
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

WELCOME!

Welcome: Whatever your background and however you have come to be here, we are glad you are. It is our prayer that you will encounter God's peace this morning.

About Our Worship: As Christians in the Episcopal (*episcopal=church with bishops*) tradition, our worship is rooted in Holy Scripture and the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), which has united Christians all over the world in a common language of prayer and worship since the sixteenth century. The hope of finding ourselves in the midst of this ancient tradition is that we might both learn from those who have come before and add our own voices to the heavenly chorus. Our liturgy (*the work of the people in worship*) helps us when our words fail, ensures that we hear a thorough account of God's Word, and invites us to add our own voices and experience to God's story. You will find some people kneeling, bowing, and making the sign of the cross as expressions of devotion and blessing. This is neither requisite nor uniform, and we invite you to participate as you feel comfortable.

Worshipping with Children: We are delighted to have children in our midst no matter how squiggly they may be. Worship bulletins for children are located on the table in the rear lobby. Activity bags and a small library of books can be found right outside of the left door next to the piano. In order to reduce cross-contamination, each household has a designated bag. If you are new, we invite you to pick up a bag with a "New Friend" tag.

Restrooms: Restrooms are located at the end of the hallway behind the stairs. Exit through the front or rear doors and make a right at the double doors.

EASTERTIDE

Easter tide is a 50-day season lasting from Easter until the feast of Pentecost. It lasts 50 days because after the resurrection, Jesus spent forty days on earth before he ascended, and then there were ten more days after that before the Day of Pentecost (the day the Holy Spirit descended onto the followers of Jesus). Eastertide is a festive continuation and observance of Christ's victory over sin, darkness, and death through his resurrection. The Paschal Candle—symbolizing the pillar of fire by which God led the Hebrews out of Egypt toward the promised land and the light of Christ that death cannot vanquish—sits prominently in the sanctuary among us to provide continuing inspiration for us to hear and discern what it means to be resurrection people. During this season there is no fasting, and the Council of Nicaea (325) directed that Christians are to pray standing. The word "alleluia" (praise the Lord) is said or sung repeatedly, which contrasts sharply with the season of Lent when the alleluia is omitted. The color of liturgical vestments and hangings is white or gold, which is the color of feast days and resurrection.

+ = *You are invited to stand.*
BCP = *Book of Common Prayer*

WE CONFESS AND SEEK GOD'S MERCY

+Opening Greeting		BCP 323
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WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

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WE RESPOND TO GOD

+Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed
Prayers of the People
The Peace

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

+Offertory & Doxology

All things come of thee O Lord:
and of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer II	BCP 340
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
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Birthday and Anniversary Blessings	
The Blessing	

WE GO IN THE STRENGTH OF GOD

+The Dismissal

Deacon	Go in peace and know that God goes with you.
People	Thanks be to God.

Hymnal=*Hymnal 1982*; PSB=*Piney Song Book*

+ = *You are invited to stand.*

PRELUDE

Voluntary on "Easter Hymn"

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The strife is o'er, the battle done

Hymnal 208

vv. 1, 2, 5

OPENING ACCLAMATION & PRAYER FOR PURITY

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People 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 OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end, you break through the locks of gated communities and hardened hearts: accept our doubts, heal our desire for certainty and, by your Spirit's gentle touch, make us a people forgiven and forgiving; through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace. **Amen.**

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MOMENT

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Acts 5:27-32*

This summary section, one of three thus far in Acts (also 2:42-47 and 4:32-35), has as its theme the powerful signs and wonders of the apostles. They meet in the temple and attract a growing crowd. Many of these believers are from outside the Jerusalem area and take their new faith with them when they return to their homes, thus seeding the Christian message throughout the Mediterranean.

The apostles were brought before the council where the high priest confronted them: "In no uncertain terms, we demanded that you not teach in this name. And look at you! You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching. And you are determined to hold us responsible for this man's death."

Peter and the apostles replied, “We must obey God rather than humans! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God has exalted Jesus to his right side as leader and savior so that he could enable Israel to change its heart and life and to find forgiveness for sins. We are witnesses of such things, as is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey God.”

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 150

This call to universal praise is the concluding psalm of the songs of Israel.

¹ Alleluia! Praise GOD in the holy temple; *
praise GOD in the firmament of his power.

² **Praise GOD for every mighty act; ***
praise GOD’s excellent greatness.

³ Praise GOD with the blast of the ram's-horn; *
praise GOD with lyre and harp.

⁴ **Praise GOD with timbrel and dance; ***
praise GOD with strings and pipe.

