes from the Greek for "thanksgiving." In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving or Eucharistic Prayer is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum Corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts" in Latin.

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or 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

L-253

3 3 Ho - ly,

ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow - er and might,

1. Heav - en and earth are full
2.,3. Bless - ed is he who comes

1. of your glo - ry.
2.,3. in the name of the Lord.

1.,2.
Ho - san - na! Ho - san -

na in the high

est. 3. Ho - san - na! Ho -

san - na in the high est.

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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

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The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Agnus Dei

L-270

Due to copyright concerns please use the LEVAS hymnals to sing.

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.

Refrain

We've come this far by faith, Lean-ing on the
 Lord; Trust-ing in His ho-ly word,
 He's nev-er failed me yet. O
 can't turn a-round. We've come this far by faith.
 1. Don't be dis-cour-aged when trou-ble's in your life. He'll bear your
 bur-dens and move all mis-er-y and strife. That's why we've

2. Just the other day I heard someone say
 He didn't believe in God's word;
 But I can truly say that God had made a way
 And He never failed me yet.
 That's why we've (Refrain)

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Post-communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

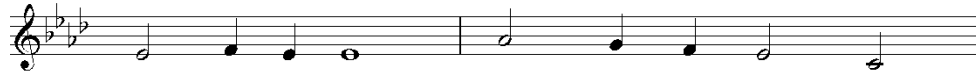
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

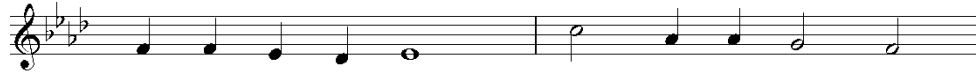
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

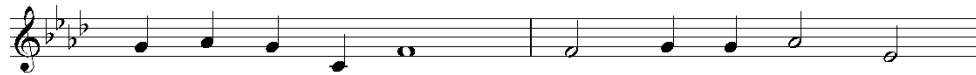
The Celebrant blesses the people.



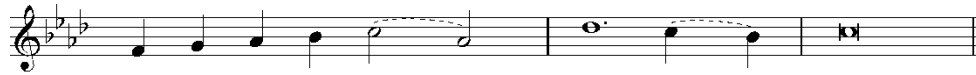
1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle
 2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is
 3 Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y
 4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing
 5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till



1 on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us
 2 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tares, to
 3 doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but
 4 an - gels can - not share— to young and old the
 5 glows the west - ern sky, till the long sha - dows



1 waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant
 2 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our
 3 may do ser - vice here: by feeb - lest a - gents
 4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear; re - deem the time; its
 5 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes



1 does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
 2 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.
 3 may our God ful - fill his right - eous will.
 4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
 5 with the set - ting sun, "Ser - vants, well done."

Words: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897), alt. Music: *Ora Labora*, Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953).

The Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses the congregation with these words.

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

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	25 August 2024
Attendance	39

Preaching at St. Paul's

Today	Pentecost 15	Rev. Cynthia McKenna
September 8 th	Pentecost 16	Rev. Cynthia McKenna
September 15th	Pentecost 17; Homecoming	Rev. Cynthia McKenna
September 22 nd	Pentecost 18	Rev. Douglas Greenaway

Upcoming Events at St. Paul's

September 2 nd	Labor Day; Offices closed
September 14 th	WalkingTown Tour; Gatehouse 11 AM
September 15th	Homecoming Sunday
September 21 st	WalkingTown Tour; Gatehouse 11 AM
September 22nd	8:00 AM Service resumes
September 22 nd	Episcopal Church 101; Great Hall 9 AM
September 22 nd	Outreach Committee Meeting; Great Hall, immediately following 10:30 AM service

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessings for School, Work, and Play: All are invited to bring something symbolizing your life. It could be a bookbag for students, car keys for one who drives a lot, yarn for knitters, legos for kids, you get the idea. Please bring your special object to church on **Sunday, September 15th** and place it on the altar. We will have special prayers asking God's blessings on our work and play. Questions? Talk to Mother Cynthia.

Adult Forum - Episcopal Church 101: Beginning Sept 22nd at 9 am in the Great Hall, join us for this series on the Episcopal Church. We'll cover church history, the Book of Common Prayer, Daily Office, Holy Eucharist, etc. Bring your questions! Each class is self-contained so come to as few or as many as you like.

