

# SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 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.

# THE ENTRANCE RITE

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Christ ist erstanden, BWV 627

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## HYMN

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

*Text:* Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), rev.

*Music:* *Truro*, melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II*, 1789;  
harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*All say together the Collect for Purity.*

**A**LMIGHTY 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

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-  
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,  
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;  
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-  
ceive our prayer. 6. For  
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the  
Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of  
God the Fa-ther. A - men.

*Text:* Mass Ordinary, Fourth century

*Music:* William Mathias (1934-1992)

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

**O** GOD, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST READING

Acts 3:12-13a, 15b-16

**W**HEN PETER saw the wonder and amazement caused by his healing of the lame man, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. "And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you."

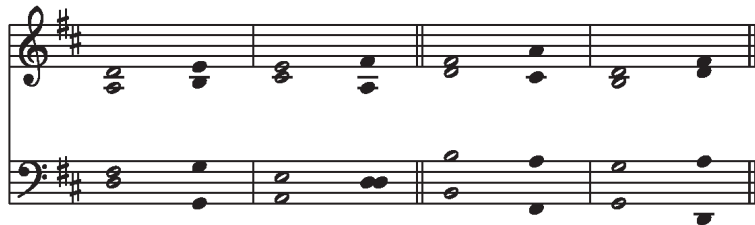
*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

### THE GRADUAL: PSALM 4 *Cum invocarem*

*chant:* Jerome Webster Meachen (1930-2015)

*The Psalm is sung by all.*



- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil in-crease.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall a-sleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

SEE WHAT LOVE the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*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.*

1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;  
 2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met;  
 3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take,  
 4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,  
 nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
 thou at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand;  
 one Church u - ni - ted in com - mun - ion blest;  
 who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;  
 thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest  
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet;  
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,  
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;  
 in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.  
 faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.  
 with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.  
 be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

*Text:* George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959), alt.

*Music:* *Sursum Corda*, Alfred Morton Smith (1879-1971)

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

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

**J**ESUS HIMSELF stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

#### THE SERMON

The Rev'd Gwynn Crichton, *Associate Rector for Pastoral Care and Community Engagement*

#### THE NICENE CREED

*The people stand.*

**W**E 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

- Presider* As we continue our Easter celebration, let us offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world, saying, Risen Christ, show us your light.
- Intercessor* Gracious God, we give you thanks for the promise of new life through Christ's victory over suffering and death. Risen Christ,
- People* **show us your light.**
- Intercessor* We pray that the church, celebrating with Easter joy, may welcome all who wish to know you and show forth your gifts of forgiveness and love in a hurting world. Risen Christ,
- People* **show us your light.**
- 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. Risen Christ,
- People* **show us your light.**
- 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. Risen Christ,
- People* **show us your light.**
- Intercessor* We pray that all who suffer may be comforted in the living presence of Jesus among us. We pray for the victims of warfare and disease, remembering those who have asked for our prayers. Risen Christ,
- People* **show us your light.**
- Intercessor* We pray for all who passed over from the darkness of death into eternal life in Christ, remembering especially those we name now. Risen Christ,
- People* **show us your light.**
- 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.
- People* **And also with you.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!  
My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

*Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:  
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.

Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus cross'd the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

*Text:* George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)

*Music:* Dutch carol, arr. Philip Ledger (1937-2012)



*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

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*Text:* Mass Ordinary, Fifth century  
*Music:* William Mathias (1934-1992)

*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*


**O**UR 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.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu Nombre,  
venga tu reino,  
hágase tu voluntad,  
en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como también nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación  
y líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino,  
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,  
ahora y por siempre. Amén.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

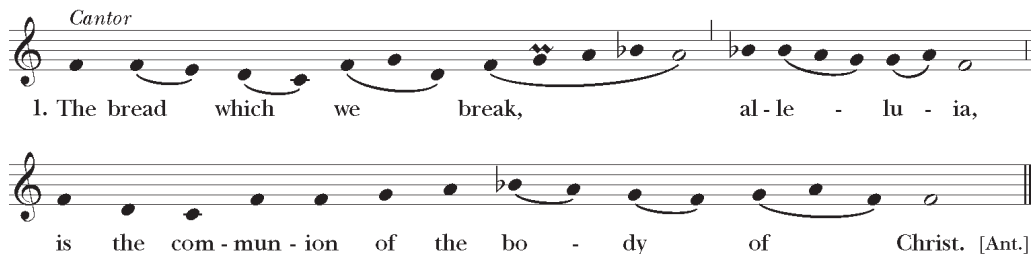
*The Presider breaks the bread followed by silence. Then all sing the Fraction Anthem.*

*Antiphon: Cantor; then All*



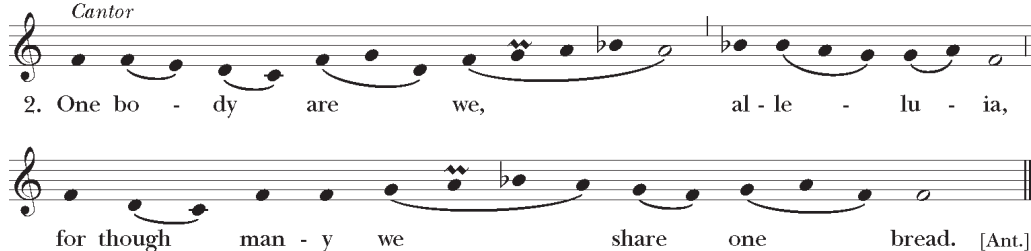
Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

*Cantor*



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,  
is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

*Cantor*



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,  
for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

*Text:* Refrain: Luke 24:35, Verses: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

*Music:* Mode 6 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

## 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.*

## ANTHEM AT COMMUNION

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain.  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,  
thinking that never he would wake again,  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain.  
He that for three days in the grave had lain.  
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
thy touch can call us back to life again,  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

*Text:* The Rev'd Canon John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958)

*Music:* French carol, arr. Simon Lindley (b. 1948)

## HYMN



1. Here in this place, a new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness van-ished a - way.
2. We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old, who yearn for your face.
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the bread of new birth.



See, in this space, our fears and our dream-ings, brought here to you in the  
We have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry, called to be light to the  
Here you shall call your sons and your daugh- ters, call us a - new to be



light of this day.  
whole hu-man race.  
salt for the earth.

Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en,  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh- ty,  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion,



Gath - er us in, the blind and the lame; Call to us now, and  
Gath - er us in, the proud and the strong; Give us a heart so  
Give us to eat the bread that is you; Nour - ish us well, and



we shall a - wak - en, we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
meek and so low - ly, give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.  
teach us to fash-ion lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.

*Text:* Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

*Music:* *Gather Us In*, Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

## 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.*

**E**TERNAL 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



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,  
2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to  
3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -  
4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior  
Beth - le - hem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,  
kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,  
throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your  
bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the  
Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the  
till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.  
gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.  
full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.  
newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

*Text:* John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt.

*Music:* *Finnian*, Christopher Dearnley (1930-2000)

## THE DISMISSAL

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

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

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter (b. 1945)

*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 Thomas C. Gordan, Jr. and W. Joe Hoppe.*

## 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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