

SAINTE PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING



GRACE NOTES

This week at Saint Paul's

MUSIC AND LITURGY

Evening Prayer on Facebook Live | Monday through Friday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer Podcast | Tuesdays and Thursdays with the Rev. Rainey - listen anytime. www.stpaulsrva.org/churchaway

Morning Meditation | Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. | www.stpaulsrva.org/events/morningmeditation

Children's Sunday School on Zoom will return next Sunday, September 20th at 9:00 a.m. We are excited to share Godly Play stories, Music, and Art – with a different focus each Sunday. There will also be time for everyone to share with the group. If you have any questions and would like the Zoom sign in information, please contact Linda Willis at lwillis@stpaulsrva.org.

Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, September 23rd at 5:00 p.m. The first series will run every Wednesday through October 14th. More information: stpaulsrva.org/biblestudy

Save the Date for St. Paul's Reconciliation Sunday | Sunday, September 27th. Reconciliation Sunday is a day for St. Paul's to look at the past; and a time to forgive and be forgiven. We will join together as a congregation to celebrate where we've come from, and to move forward with hope in our future. The Rev. Melanie Mullen, Director of Reconciliation, Justice and Creation Care for the Episcopal Church (and former Associate Rector at St. Paul's) will be preaching.

GIVING AND FINANCE

Pass the Plate - Pay a Pledge | You can make unrestricted donations, pay a pledge online or by check. More information at: www.stpaulsrva.org/giving. If you have any questions or issues, please do not hesitate to reach out to Aliasha in the Finance Office at ahart@stpaulsrva.org or 804-545-5419.

PASTORAL CARE

Outdoor In-Person Pastoral Visits | The clergy of St. Paul's are now offering outdoor, in-person pastoral visits in the St. Paul's Memorial Garden and breezeway and/or a park of your choice, weather permitting. If you are struggling, going through a crisis or a loss, or just having a hard time, we are here to listen, support you, pray with you, and abide with you on your journey. All in-person, outdoor visits must fully comply with covid health and safety measures, including wearing masks, maintaining a distances of 6 ft, and sanitizing—and of course, remaining outside. To request an outdoor or virtual pastoral visit, please email or call Charlie (cdupree@stpaulsrva.org, (804) 545-5400), Rainey (rdankel@stpaulsrva.org, (804) 545-5404), or Gwynn, (gcrichton@stpaulsrva.org, (804) 545-5415).

Recruiting Cook Angels | Cook Angels are a pastoral care ministry team that provides meals to parishioners who are recovering from an illness, coming home from the hospital, or have experienced recent upheaval in their lives. We would love to recruit some new Cook Angels to join our team. Please contact Marshall Martin (marshallmartin10@gmail.com) or call her at 804-499-0531 if you are interested in volunteering with this important ministry or you know someone who needs a meal.

MORNING PRAYER, RITE II

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude in C Major, BWV 531

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

The Officiant says

GRACE TO YOU and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

You are no longer strangers and sojourners,
but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

God is Spirit, and those who worship
must worship in spirit and in truth.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Officiant says

O GOD, BECAUSE WITHOUT YOU we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may
in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

Officiant 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.**

Officiant and People

**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.**

HOMECOMING WELCOME VIDEO

YOU GIVE US THE SUN, you send us the rain;
 The cycle of seasons turning again;
 Feeding the earth by the pow'r of your hand,
 We bring you the fruits of the land.

God gave us the earth, provided the seed
 of things that would grow to fulfil ev'ry need.
 To nurture these gifts he brought us to birth,
 so we bring you, we bring you the fruits of the earth.

You give us the chance to help others in need
 To give of ourselves in ev'ry good deed.
 We thank you, O Lord, that we play a part,
 and bring you, and bring you the fruit of our hearts.

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 50:15-21

REALIZING THAT THEIR FATHER WAS DEAD, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

PETER CAME AND SAID TO JESUS, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Charles T. Dupree

SOLO

music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)
text: Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

MY EYES FOR BEAUTY PINE, my soul for God's grace,
 No other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.
 One splendor thence is shed from all the stars above:
 'tis named when God's name is said,
 'tis love, 'tis heavenly love.
 And every gentle heart that burns with true desire
 is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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 SUFRAGES

adapted from Prayers of the People of the Episcopal Church

Officiant Drawn together in our spiritual home in Christ, let us pray for ourselves and our neighbors, for the Church and for the world.

God of love, we pray for your church: For St. Paul's parish, for the Diocese of Virginia and our Bishops Susan, Jennifer, and Porter; for those preparing to be ordained to the priesthood, especially Gwynn and Pete; for our Presiding Bishop Michael; and for all who serve you in the community of the faithful throughout the world. *(Add your prayers silently or aloud.)* God of love,

People **hear our prayers for the church.**

Officiant God of freedom, we pray for our nation and all the nations of the world: For peace and goodwill across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected representatives and appointed leaders that they may serve the common good; for the unity of the human family in bonds of love. *(Add your prayers silently or aloud.)* God of freedom,

People **hear our prayers for the world.**

Officiant God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For all parts of the creation that have no voice of their own; for a thirst for justice among your people that we may protect the earth, assure equity in access to its resources, and leave its bounty and beauty for future generations. *(Add your petitions silently or aloud.)* God of justice,

People **hear our prayers for the earth.**

Officiant God of peace, we pray for this community: for our local leaders; for school principals and teachers; for police and protestors; for neighborhoods, businesses and homes; that every heart may be kindled with a desire for respect, wellbeing, and justice for all. *(Add your petitions silently or aloud.)* God of peace,

People **hear our prayers for this community.**

Officiant God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For medical workers and all those laboring during this pandemic; for the sick and the suffering; for families and individuals who are anxious, lonely or afraid; for refugees and prisoners; for those facing violence and prejudice. *(Add your petitions silently or aloud.)* God of mercy,

People **hear our prayers for all who are in need.**

Officiant God of grace, we pray for the departed: For those who have died in the pandemic; for those who died on 9/11 and for all victims of violence on our streets and in our homes; for those who have died of disease or despair; for the faithful in every generation and for those who are known to you alone. *(Add your petitions silently or aloud.)* God of grace,

People **hear our prayers for those who have died.**

Officiant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GOD BE IN MY HEAD,
and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes,
and in my looking;
God be in my mouth,
and in my speaking;
God be in my heart,
and in my thinking;
God be at mine end,
and at my departing.

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

ACCCEPT, O LORD, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
 Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;

to tell to all the world that God is Light;
 that God, in whom they live and move, is Love:
 give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,
 pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious

one soul should fail to know his love and might.
 and died on earth that all might live a - bove.
 till God shall bring his king - dom's joy - ful day.

Refrain

Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,

ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Tuba Tune in D Major, Op. 15

Craig Stellar Lang (1891-1971)

The altar flowers are given in memory of the Der Krikorian Family.

*The freestanding altar flowers are given in prayerful gratitude
for the life and love of Sidney Buford Scott from his children and grandchildren.*

PARTICIPANTS

Officiants

The Reverend Rainey G. Dankel, *Associate Rector for Parish Life*
The Reverend Gwynn Crichton, *Associate Rector for Pastoral Care*

Preacher

The Reverend Dr. Charles T. Dupree, *Rector*

Musicians

Dr. Christopher Reynolds, *Director of Music and Organist*
Karen Harris, *Assistant Director of Music*
Robin Harris, *Cantor*
The Saint Paul's Choir
The Saint Paul's Children's Choir

Lectors

Dr. Joseph James
Cynthia Ellis

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PROCLAIMING CHRIST IN THE HEART OF THE CITY