

The Second Sunday After Easter

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024 TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

WELCOME TO SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH

Whatever brings you here, and whoever you are, we are glad you are here!

First Time Worshipping at St. Paul's?

St. Paul's is an Episcopal Church and uses liturgy or language for worship from *The Book of Common Prayer*. While we use a variety of other resources, all the words and music needed for today's service are found in this bulletin. There are helpful tips on when to stand and sit; however, do what feels most comfortable for you throughout the service.

Are you new to St. Paul's or the surrounding area?

Let us know by filling out a Welcome Card located in the pew rack and on the website, and we will connect with you. We also have a Welcome Table you can visit following the service in the Gathering Space of the Parish House. A host will be at the table throughout coffee hour, which is an opportunity immediately following the service to share refreshments with our members and visitors here today.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the Parish House. You are welcome to use the bathroom that best aligns with your gender identity.

Nursery

The nursery is open from 8:50 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There is a child-size restroom and a changing table available as well as the ability to hear service.

Contact the Clergy

The St. Paul's clergy are eager to hear from you and to support you. On most Sundays a member of the clergy is available to pray with you during Communion at the station to the left of the altar railing. If you are going through a life transition, have an emergency, or are in need of pastoral care for any other reason, please call the church at 804.643.3589.

For Families and Children During Worship

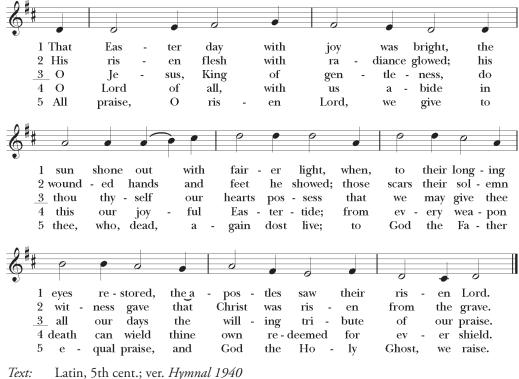
Young ones need to be able to see and experience worship. Our ushers are happy to direct you to our **Family Space** at the front of the church where you will find picture books, paper and crayons, and small hand-held toys. We also have **Worship Bags** as you enter the church that contain **Children's Bulletins**, paper and crayons. During the **Gospel Procession**, children and families are encouraged to participate, and Children's Chapel follows. Kids will leave with our staff to participate in their own time of prayer and fellowship. They will return after the sermon during the Peace.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

At Easter-tide, No. 3 of Six Occasional Preludes, Op. 182

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Hymn



Music: Puer nobis, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621); harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, Revised, 1950

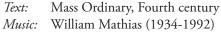
OPENING ACCLAMATION

PresiderAlleluia. Christ is risen.PeopleChrist is risen indeed. Alleluia.

All say together the Collect for Purity.

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. **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

PresiderThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLet us pray.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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

Now THE WHOLE GROUP of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

LectorHear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.PeopleThanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL: PSALM 133 Ecce, quam bonum!

The Psalm is read responsively.

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, * when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head * that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, * and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon * that falls upon the hills of Zion.
 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
 - life for evermore.

THE EPISTLE READING

1 John 1:1-7

Acts 4:32-35

We DECLARE to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn

All are invited to participate in the Gospel procession, especially children. Simply follow the Gospel book around the church and stay in place for the Gospel reading. After the reading, the children are invited to attend Children's Chapel. They will return to the church at the Peace.





THE HOLY GOSPEL

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

GospelerThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Rainey G. Dankel, Associate Rector for Parish Life

THE NICENE CREED

The people stand.

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

Presider	As we continue our Easter celebration, let us offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world, saying, Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Intercessor People	Gracious God, we give you thanks for the goodness of creation, for the victory of resurrection, and for the grace of redemption. We praise you for walking with us through death and into new life in you. Christ is risen! Alleluia!
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Intercessor	We pray that the church, celebrating with Easter joy, may welcome all who wish to know you and show forth your gift of light in a hurting and hopeless world. Christ is risen!
People	Alleluia!
Intercessor	We pray that the community of St. Paul's, continuing our journey of reconciliation, may proclaim with joy the good news of forgiveness and new life. Christ is risen!
People	Alleluia!
Intercessor	We pray that the people of the world, remembering the source of creation, may care for the bounty of earth and sky and all living things. Christ is risen!
People	Alleluia!
Intercessor	We pray that the leaders of the nations, acknowledging divine mercy as the source of their power, may reject violence as they serve justice and seek peace for all people. Christ is risen! Alleluia!
People	
Intercessor	We pray that all who suffer may be comforted in the living presence of Jesus among us. We pray especially for the victims of warfare and disease, and we remember those who have asked for our prayers. Christ is risen!
People	Alleluia!
Intercessor	We pray for all who passed over from the darkness of death into eternal life in Christ, remembering especially those we name now. Christ is risen!
People	Alleluia!
Presider	Eternal God, you are the strength and courage of all who call on you. Hear our prayers and stretch forth your mighty arm to save and protect all your precious children. We pray, as we live, through Jesus Christ the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.
THE PEACE	
Presider	The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PeopleAnd also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

