

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020  
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING



# GRACE NOTES

*This week at Saint Paul's*

## MUSIC AND LITURGY

**Bible Study** | Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p.m. The first series will run every Wednesday through October 14th. More information: [stpaulsrva.org/biblestudy](http://stpaulsrva.org/biblestudy)

**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.stpauls.org/churchaway](http://www.stpauls.org/churchaway)

**Morning Meditation** | Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. | [www.stpaulsrva.org/events/morningmeditation](http://www.stpaulsrva.org/events/morningmeditation)

**Children's Sunday School** | 9:00 a.m. on Zoom. Contact Linda Willis at [lwillis@stpaulsrva.org](mailto:lwillis@stpaulsrva.org) for Zoom login link.

**Outdoor Contemplative Worship** | Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in October | Reservations required. Held in the St. Paul's Memorial Garden, we will pray together, hear scripture, and listen to music. To maintain social distancing guidelines from the Diocese and provide a safe contemplative space, these services will be limited in size and signing up to reserve your spot is necessary and service will be livestreamed on Facebook Live. For more information and to RSVP/Sign Up – please visit: [stpaulsrva.org/outdoorworship](http://stpaulsrva.org/outdoorworship).

**All Saints Day** | Send Names of Recently Departed Loved Ones - On Sunday, November 1, we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints and the Commemoration of All Faithful Departed, and as part of the service we will read the names of those who have died since the last All Saints Sunday. This ancient practice bears witness to our belief in the Communion of Saints and draws us together as a community across time. Please send the names of your loved ones to be included in the list by emailing Carter Johann at [cjohann@stpaulsrva.org](mailto:cjohann@stpaulsrva.org), or calling the church at 804-545-5401, by Tuesday, October 27.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**Church Engaged!** | Food Collection for FeedMore During the months of September & October, we are collecting for FeedMore. The pandemic has greatly

affected many in Richmond. More and more of our neighbors are food insecure and we can help! FeedMore is looking for the following items: [CLICK HERE for ITEMS](#). Drop off your donations by ringing the Parish House bell on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. If you can't make those drop off times, please contact Lynn Williams at [lwilliams@stpaulsrva.org](mailto:lwilliams@stpaulsrva.org), and she will arrange a drop off time with you.

**Community Giving Campaign** | Let's be Church Together, so we can be Church Alive. This is our annual opportunity to celebrate generosity by submitting your Pledge for 2021 or set up a recurring donation. You should have received a packet in the mail with information about this year's campaign and how to participate. Fellow parishioners will be reaching out by phone and e-mail to respond to any questions you may have and to hear from you. Together our gifts help to ensure that we remain a welcoming community for everyone and a church that seeks to meet needs around the corner and across the ocean. For more information about this year's campaign, visit: [stpaulsrva.org/giving/campaign](http://stpaulsrva.org/giving/campaign).

**Congregational Forum Recording** | Thank you to everyone who attended last Sunday's Congregational Forum. You can access the recording of the forum [HERE](#). If you have any questions that were not answered during the forum, please e-mail them to [snolan@stpaulsrva.org](mailto:snolan@stpaulsrva.org). We are compiling responses to these questions and will post them with the recording on our Community Giving Campaign webpage.

**Welcome Travis Tyler as our new Youth Director!** We are excited to welcome Travis Tyler as our Youth Director. Travis is a student at Union Presbyterian Seminary. He is married to Maria, who comes from Guam, and they have a son, James, who turns two in December. Travis is from Waynesboro and enjoys basketball, hiking, and playing guitar. Travis is excited to become a part of St. Paul's and to nurture the spiritual life of our youth as they move through their middle and high school years. Travis has exciting ideas and welcomes your prayers, suggestions and ways you can become involved in our Youth Ministry. Travis's email address is [tyler@stpaulsrva.org](mailto:tyler@stpaulsrva.org).

# MORNING PRAYER, RITE II

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Saraband and Interlude*

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING SENTENCES

*The Officiant says*

**I** WAS GLAD WHEN THEY SAID TO ME,  
Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,  
and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling..

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

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*The Officiant says*

**A**LMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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.**

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners  
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -  
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
 5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.  
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

**S**ING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG; \*  
 Sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.  
 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \*  
 proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.  
 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
 and his wonders among all peoples.  
 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
 he is more to be feared than all gods.  
 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
 but it is the Lord who made the heavens.  
 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
 Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!  
 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; \*  
 ascribe to the Lord honor and power.  
 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; \*  
 bring offerings and come into his courts.  
 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
 let the whole earth tremble before him.

