

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 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

Cantabile

Hymn

0 Earth 1 and all stars, loud rush - ing plan - ets, sing to the 2 Hail, wind, and rain, loud blow - ing snow - storms, sing to the <u>3</u> Trum - pet loud clash - ing and pipes, cym - bals, sing to the 4 En - gines and steel, loud pound-ing sing to the ham - mers, 5Class-rooms and labs, loud boil - ing test - tubes, sing to the 6 Know-ledge and loud sound-ing wis - dom, sing to the truth, d 0 1 Lord а new song! vic to ry, Flow - ers song! 2 Lord a trees. new and 3 Lord Harp, lute, song! lyre, а new and Lime - stone 4 Lord song! and beams, a new Lord Ath - lete band, 5 а new song! and Daugh - ter 6 Lord song! and son, a new d. loud shout - ing sing to the 1 ar - my, Lord. song! a new 2 loud rus - tling dry leaves, sing to the Lord. song! a new 3 loud hum-ming cel - los, sing to the Lord. a new song! 4 loud build - ing work - ers, sing to the Lord. song! a new loud cheer - ing 5peo - ple, sing to the Lord. song! a new 6 loud pray - ing sing to the Lord. mem-bers, a new song! Refrain He hath done vel - ous things. mar 0. I, too, will with praise him a new song! Herbert F. Brokering (1926-2009)

Text: Herbert F. Brokering (1926-2009) *Music: Earth and All Stars*, David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

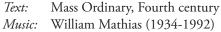
All say together the Collect for Purity.

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.

César Franck (1822-1890)

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

-The Liturgy of the Word———

THE FIRST READING

Acts 10:44-48

WHILE PETER was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

THE GRADUAL: PSALM 98 Cantate Domino

chant: Jerome Webster Meachen (1930-2015)

The Psalm is sung by all.



- Sing to the Lord a new <u>song</u>, * for he has done marvelous <u>things</u>.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy <u>arm</u> * has he won for himself the <u>victory</u>.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the <u>nations</u>.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of <u>Israel</u>, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our <u>God</u>.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you <u>lands</u>; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and <u>sing</u>.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the <u>harp</u>, * with the harp and the voice of <u>song</u>.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the <u>horn</u> * shout with joy before the King, the <u>Lord</u>.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is <u>in it</u>, * the lands and those who dwell there-<u>in</u>.

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9 Let the rivers clap their <u>hands</u>, *

and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the <u>world</u> * and the peoples with <u>equity</u>.

THE EPISTLE READING

1 John 5:1-6

EVERYONE who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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.



Text: Edward White Benson (1829-1896), alt.

Music: Kingsfold, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

GospelerThe Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

J ESUS SAID to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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 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	Brothers and sisters and siblings, let us with gladness offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our planet, saying, sing to the Lord a new song; shout with joy to God.
Intercessor	We pray for the church, that we may lovingly proclaim the good news of Jesus as we find fresh ways to invite participation in the fullness of life in Christ. Sing to the Lord a new song;
People	shout with joy to God.
Intercessor	We pray for our earth, that we may join all creation in praising the Source of beauty and bounty. Sing to the Lord a new song;
People	shout with joy to God.
Intercessor	We pray for the St. Paul's community, as we welcome all as children of God, especially those being baptized today at Shrine Mont. Sing to the Lord a new song;
People	shout with joy to God.
Intercessor	We pray for the nations of the world, that God's righteous rule of justice may bring peace among all God's beloved people. Sing to the Lord a new song;
People	shout with joy to God.
Intercessor	We pray for all who are suffering, that God's comfort may surround them, especially those we name now. Sing to the Lord a new song;
People	shout with joy to God.
Intercessor	We pray for the dying and the dead, commending them to God's peace, especially those we name now. Sing to the Lord a new song;
People	shout with joy to God.
Intercessor	We offer our petitions and thanksgivings, silently or aloud.
Presider	Merciful God, you have chosen us as your people and commanded us to love one another through your powerful spirit. Guide us to grow as disciples of Jesus and give us joy in receiving and sharing your love and mercy. 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

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.

Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

 Text:
 Song of Solomon 8:7,6; John 15:13; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 Corinthians 6:11; 1 Peter 2:9; Romans 12:1

 Music:
 John Ireland (1879-1962)



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:



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

UR 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. Then all sing the Fraction Anthem Antiphon, the choir sings the verses.



The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. *Antiphon*

One body are we, alleluia,

for though many we share one bread. Antiphon

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

O Lord, who dost teach us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and all virtues, without the which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thy only Son, Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Text: Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556)

Music: Michael Sitton (b. 1958)

Hymn



Text: 1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 12:4, 12–13, 20; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 4:4–6; The Didache 9 *Music:* One Bread, One Body, John B. Foley (b. 1939)

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.

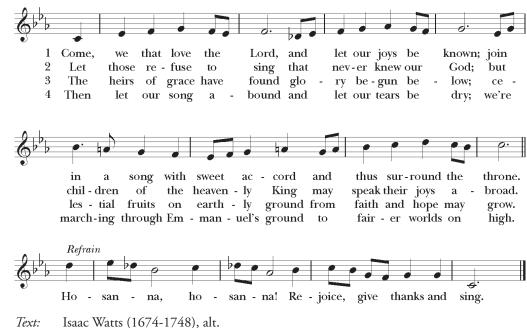
THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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



Music: Vineyard Haven, Richard Wayne Dirksen (1921-2003)

THE DISMISSAL

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune

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 loving memory of PeeDee Hoke.

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

-Participants-

Clergy

The Rev'd Rainey G. Dankel, *Associate Rector for Parish Life* The Rev'd Andie Rohrs, *Associate for Pastoral Care*

Musicians

Christopher Reynolds, D.M.A., *Director of Music and Organist* Crystal Jonkman, *Music Associate* The Saint Paul's Choir

Lectors

John Epps Suzanne Spooner-Munch

Intercessor

Sue Wilson

Acolytes

Ella Etters Mary Hayden Stehle Stephen Peple, *Mentor*

Eucharistic Ministers

Zac Turnbow Michelle Walker

Altar Guild

Yvonne Gold, Mary Jo Kearfott, Mary Fran Lowe; Michelle Whitehurst-Cook, *Chair*

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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