

**A Liturgy for**  
**Saint Paul's Church Report presentation**



**MONDAY AND TUESDAY**  
**FOLLOWING THE THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 17, 2021, at Seven o'clock in the Evening**  
**May 18, 2021, at Nine o'clock in the Morning**  
**May 18, 2021, at Twelve o'clock Noon**

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Organ Voluntary

Denis Bedard and Alan Bullard

**"Where charity and love prevail there God is ever found"**

## The Opening Acclamation

*Officiant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## The Opening Collect

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Lesson

**Ephesians 4: 1-7, 25-27, 29-32**

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Presentation of the Report from the Listening Sessions

## **A Litany for Saint Paul's Church**

*Officiant* Most Gracious God, help us to respect and love those who do your work in our congregation. God in your mercy.

*People* ***Hear our prayer.***

Enable us to live in peace with all our sisters and brothers in this church. God in your mercy.

***Hear our prayer.***

Remind us to encourage the timid, help the weak, and uplift the dispirited. God in your mercy.

***Hear our prayer.***

Let us never repay wrong for wrong, but always forgive one another in your name. God in your mercy.

***Hear our prayer.***

Teach us to test our own actions in the light of your Word. God in your mercy.

***Hear our prayer.***

Let us recognize the Holy Spirit at work in our church. God in your mercy.

***Hear our prayer.***

Heal us of our individual and communal hurts. We remember especially the range of emotions around our previous clergy transitions: grief, anger, relief, anxiety about calling a new rector, and other hurts and feelings we name silently or aloud.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Grant us your healing, comfort, and peace. God in your mercy.

***Hear our prayer.***

Pour out your Holy Spirit on those who will select the next rector of Saint Paul's. Give them wisdom and discernment in the work that they do on our behalf. God in your mercy.

***Hear our prayer.***

Give us the grace to be joyful and to give thanks in all circumstances. We name before you, either silently or aloud, those things and people in this church for which we are thankful.

*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

God in your mercy.

***Hear our prayer.***

Help us to pray without ceasing all the days of our lives and sanctify us through and through. God in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

All this we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who rose triumphant from the grave and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

***Amen.***

## The Concluding Collect

*Officiant* Let us pray.

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Blessing

The Officiant

## The Dismissal

*Officiant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

## Organ Voluntary

"In Christ there is no east or west"

Dale Wood

The Litany for Saint Paul's Church has been adapted from *Litany for Unity in a Congregation* by Bonnie S. Bashor. Women's Uncommon Prayers ed: Elizabeth Rankin Geitz, Marjorie A. Burke, Ann Smith. Morehouse: Harrisburg, 2000, p 347-348.



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