

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021  
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING



# GRACE NOTES

*This week at Saint Paul's*

## **Sunday Morning Offerings**

- Children's Sunday School on Zoom @ 9:00 a.m. E-mail Linda Willis for Zoom login at [lwillis@stpaulsrva.org](mailto:lwillis@stpaulsrva.org)
- Worship Online @ 10:00 a.m. | Watch on [Website](#) or [Facebook](#)
- Virtual Coffee Hour (following worship) | [Click link here to join](#)

## **Weekday Worship Offerings**

- [Evening Prayer on Facebook Live](#) | Monday through Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m.
- Morning Meditation on Zoom | Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. | [www.stpaulsrva.org/events/morningmeditation](http://www.stpaulsrva.org/events/morningmeditation)

**Youth Group Meets this Sunday!** | Join Travis and others at 11:30 for youth fellowship. This a space where we discuss the sermon, learn about and from biblical stories, and just generally vibe. Families are also welcome! Please join us, especially to discuss plans for the summer and beyond. We hope to see you there. Please contact Travis for a link at [ttyler@stpaulsrva.org](mailto:ttyler@stpaulsrva.org).

**Volunteer Opportunity! Join a Habitat Build** | Saturday, May 15th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We only have 6 spots per day. First come, first served. Click [Here](#) to read more details about the build, such as hours, location, what to expect, and more. If you are interested, please email Lynn Williams at [lwilliams@stpaulsrva.org](mailto:lwilliams@stpaulsrva.org).

**May Book Club** on Monday, May 17th @ 7:00 p.m. | Our May Book Club will feature our own Rev. Charlie's Dupree's book, *Practicing Imperfection*. Charlie will facilitate. For more information and to RSVP: [stpaulsrva.org/events/maybookclub](http://stpaulsrva.org/events/maybookclub).

**Opportunity to Volunteer with our Emmaus Ministry** | Our [Emmaus Ministry](#) has begun handing out bagged lunches to community members in the breezeway between the parish house and the church building so that we can slowly accommodate volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering with the program, please contact Lynn Williams at [lwilliams@stpaulsrva.org](mailto:lwilliams@stpaulsrva.org). Masks are required to participate.

**Gospel Bible Study** Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. through June 9th on Zoom | This study will focus on the Sunday Revised Common Lectionary Gospel readings for the upcoming Sunday. Each week Gwynn, Charlie, or Rainey will give some background with history and/or context as we begin our discussion. For more details, RSVP and zoom login information: [www.stpaulsrva.org/biblestudy](http://www.stpaulsrva.org/biblestudy).

**Phased Regathering for In-Person Worship** | Welcome Back! As we implement our plan for phased regathering, we can accommodate 75 people in person each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Registration is required to reserve your seat. Registration will be available Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. to Fridays at 5:00 p.m. We will send out a reminder e-mail each Tuesday with the link to the registration, we well as post it on our website: [www.stpaulsrva.org/indoorworship](http://www.stpaulsrva.org/indoorworship). In-person worship continues to be dependent on remaining below the number of active COVID cases in the region specified by the diocese, and we will adjust our planning accordingly.

**Save the Date! Pentecost Parish Picnic** on Sunday May 23 | Picnic will be following the Sunday Worship service, outside on the Capitol grounds across the street from the church. There will be a food truck, cupcakes and room for kids to run! Stay tuned for details.

**Giving to St. Paul's** | You can make your offering online at [www.stpaulsrva.org/giving](http://www.stpaulsrva.org/giving) or by texting "stpaulsrva give" to 77977. Offering boxes are in the back of the Narthex (church entrance) and giving envelopes are in the pews. Thank you for your generosity!

# HOLY EUCHARIST

*Please Note: This service is being filmed and shared through live-stream on Facebook and You Tube.*

*Please be aware that some images and camera shots are of the congregation.*

*If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher.*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Saraband on "Land of Rest"*

Gerald Near (b. 1945)

## HYMN

*For the safety of all, the hymns will be sung by the cantor only.*



- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
- 2 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
- 3 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
- 4 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
- 2 way, O\_\_\_ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
- 3 part, O\_\_\_ sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
- 4 ness, O\_\_\_ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
- 2 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
- 3 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
- 4 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

### *Refrain*



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*music: Last uns erfreuen, melody from Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 123;*

*adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

*text: St. Francis of Assisi (1882-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.*

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*All say together the Collect for Purity.*

**A**LMIGHTY 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.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.

**O** GOD, YOU HAVE PREPARED for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## —————THE LITURGY OF THE WORD—————

### THE FIRST READING

*Acts 10:44-48*

**W**HILE PETER WAS STILL SPEAKING, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

### THE GRADUAL: PSALM 98

*Cantate Domino*

*The Psalm is read in unison.*

**S**ING TO THE LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.  
With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.  
The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.  
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.  
Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.  
Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.  
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.  
In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

#### THE EPISTLE READING

1 John 5:1-6

EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

#### ALLELUIA



music: *Celtic Mass*; Fintan O'Carroll (1922-1981), arr. Christopher Walker (b. 1947)

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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

*Following the Gospel, the Alleluia is sung again.*

#### THE SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Charles T. Dupree

*After a brief period of silence for reflection, the people stand as we reaffirm our faith.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*The people stand.*

**W**E 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

*Intercessor* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Intercessor* We pray for those preparing for ministry as they graduate from seminary.  
Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Intercessor* We pray for those serving on the Committee to nominate our diocesan bishop.  
We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

*Intercessor* We pray for mothers and for all who nurture children and families. We pray for those who make and enforce the laws of our country and for all who work to support our common life.  
We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Intercessor* We pray for St. Paul's ministries of Community Engagement as we listen, learn, and work together.  
Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Intercessor* We pray for those in need of healing in body, mind, or spirit, especially *N*.  
Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Intercessor* We pray for those who have died, especially *N*. Give to the departed eternal rest;

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

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

*The people may add their own petitions.*

*The Presider offers a concluding collect.*

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY

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give online at [www.stpaulsrva.org/giving](http://www.stpaulsrva.org/giving) or text "stpaulsrva give" to 77977.*

## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

*music:* arr. Gerald Near (b. 1945)  
*text:* Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

**C**HRISt HATH A GARDEN walled around,  
A Paradise of fruitful ground,  
Chosen by love and fenced by grace  
From out the world's wide wilderness.

