



MAY 17, 2020 — BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO

MORNING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN Come, we that love the Lord



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join
2 Let those re - fuse to sing that nev - er knew our God; but
3 The heirs of grace have found glo - ry be - gun be - low; ce -
4 Then let our song a - bound and let our tears be dry; we're



in a song with sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne.
chil - dren of the heaven - ly King may speak their joys a - broad.
les - tial fruits on earth - ly ground from faith and hope may grow.
march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground to fair - er worlds on high.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na! Re - joice, give thanks and sing.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION TO SERVICE

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All **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.**

Officiant Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed!

People **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

INVITATORY *Pascha nostrum 1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

All

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, *

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *

so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed!

Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

THE PSALM APPOINTED *Psalms 66:7-18*

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *

make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *

and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *

you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; *

you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;

we went through fire and water; *

but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings

and will pay you my vows, *

which I promised with my lips

and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts

with the smoke of rams; *

I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *

and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *

and his praise was on my tongue.

**16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;**

17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

**18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.**

**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.**

THE LESSONS

A reading from the book of Acts
Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Here ends the reading.

CANTICLE A Song of Our Adoption *Ephesians 1:3-10*

All **Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *
for you have blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.**

**Before the world was made, you chose us to be yours in Christ, *
that we should be holy and blameless before you.**

**You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ, *
according to the good pleasure of your will,**

**To the praise of your glorious grace,
that you have freely given us in the Beloved.**

**In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ,
the forgiveness of our sins,**

**According to the riches of your grace *
which you have lavished upon us.**

**You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, *
the mystery of your will,
According to your good pleasure which you set forth in Christ, *
as a plan for the fullness of time,
To gather together all things in Christ, *
things in heaven and things on earth.**

A Reading from the Gospel of John
John 14:15-21

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Here ends the reading.

REFLECTIONS FROM GRADUATING SENIORS Sophie LeMay & Lia Snyder

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All **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 PRAYERS

The People stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

All

**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.**

Officiant

Lord, keep this nation under your care;
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

People

Officiant

Let your way be known upon earth;

People

Your saving health among all nations.

Officiant

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECTS

Officiant

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.

People

Amen.

Officiant

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

People

Amen.

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AT GRADUATION

Leader

We pray to you, Christ, the pattern and perfecter of our faith, as this semester draws to a close.

Leader

Jesus, you were brought up by your loving family and supported by your brother and sister disciples. We give you thanks for the loving families, friends, and supporters who have made our education possible. We give special thanks for all of those individuals that we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Teach us, our God...

People

To see you in all things.

Leader

Jesus, you were taught by John the Baptizer, learned through debates with colleagues, and found insight in the faith of people. We give thanks for our mentors, friends, and classmates who have sharpened our minds and expanded our hearts. We give special thanks for all of those individuals that we name aloud or in the

silence of our hearts.

Teach us, our God...

People **To see you in all things.**

Leader Jesus, you sought further clarity and vision in the hungry wilderness. We give thanks for the hard times, and for those disappointments and failures that have led us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. We give special thanks—or, at least we try!—for the challenges of our education.

Teach us, our God...

People **To see you in all things.**

Leader Jesus, you left your fasting in the wilderness only to be feasted by angels, celebrating your formation and inaugurating the time of your ministry. We give you thanks for graduation, for this moment that marks accomplishment, and welcomes new vocation and ministry. We especially give thanks for our graduates: Spencer Glatley, Sophie LeMay, David MacGregor, Garrett Roeder, Rosalind Sanders, Lia Snyder, Will Young, and Barbara Hoekstra.

Teach us, our God...

People **To see you in all things.**

Leader Jesus, you became a teacher. Not many are called to teach, but none of us could be where we are today without the love and attention of our teachers, professors, aides, tutors, and mentors. We ask for a double portion of their spirit, that in our turn, we may share all that is good with this world. We give you special thanks for all who have formed us.

Teach us, our God...

People **To see you in all things.**

Leader Jesus, you went forth to change the world. We, too, are beginning new vocations as one semester ends and a new time begins. Inspire us to go forth to all nations, preaching and teaching and doing science and healing and building and writing and doing all of the many ministries of your body. Empower us with your ongoing presence.

Teach us, our God...

People **To see you in all things.**

Leader Jesus, you rejoice in the fellowship of all the saints. With that diverse and numerous cloud of witnesses, we commend our lives to you, celebrating the victories of this day, and confident in the promises of your eternal home.