-The Holy Communion-

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Noël nouvelet

Robert Lind (b. 1940)



The vibrant ministries, creative worship, and faithful witness of St. Paul's are made possible by the generous commitment of our congregation. Our community extends beyond our city through our expansive mission programming and inclusive online presence. As our community has grown, we have developed innovative engagement opportunities to extend fellowship and hospitality to meet the needs of our congregation. Regardless of how you join us this morning, all are invited to use the QR to offer a gift to support our vital ministries.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

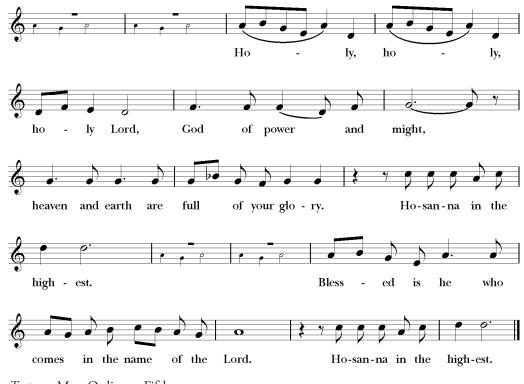
Presider	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Presider	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give our thanks and praise

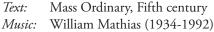
The Presider continues

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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS





The people stand or kneel as the Presider continues

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:

The people and Presider say together

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

The Presider continues

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 blessed Paul, and 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.

The people and Presider say together

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

The Presider continues

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

The people and Presider say together

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,	Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre,
thy kingdom come,	venga tu reino,
thy will be done,	hágase tu voluntad,
on earth as it is in heaven.	en la tierra como en el cielo.
Give us this day our daily bread.	Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
And forgive us our trespasses,	Perdona nuestras ofensas,
as we forgive those	como también nosotros perdonamos
who trespass against us.	a los que nos ofenden.
And lead us not into temptation,	No nos dejes caer en tentación
but deliver us from evil.	y líbranos del mal.
For thine is the kingdom,	Porque tuyo es el reino,
and the power, and the glory,	tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
for ever and ever. Amen.	ahora y por siempre. Amén.

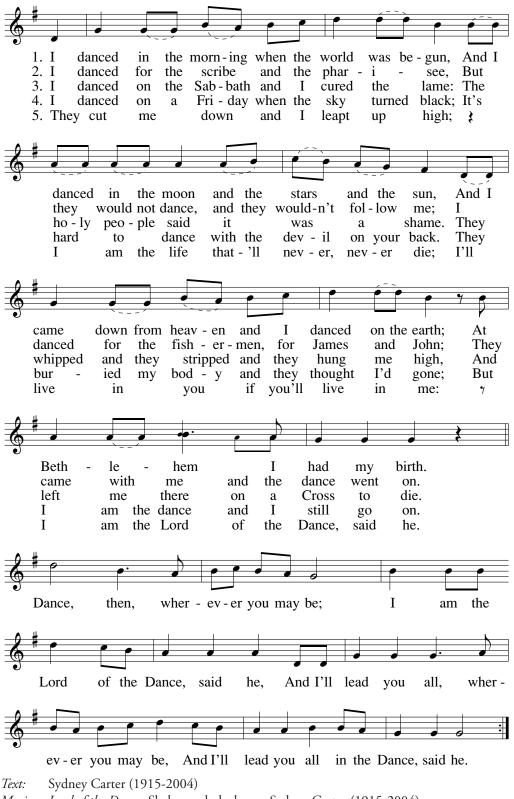
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

All are welcome at God's table. An usher will signal when you may go forward. 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 blessing; please indicate your desire for this by crossing your arms across your chest. If you would like prayers for healing for yourself and/or others, please come to the station to the left of the pulpit where clergy will be offering prayers.