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, 10:00 AM

Saturday, September 21, 10:00 AM

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.

Save the Date: Celebration of New Ministry Service for The Reverend Cynthia McKenna will be held on **Saturday, November 9, 2024, at 11:00 AM** with Bishop Budde presiding and reception to follow.

Vestry Election Approaching – Nominations Welcomed!

A highlight of our Annual Meeting will be the election of new members to replace the two wardens and three outgoing vestry members. What is a Vestry? The vestry is the elected lay leadership and the legal representative of St. Paul's, Rock Creek. They have the responsibility to help define and articulate the mission of the congregation, to support the church's mission by word and deed, to select the rector, to ensure effective organization and planning, and to manage resources and finances. The vestry meets monthly on the third Tuesday to discuss, reflect, and take action on the important aspects of church life. The members serve staggered terms of three years, and the senior and junior wardens serve one-year terms, are eligible for reelection for a maximum of three (3) successive years.

Here are some helpful hints to guide you in the process:

Ten Vestry Requirements:

- 1) They have responded to the call of their baptism to be servants of God and their brothers and sisters in Christ.
- 2) They rarely miss attendance at worship on Sunday.
- 3) They are leaders in the parish in the proportion of their income that they return to God's Church.
- 4) They are aware of and involved in the parish's Christian Education program.
- 5) They believe that prayer helps them to discern God's leading, and they pray regularly to discern it.
- 6) They are in the forefront in greeting newcomers and helping them feel welcome in the congregation.
- 7) They will work with the clergy, staff, and other members of the parish to form an environment of mutual trust and loyalty.
- 8) They are not afraid to take a stand or be fearful of conflict when a particular situation calls for people to stand up and be counted.
- 9) They understand that they are called not only to advise the clergy, but to minister to them and the other members of the congregation.
- 10) They realize that they are called to active leadership in the parish even when their term on the vestry ends.

If you are interested in serving in this capacity, speak with any of the outgoing 2024 vestry members. Thank you for your help in this process which is vital to the ongoing life of St. Paul's, Rock Creek.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE & CALENDAR

Birthdays and Anniversaries

September 2024

Birthdays

Ernest Garner 1 st	Meredith Miller Morgan 11 th	Sarah Fisher 14 th	Dexter Bobb 26 th
Mary Davis 4 th	Zion Hopper-Roberts 13 th	Orren Gallas 18 th	Madison Pecover 28 th
Rolando Campos 6 th	Theodore Earls 13 th	Aris Allen 23 rd	Rya Miller 29 th
Sharon Pecover 10 th	Aiden Lindsay 13 th	Ernest Williams IV 23 rd	Mateo Roberts 20 th

Anniversaries

Rhina & Dexter Bobb 3rd
Michelle & Clay Pendarvis 10th
Royan & Meredith Miller Morgan 25th

ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY

Old Testament

..... Jeremy Roither

Epistle

..... Mingo Roberts

Prayers of the People

..... Royan Miller Morgan

Broadcast Team

Brandon Gallas & Oswald Carter

Vestry Persons of the Day

Walter Roberts Jr. & Rostina Miller



Mission Statement

“Come alive by coming together at St. Paul’s Rock Creek!”

Office Hours: 9 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday

Staff:

- Rolando Campos Facilities Manager
- Lucila Cerón..... Nursery Caregiver
- Nadirah Majied Office Manager
- Jeremy Sullivan Director of Music

The Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde, Bishop of Washington

The Reverend Cynthia McKenna, Rector
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The Reverend Douglas Greenaway, Priest Associate

Wardens & Vestry:

- Larry Dorman, Senior Warden
- Susannah Cernojevich, Junior Warden
- Class of 2024: Rostina Miller, Karen Brown, Pamela McKee
- Class of 2025: Walter Roberts, Jr., Karen Hardwick, Dana Lindsay
- Class of 2026: Cheryl Morse, Jael Anker-Lagos, Coralie Odoms

- Clerk: Sheila Roberts
- Treasurer: Walter Roberts, Jr.
- Assistant Treasurer: Dana Lindsay

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