Teach us, our God...

People **To see you in all things.**

COMMISSIONING

Leader Today, as we mark the end of the semester and celebrate our graduates, we also commit ourselves once more to a lifetime of learning; to the sharing of the abundant gifts that God has given us; and to the callings of this community.

People **May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen us, that in this, and in all things, we may do God's will in the service of the kingdom of his Christ. Amen.**

Leader Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor upon these graduates, and this community who have now reaffirmed their commitment to follow Christ and to serve in God's name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world, and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

All **Almighty 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.**

A BLESSING OF CHANGE

from <http://gracebrunswick.org/blessings.html>

All **What we choose changes us.
Who we love transforms us.
How we create remakes us.
Where we live reshapes us.**

**So in all our choosing, O God, make us wise;
In all our loving, O Christ, make us bold;
In all our creating, O Spirit, give us courage;
In all our living, may we become whole.**

**And the blessing of God almighty:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Be upon you, and those you love,
And those for whom you pray
This day and forever more.**

Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN Like the murmur of the dove's song

Hymn music and lyrics are on the next page.

1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the

chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
 branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
 cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and

wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
 sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
 wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -

might: come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 sign: come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 pare: come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

POSTLUDE Serenade

Frederick Delius

GRADUATE SPEAKER BIOS



Sophie LeMay (John LeMay & Jackie Acho-LeMay) will graduate from Hawken School this spring and head to Denison University in the fall where she received the Alumni Scholarship. As a life-long member of St. Paul's, Sophie has served in the choir since first grade and as an acolyte and lector since seventh. Sophie is also a creative force and an analytical mind. When you ask the youth for ideas, Sophie will always contribute thoughtfully. Since entering quarantine, Sophie said, "I've learned how lucky I am to have so much that is so hard to say goodbye to." We appreciate Sophie and lasting impression she's made on our congregation!



Lia Snyder (Allison Snyder) is a soon-to-be graduate of Shaker Heights High School where she is an IB Diploma Program student who's been on the honor roll all eight semesters. Lia is currently deciding between heading to the Coast Guard Academy, to a college with a Naval ROTC scholarship, or taking a gap year. She started life at St. Paul's in the preschool and, although her family attends St. Dominic's, Lia remains active in our parish by coming to youth group, going to Harlan every summer, and participating in our Urban Plunge to Chicago and our Pilgrimage to Taize, and serving at Youth Ministry Intern her senior year of high school. During her time in quarantine this spring, Lia said she's learned that, "I need to set more time aside to explore hobbies and spend time with family during the year." We are so thankful for the gift of Lia's presence in the life of our parish!

GRADUATING SENIORS

This morning, we honor our high school graduates:

Spencer Glatley
Sophie LeMay
David MacGregor
Garrett Roeder
Rosalind Sanders
Lia Snyder
Will Young

FORMATION VOLUNTEERS

Today we give thanks for the ministries of all of our formation volunteers, including:

Childcare Staff
Children's Ministry Team
Godly Play & Workshop Adventure Volunteers
Total Chaos Volunteers
Village Volunteers
Youth Ministry Team
Rite 13 & J2A Volunteers
CAST Coordinators
Acolyte Mentors
Confirmation Mentors
All-Parish Formation Events Team
Special Events Volunteers
Adult Formation Volunteers

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

We also want to recognize and congratulate our Education for Ministry graduate, Barbara Hoekstra.

<i>Officiants</i>	Jeanne Leinbach, Jessie Dodson
<i>Reflections</i>	Sophie LeMay, Lia Snyder
<i>Organist</i>	Karel Paukert
<i>Vocalists</i>	Brian Skoog, Elizabeth Frey
<i>Videographer</i>	Kim Fry

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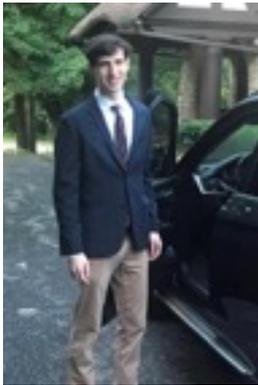


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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!



DAVID (PARENTS: DAVID & KATERINA) will graduate this spring from University School. He's headed to college this fall and is still choosing his destination. During his time growing up at St. Paul's, David has served on the Harlan work trip and the Fostering Hope youth service project this fall. During quarantine, David says he has rediscovered his love of the piano. Congratulations, David! We are so proud of you!



