



SUNDAY NOTES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!

We are glad you chose to worship with us today. If you are new to St. Paul's, please visit our website and fill out our welcome card. A member of the clergy or staff will reach out. The link is [HERE](#)

THIS SUNDAY

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR - CANCELLED

In lieu of coffee hour this week, we will hold small outdoor prayer services. If you have not read the Rev. Jeanne Leinbach's letter regarding outdoor services, [use this link](#).

SUNDAY CONCERTS ON THE LAWN

Join us on the lawn, weather permitting, through October at 11 a.m. for an informal concert series. Robin VanLear and Story Rhinehart will share their magnificent costumes and dancing.

COMPLINE

Every Wednesday at 8 p.m. we're gathering online for a service of Compline. This is a brief and peaceful service of prayers to end the day. You can register or join live on our Facebook Page. [Register Here](#)

SAVE THE DATE

Join us for a Zoom conversation with Diana Butler Bass, Ph.D. on October 11, 2020 from 10 to 11 a.m. Dr. Bass is an award-winning author of ten books, a popular speaker, inspiring preacher, and one of America's most trusted commentators on religion and contemporary spirituality. She will speak to us on the compelling topic of how to keep perspective in tough political times. You can register for the Forum at tinyurl.com/SPAdultForum. In addition to the Forum, Dr Bass will be our guest preacher on that Sunday.

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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

SACRED GROUND REGISTRATION

Our Sacred Ground anti-racism and faith small group discussions are set to begin the week of October 11. Groups will meet over Zoom every other week for 10 weeks and will be co-facilitated by clergy and parishioners. [Sign-up and get more info here](#).

REGISTER TO VOTE

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry reminds us that "It is a Christian obligation to vote, and more than that, it is the church's responsibility to help get souls to the polls." We encourage you to [learn about voting in your location and register to vote](#).

THE BASICS OF FAITH-BASED PUBLIC ADVOCACY

Province V of the Episcopal Church, a network of fourteen mid-western dioceses including our own, is offering a 4-part mini-series on how to be an advocate. This is hosted by the Public Theology Network. Visit the link to learn more and to register: [LINK](#)

STAY IN TOUCH

[Sign up for our e-news](#) to connect with St. Paul's in your inbox. Receive weekly updates to what we're doing.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

Our prayer list is still active! Call the Parish Office, (216) 932-5815, if you have an addition to the list. Click the link for this week's prayer list. [LINK](#)

GIVING

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HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in D minor

J.S. Bach

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Presider Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

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

Presider 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.**

HYMN NO. 686 Come, thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Brian Wilbert

THE NICENE CREED

All **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. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Form III, adapted*

Leader Creating God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for Justin, Archbishop of
 Canterbury; Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Mark, Arthur and Bill, our
 Bishops; for Jeanne, Jessie, and Brian, our priests;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader 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.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray especially for
 the life of this parish, including those who serve as Acolytes and
 Acolyte Mentors; and for our partnership in service with Christian
 Outreach with Appalachian People; for the Province of the Episcopal
 Church of Sudan; for our sister and brother Christians in Colombia,
 Ecuador, and Venezuela.

Silence.

Presider O God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

Silence.

All **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.**

Presider 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

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

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ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY All Creatures of Our God and King

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer 3, Enriching Our Worship 1*

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one
who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All **Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All **Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.**

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

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.**

THE FRACTION

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.
Then may be sung or said:*

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.**

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

The Celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by all.

"My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen."

ANTHEM Ave Verum Corpus

Adult Choir

W.A. Mozart

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN NO. 435 At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston


 1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,
 *6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,


 1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;
 6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;


 1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
 4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,
 6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,


 1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 4 ev - er to be wor - shiped, trust - ed, and a - dored.
 6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

POSTLUDE Toccata in D Minor (Dorian)

J.S. Bach

<i>Celebrant</i>	Jessie Dodson	<i>Lectors</i>	John Orlock, Mark Souther, Stacey Souther
<i>Preacher</i>	Brian Wilbert	<i>Musicians</i>	Karel Paukert, Hannah Koby, Lauren Vanden Broeck, Joel Kincannon
<i>Assisting Priest</i>	Jeanne Leinbach		

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