Music: Lord of the Dance, Shaker melody, harm. Sydney Carter (1915-2004)

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

The people stand.

Presider In the name of God and of this congregation, we send you forth to share communion with N, who cannot be present at this table.

People We who are many are one because we all share one bread and one cup. Our prayers are with you. Go in peace.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people say together.

Eternal GOD, 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 Christ's 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



Text: Cyril A. Alington (1872-1955), alt. St. 5, Norman Mealy (1923-1987) *Music: Gelobt sei Gott,* Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616)

THE DISMISSAL

PresiderLet us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on Gelobt sei Gott

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Those interested in the St. Paul's History Tour are invited to gather at the baptismal font immediately following the service.

The altar flowers are given in memory of my parents, Jimmy and Charla Hilbert, from Chris Hilbert.

EXPANSIVE LANGUAGE AND CREATIVITY A Few Notes about Worship at St. Paul's

St. Paul's seeks to be a welcoming, open, and inclusive community that values creativity, beauty, and mystery. We try to reflect this mission in our worship so that those from various backgrounds and perspectives will feel at home. We also hope that our worship reflects both a respect and honoring of the traditions of the Anglican church, while also seeking to give voice to how God is speaking in our current contexts. We know that the words we say in worship have a profound effect on our imagination and our experiences of God. Here's a bit of background.

Expansive Language: The Episcopal Church has developed many liturgies that use inclusive and expansive language. Expansive language is a way of incorporating multiple ways of imagining and speaking about God. It refers to the expanded use of metaphorical language for God and humans in new or unexpected and fresh ways. While we continue to value the beauty of our traditions and the importance of language, we recognize that all human language is limited. Expansive language seeks to incorporate as much of the diversity of language as possible to include all persons in the liturgical expressions.

Our Music: Every effort is made at St. Paul's to include music that speaks to the relevance and diversity of the world today. We draw from a variety of resources that include hymns ranging from the traditional, to spirituals, to those written specifically by female composers and poets. In choosing our music, we try to create a balance of music from our sacred traditions with music that reflects the diversity of the church today. In addition to Bach and Howells, we also intentionally seek out music that centers on composers who are writing music today, particularly composers of color and female artists.

A place for prayer, candle-lighting, and contemplation, St. Paul's is a holy space in which we encounter God's presence in many ways.

Our bulletin and recycling: Since we pull from as many as twenty-five sources, as well as write our own liturgical pieces (prayers, choral works, hymns, etc.), the bulletin serves as a way of capturing those elements and putting them into one place: your hands. Without a bulletin that is printed each week, we would not be able to be as creative. Plus, it would be confusing to those who are new to St. Paul's. This bulletin is an instrument of hospitality that allows us, Sunday by Sunday, to welcome and embrace all who are searching for a church home and an authentic encounter with our awakened and active Lord. In an effort to conserve paper usage, we try to print only enough bulletins as are needed for each individual service. If you'd like to help us be good stewards, you can choose to share a bulletin or download a PDF. Each week, our bulletins are responsibly recycled.

Candle-lighting: Lighting candles is an ancient practice of the church. The flame has always been considered a sign of God's presence. On the lectern side of the altar rail is a place set aside for you to light candles. Perhaps you'll light a candle in memory of a loved one, or for a particular thanksgiving or hardship in your own life. Your prayers combine with the prayers of the community as we put our trust and hope in God.

Being in the presence of Jesus: On the pulpit side of the altar rail is a small chapel set aside for quiet contemplation and prayer. An item called a "Tabernacle" is present. It reminds us of the portable tent in which the Hebrews worshiped during their time in the wilderness. This small, wooden cabinet contains the consecrated bread from holy communion, a sign of Christ's presence in our midst. A candle is lit whenever the bread is in place. Even when the church is dark, the light remains, reminding us of the church's role to be a light in the midst of darkness. Here, in Christ's presence, you may spend time in stillness and quiet prayer. On most Sundays during communion, a priest is present to offer prayers for healing for yourself or for someone else.

If you have questions about our worship experience, or to find out how you can be involved in worship, please consult our Ministry Directory or reach out to one of the clergy. To learn more about the guiding beliefs of the Episcopal Church, visit https://www.episcopalchurch.org/what-we-believe/

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