GARRETT (PARENTS: TRES & ELIZABETH) will soon have a newly minted diploma from Shaker Heights High School and will pick up his studies with the University of Cincinnati's Linder College of Business in the fall. Garrett is a lifelong St. Paul's parishioner and Kirsten Radivoyevitch was Garrett's first teacher when he started preschool at the co-op! Garrett has volunteered in numerous ways over the last eighteen years: from acolyting to babysitting for Women's Council meetings to helping host families for Family Promise to preparing holiday gifts for St. Luke's and serving in Harlan for the last three years, Garrett is clearly at the pulse of our community and we thank God for him! He tells us, "Covid-19 has taught me to be grateful for

what I have and how to stay calm during stressful times with lots of losses and constant change." Garrett is definitely a calm and steady presence in our congregation and we love him.



LIA (PARENT: ALLISON) is a soon-to-be graduate of Shaker Heights High School where she is an IB Diploma Program student who's been on the honor roll all eight semesters. Lia is currently deciding between heading to the Coast Guard Academy, to a college with a Naval ROTC scholarship, or taking a gap year. She started life at St. Paul's in the preschool and, although her family attends St. Dominic's, Lia remains active in our parish by coming to youth group, going to Harlan every summer, and participating in our Urban Plunge to Chicago and our Pilgrimage to Taizé, and serving at Youth Ministry Intern her senior year of high school. During her time in quarantine this spring, Lia said she's learned that, "I need to set more time aside to explore hobbies and

spend time with family during the year." We are so thankful for the gift of Lia's presence in the life of our parish!



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ROSALIND (PARENTS: SCOTT & MELISSA) graduates this spring from Orange High School! During her time growing up at St. Paul's, Rosalind has always helped put on the Spelling Bee to raise money for Reading Camp, where she also volunteered in the summers. This fall she begins her studies with Ithaca College where she plans to major in Music Composition. We are so grateful for you, Rosalind! We can't wait to hear your compositions in years to come.



SOPHIE (PARENTS: JOHN & JACKIE) will graduate from Hawken School this spring and head to Denison University in the fall where she received the Alumni Scholarship. As a lifelong member of St. Paul's, Sophie has served in the choir since first grade and as an acolyte and lector since seventh. Sophie is also a creative force and an analytical mind. When you ask the youth for ideas, Sophie will always contribute thoughtfully. Since entering quarantine, Sophie said, "I've learned how lucky I am to have so much that is so hard to say goodbye to." We appreciate Sophie and lasting impression she's made on our congregation!



SPENCER (PARENTS: CHAR) graduates this spring from Shaker Heights High School, but he is headed west soon to transform from a Raider to a Duck! Spencer will begin his studies with the University of Oregon this fall where he plans to major in Sports Business. Growing up at St. Paul's, Spencer has been in the Christmas Pageants, served as a lector, and been one of our most stalwart ushers. During quarantine Spencer tells us he has become a gourmand, enjoying the finer things in life. Thank you for always bringing a smile to our faces, Spencer! We can't wait to hear about all your adventures.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!



WILL (PARENTS: ANDY & LIZ) is a soon-to-be graduate of Benedictine High School who won the Engineering Award this year! This fall, he will matriculate at Miami University. Growing up at St. Paul's, Will participated in almost every aspect of parish life, from Christmas Pageants to youth group to acolyting to choir and most recently as a Harlan volunteer, Eagle Scout renovator of the acolyte room, Parish Breakfast chef, youth vestry representative, pilgrim to Taizé, Captain von Trapp in CAST's *The Sound of Music*, and Urban Plunge participant. During his time in quarantine, Will says he's learned the value of a good work ethic. We think you already knew, Will! Thank you for the many ways you contribute to our life and happiness as a parish.

To our Graduates:

We are so sorry that your senior year was interrupted. We can't give you Prom or Graduation or the last day of class when you get to recycle every paper left from high school, but we give you our love and support. We hope that as time continues on, you'll remember that you always have a home here—someday again physically at our church, yes, but also in the hearts of every member of the parish forever.

Blessings on your next adventures!

The Youth Ministry Team:

Diane Banyard
Anne Payne
Jim Ptacek
Kirsten Radivoyevitch
Leah Romanelli
...and everyone else, too!



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