**THE FIRST LESSON**
*1 Thessalonians 1:1-7*

**P**AUL, SILVANUS, AND TIMOTHY, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

1. I am weak but thou art strong;  
 2. Through this world of toil and snares,  
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,

Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee,

1. Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as  
 2. If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den  
 3. Time for me will be no more; Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

Refrain: Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea, Dai - ly walk - ing close to

*D.C. for Refrain*

1. long As I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
 2. shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.  
 3. o'er To Thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Refrain: thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 22:15-22

THE PHARISEES WENT AND PLOTTED to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Charles T. Dupree

## ANTHEM

music: Christopher Tye (c. 1505-1575)

text: Tobit 4:7

GIVE ALMS OF THY GOODS,  
 and turn never thy face from any poor man,  
 and then the face of the Lord  
 shall not be turned away from thee.

## MESSAGE ON COMMUNITY GIVING

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Officiant and People*

**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 LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**O**UR 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 SUFFRAGES

*Officiant* As we ponder our duties as followers of Jesus and as citizens of this country, let us with humility seek God's guidance and mercy, praying for ourselves, our neighbors, our church, and our world, saying to the One who alone is our ruler: Lord, have mercy.

Gracious God, you have blessed your people with the riches of family, friends, fruitful work, and a holy community of faith; give us wisdom to recognize your generosity and to respond with gratitude in ways that enhance our service in your name. To the One who alone is our ruler:

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant* Merciful God, you have given us opportunities to thrive in a land not of our own making; forgive us when we look only for personal gain and give us an expanded vision of justice in our nation. To the One who alone is our ruler:

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant* Holy Spirit, your breath reveals God's constant care for your people as we receive the gospel with power and blessing; give us courage to share the liberating message of love and forgiveness as we offer care in your name. To the One who alone is our ruler:

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant* Creator God, you call us to live in ways that share the bounty of your world and provide resources for all your people; we pray for those in positions of leadership, especially the President, the Congress, the Governor, the General Assembly, and all who work to organize and sustain our common life. *(Add your prayers for our public officials.)* To the One who alone is our ruler:

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant* God of power, as these days of disease and dislocation stretch on, we pray for ourselves and for all those who work on our behalf: scientists, teachers, and counselors; farmers and firefighters; protestors and police; first responders and all medical workers, especially those we name now. *(Add your prayers for safety.)* To the One who alone is our ruler:

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant* Compassionate Jesus, we pray for your touch on all who are suffering and in need: the bereaved, the lonely, the incarcerated, the homeless, the unemployed, the fearful, those struggling with mental and physical disease, and especially those we name now. *(Add your prayers for healing.)* To the One who alone is our ruler:

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant* God of Eternal Light, give peace to those who now rest in your arms: victims of terror and violence, those who have died in the pandemic and of other diseases, and especially those we name now. *(Add your prayers for those who have died.)* To the One who alone is our ruler:

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant* Heavenly Father, in your we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**



Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name." and "Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in the left hand.

**A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM**

*Officiant and People*

**A**LMIGHTY 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.

**THE BLESSING**

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Officiant gives the dismissal.*

*People*      **Thanks be to God!**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Toccata on "Cwm Rhondda"*

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

*The altar flowers are given in memory of Eloise Goulding Levy and Richard Mar Levy, Jr.*

## —ABOUT THE ALTAR—

The new altar table (and the credence tables and clergy chairs) were created and crafted by Erich Thompson, a Presbyterian minister who discovered his calling was “Crafting furnishings for sacred spaces”. The woods used come from two sources. The lighter wood is Southern Pine, repurposed from the joists that supported the old chancel floor. The darker one is Sapele, brought here from West Africa. The resulting Altar Table fulfills the Project Team's goal of a piece that focuses the congregation's attention on the central action of our worship services, partly through the sweeping curve of the legs which provide an uplifting image and a contrast with the rectilinear elements of the chancel. The piece embodies the reconciliation of the past with the present and looks to the future. The use of the two woods, joined in harmony, embodies the integration of materials from two different sources each with its own attributes and history.

## 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*  
Alana Marsh, Lynn Kotrady, Joel Coreas, James McClure, *Quartet*

### *Lectors*

Will and Mary Hayden Stehle  
Vivian Cramer  
Travis Tyler

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