

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*We are called to gather around the sacred story and table of Christ  
where all are invited to be fed and everyone's story matters.*

*"All Guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ."  
The Rule of St. Benedict*



**TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

**PROPER 24**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**October 18, 2020 – 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM**

St. Paul's Sunday Morning Zoom Services  
*The Reverend Barbara A.T. Wilson, Presiding*

Liturgy of the Word and Prayer Service, Readers: 8:00 AM

Sunday, October 18th, 2020

First Lesson	<u>1. Jan Bach</u>	
Psalm	<u>1. Pat McMahon</u>	<u>2. Vince McMahon</u>
Second Lesson	<u>1. Rebecca Smith</u>	
Nicene Creed	<u>1. Steve DeGolier</u>	
Prayers of the People	<u>1. Vince McMahon</u>	Pat McMahon

Liturgy of the Word and Prayer Service, Readers: 10:30 AM

Sunday, October 18th, 2020

First Lesson	<u>1. Rick Johns</u>	
Psalm	<u>1. Dick Downen</u>	<u>2. Peg Anderson</u>
Second Lesson	<u>1. Marilyn Cleland</u>	
Nicene Creed	<u>1. Donna de Oliveira</u>	
Prayers of the People	<u>1. Peg Anderson</u>	<u>Dick Downen</u>

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*(Please be mindful to keep your microphones muted during responses if possible.)*

**Prelude:** # 423, Immortal, Invisible God only wise

Priest Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Priest

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.**

Priest

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One

**People Have mercy upon us.**

### The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty 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.**

## The First Lesson

### A Reading (Lesson) From the Book of Exodus (33:12-23)

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Lector      Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People      **Thanks be to God**

*(Psalm to be read responsively breaking at the asterisk. Please mute your microphone.)*

## Psalm 99

- 1 The LORD is King;  
let the people tremble; \*  
**he is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake.**
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; \*  
**he is high above all peoples.**
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*  
**he is the Holy One.**
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity; \*  
**you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."**
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
and fall down before his footstool; \*  
**he is the Holy One.**
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
**they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.**
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
**they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.**
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
**you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
**for the LORD our God is the Holy One.**

## The Second Lesson

### A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians (Thessalonians 1:1-10)

Paul, 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. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead— Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Lector      Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People      **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

Priest            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

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.

Priest            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Reverend Barbara A.T. Wilson

*The people say together—(Please mute your microphone.)*

## The Nicene Creed

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.



## The Prayers of the People

Reader 1 Brothers and sisters, Jesus was crucified in faithfulness to the cause of love and justice that all might be reconciled in peace. Let us pray that through the Cross of Christ his example may be realized in our world and our lives.

*Silence*

Reader 2 As Jesus was lifted high upon the cross of self-sacrifice that he might draw the whole world to himself, may we take up our cross and follow him in pursuit of the work of reconciliation in the world.

*God, in your mercy,*

**People Hear our prayer.**

Reader 1 Let us pray for the poor, hungry, and neglected, that their cries for daily bread and our care and concern may inspire works of mercy among us to whom much has been given. We pray also for all retired clergy in our diocese, and for surviving spouses of clergy. And for ministries in our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Renk.

*Silence*

Reader 2 Jesus calls us to offer food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted. May God's Spirit so move our hearts; that, following in the steps of Jesus, we may give of ourselves in the service of others until poverty and hunger cease in all the world.

*God, in your mercy,*

**People Hear our prayer.**

Reader 1 Let us pray for an end to the divisions and inequalities that scar creation, particularly the barriers to freedom faced by God's children throughout the world because of gender, sexual orientation, race, class, or creed; that all may have equality in pursuit of the blessings of creation.

*Silence*

Reader 2 O God, in whom there is neither male nor female, Jew nor Gentile, slave nor free: unite the wills of all peoples that the walls which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; so that all may live together in justice and peace.

*God, in your mercy,*

**People Hear our prayer.**

Reader 1 Let us pray for an end to pandemic disease, particularly the scourge of COVID-19; that the plague of death may no longer fuel poverty, destabilize nations, and inhibit reconciliation and restoration throughout the world.