Awake, O wind of heav'n and bear  
Their sweetest perfume through the air:  
Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom,  
Till the beloved Master come:

Like trees of spice his servants stand,  
There planted by his mighty hand;  
By Eden's gracious streams, that flow  
To feed their beauty where they grow.

That he may come, and linger yet  
Among the trees that he hath set;  
That he may evermore be seen  
To walk amid the springing green.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The people stand.*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

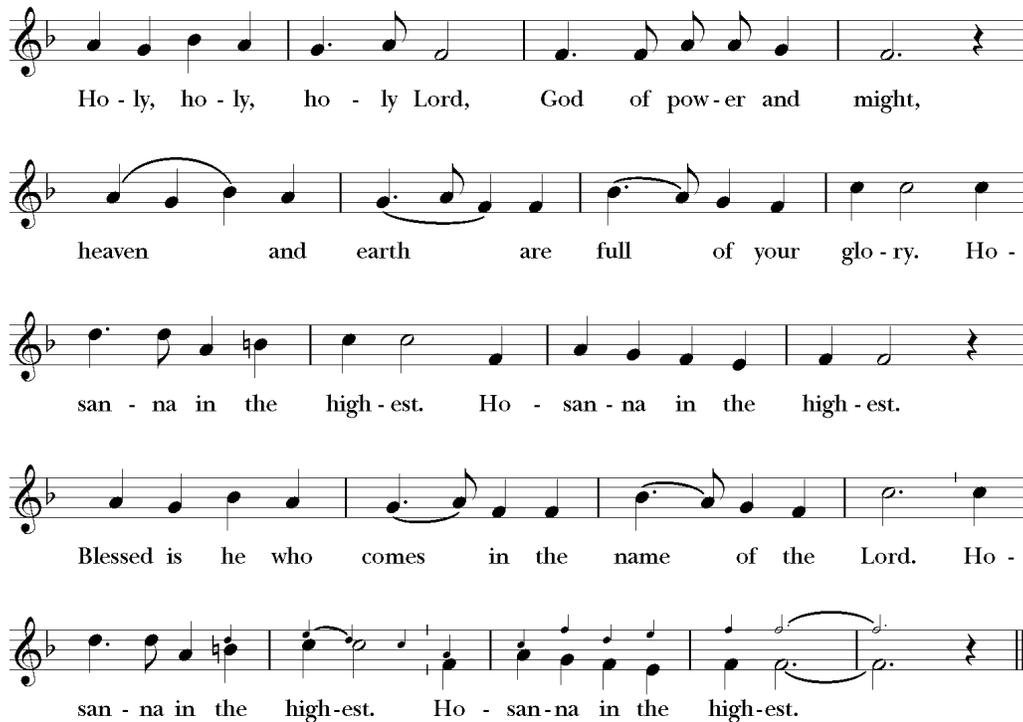
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 AND BENEDICTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*music:* From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

*text:* Mass Ordinary, Fifth century

*The people may stand or kneel as the Presider continues*

**H**OLY 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:

*The people and Presider say together*

**C**HRIST HAS DIED.  
**C**hrist is risen.  
**C**hrist will come again.

*The Presider continues*

**W**E 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.**

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

**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Presider breaks the bread followed by silence.*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

#### **THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND HOLY COMMUNION**

*Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. An usher will signal when you can go forward to receive the bread. If you are unable to come forward, but desire Communion, please notify an usher and Communion will be brought to you in your pew. If, for whatever reason, you do not wish to receive, you are invited to come forward for a prayer; please indicate your desire for this by crossing your arms across your chest.*

## ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

*music:* Carlton T. Russell (b. 1938)  
*text:* Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556)

**O**LORD which dost teach us  
that all our doings without charity  
are nothing worth;  
send thy holy ghost, and pour into our hearts  
that most excellent gift of charity,  
the very bond of peace and al virtues,  
without the which whosoever liveth  
is counted dead before thee:  
Grant this for thy only son,  
Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The people stand and say together.*

**E**TERNAL 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

## HYMN

1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast  
2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be  
3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy

trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -  
given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe  
throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -

forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and  
from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with  
pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee

thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and  
gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that  
all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and

thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.  
kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:  
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

*music: Kingsfold, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

*text: Edward White Benson (1829-1896), alt.*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

*The people are then seated and will be dismissed by an usher per row.*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Trumpet Tune in D*

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

*Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory of Frank Fisher Mountcastle,  
Florence Bodine Mountcastle, and Ann Mountcastle Gamble Blechta.*

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## PARTICIPANTS

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### *Clergy*

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*  
Stephanie Hill Blackwood, Lynn Kotrady, Mike Kotrady, James McClure, *Quartet*

### *Lectors*

Travis Tyler  
Michelle Walker

### *Intercessor*

Michelle Walker

### *Crucifer*

Travis Tyler



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