*Silence*

Reader 2 O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of the suffering: Grant your saving health to all who are afflicted by disease or other harm. Bless the labors of all who minister to the sick and unite the wills of all peoples to seek an end to the diseases of our age; that our brokenness may be turned to health and sorrow to joy. We pray especially for Bill, Terry, Jan, Gail, Puzz, Toni, Sandy, Dorothy, Margaret, David, Ed, Colleen, Lisa, Neil, Edward Stephen, Jubilee, Tasha, Malachi, Damien, Rosemarie, Bryce, Jim, Connie, Donald, and Sarah.

*God, in your mercy,*

**People Hear our prayer.**

Reader 1 Let us pray for an end to the desecration of God's creation that we might find balance and the ability to share this good earth and its waters with all of God's creatures.

*Silence*

Reader 2 Almighty God, you created the world and gave it into our care: Inspire us with wisdom to share the riches of creation that all may be empowered to seek freedom from poverty, famine, and oppression.

*God, in your mercy,*

**People Hear our prayer.**

Reader 1 Let us pray for the departed, especially our sisters and brothers who have died as a result of poverty, hunger, disease, violence, or hardness of the human heart.

*Silence*

Reader 2 Almighty God, through the resurrection of Jesus, you revealed that death is never the last word. We commend to your mercy all who have died as a result of the brokenness of our world; and we pray that all may share in the joy of your heavenly reign.

*God, in your mercy,*

**People Hear our prayer.**

Reader 1 All are invited to offer petitions, intercessions, and thanksgivings, ending with, "God, in your mercy," to which the community will respond, "Hear our prayer."

### **The Concluding Collect**

Reader 2 Eternal God, in your kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered together and reconciled under the banner of your love and justice.

**People Amen.**

## Confession

Priest        Let us confess our sins to God.

### In unison

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. **Amen.**

Priest

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

Priest

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

*(Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)*

## An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen.**

*With your microphones muted, please sing along with the hymn.*

Communion Hymn: # 706 In your mercy, Lord, you called me

1 In your mer - cy, Lord, you called me, taught my  
2 Lord, I did not free - ly choose you till by  
3 Now my heart sets none a - bove you, for your

sin - filled heart and mind, else this world had  
grace you set me free; for my heart would  
grace a - lone I thirst, know - ing well, that

still en - thralled me, and to glo - ry kept me blind.  
still re - fuse you had your love not cho - sen me.  
if I love you, you, O Lord, have loved me first.

*(Please unmute your microphone for the Lord's Prayer said together.)*

Priest

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

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 Blessing

May God bless you with discontent with easy answers, half-truths, superficial relationships, so that you will live from deep within your heart.

**Amen.**

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, abuse, and exploitation of people, so that you will work for justice, equality, and peace.

**Amen.**

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them and to change their pain to joy.

**Amen.**

May God bless you with the foolishness to think you can make a difference in this world, so that you will do the things which others tell you cannot be done.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, and Companion on the Way be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## Announcements for the Good of the Order

### **Birthday**

God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Wedding Anniversary**

Gracious Creator: You blessed the marriage of two people with your love years ago. Amid the joys and struggles of their life you have preserved and strengthened the covenant between them; bless and renew that covenant now, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace, so that surrounded by their children, family and friends, they may always rejoice in the gift of their love for one another and for your enduring love that blesses their days together. This we ask through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Travel**

O God, whose beauty and intention fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

Priest        Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!  
People        Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Postlude:**        # 544 Jesus shall reign, where'er the sun

*Join us for Coffee Chat on Zoom after the service*

***Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church***

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## Household Prayer: Morning

*I listen quietly, Lord,  
and the morning sounds of creation draw me to you.  
It is then that I hear your voice,  
“I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”  
Sometimes it is difficult to fully receive your pleasure in me,  
to grasp that you are fond of me,  
even when I have nothing to show for myself.  
May I remember that I am yours today. Amen.*

## Household Prayer: Evening

*I fold up this day with gratitude,  
holding close to my heart  
those whose faith helped carry me through this day. Amen.*

### *A word about the Household Prayers:*

These prayers are printed on a page of their own so that you can tear them out and use them in your devotions at home. These prayers come from an anthology titled *Feasting on the Word*, that includes several liturgies for services. The prayers reflect the readings of the week, including special feast days.