⁵ Praise GOD with resounding cymbals; *
praise GOD with loud-clanging cymbals.

⁶ **Let everything that has breath ***
praise GOD. Alleluia!

GOSPEL HYMN

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

Hymnal 199

vv.1,2

+THE GOSPEL LESSON *John 20:19-31*

John stresses Jesus's fulfillment of the promises made before his death. He has returned, bringing peace and joy. He shows his wounds to establish that the crucified Jesus and the risen Christ are one and the same. Jesus then gives the disciples a commission and breathes the Holy Spirit upon them. This is the "new creation" of humanity and the transmission of Jesus's divine life to the Church.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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

It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."

Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe."

After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!"

Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe."

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

Celebrant

Grace to you and peace from Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead. The Lord has acted; let us rejoice and be glad, saying “You are our God; **and we thank you.**”

Intercessor

Almighty God, you have given your Church the ministry 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. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: St. Mark’s Church, DC; St. Mark’s Church, Fairland; Church of the Good Shepherd, Silver Spring; and Good Shepherd Episcopal Preschool, Silver Spring.

silence

You are our God; **and we thank you.**

Ruler of the kings of the earth, Lord Jesus, your word is a word of peace: speak forth salvation in a weary world.

silence

You are our God; **and we thank you.**

All you do, O Lord, is marvelous in our eyes: give us a respect for all you have made.

silence

You are our God; **and we thank you.**

Mighty Savior, raise up faithful witnesses in our community, that our neighbors might come to know that you love them and have freed them from the power of sin.

silence

You are our God; **and we thank you.**

O Lord, you are good; your mercy endures forever: be the strength of the weak and the song of those who mourn. We pray for those on our prayer list: **Natasha, Cami, Jenna, Tony, Stephanie, Sally, Donna, Diane, Jack, Joyce, Barbara, Ed, Rodgers, Dick, Tom, Vera, Irene, Betty, Sarah, Barbara, Nancy, George, Noah, Kevin, Shauna, Sheila, Arthur, Richie, Debbie, Katherine, Jack and Lauren.**

Please all your intercessions, silently or aloud.

silence

You are our God; **and we thank you.**

Alpha and Omega, you do not hand your beloved ones over to death, but promise life eternal to all those baptized into your Son: to you be glory and dominion forever.

silence

You are our God; **and we thank you.**

The Celebrant will add a closing prayer.

THE PEACE

Celebrant Christ descended to death and hell, passed through doors locked by fear to breathe the Spirit of peace and make us one humanity; nothing can now separate us from the love of God. The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and each other, you're invited to greet your neighbor in a spirit of peace.

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

THE OFFERTORY

At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money given. You may place your offering in the offering tray or scan the QR code to give securely online. We are grateful for your generosity.



OFFERTORY

I Danced in the Morning

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+THE DOXOLOGY

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**Praise God, the source of breath and birth,
who formed us from the dust of earth,
and made us kin in unity
to love and set each other free. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues

We praise you, God of freedom, for you breathed life into the void and showed yourself as the one who loves in freedom.

From the nothingness of enslavement you called a people into being and led them to springs of life; the presence of your glory went with shattered exiles into strange and distant lands and gathered from the valley of despair the flesh and blood of living hope.

In Jesus, you confronted the powers that killed and oppressed and you spoke to those considered dead and helped them stand again; he taught us to die that we might live.

He gave himself for us tortured and forsaken, but he could not be confined by death; in the garden he speaks our name, in the breaking of the bread he shows himself among us; by the lakeside, in the new day, he calls us to take up his work.

Therefore, with all who lost faith, all who walked away in sadness, with the women at the tomb, and the men who hid in fear we confess ourselves surprised by the suddenness of dawn and join the undying song of heaven:

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

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread,

gave thanks, broke it and said: “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.”

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.”

As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold. Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Therefore we come in memory and hope, responding to your call and the promise that echoes from the dawn of all time. May mind and heart be held by your self-giving love as we stand before the cross, approach the empty tomb, and praise the one whose name is lifted high above all earthly power.

Receive our broken offering through his all-powerful grace and bind us in communion with all who share your gifts; through Jesus Christ, in whom all ages and all the worlds are drawn into the ceaseless love of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:
People **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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As an act of adoration, a moment of reverent silence is kept as the bread is broken, which symbolizes the breaking of Jesus’ own body.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant Come to this table where the living Christ offers us bread broken for our journeying and wine poured out for our tears. Share together in this meal where loss finds comfort in promise and despair is transformed into hope. Whoever you are, whatever you bring, hear the risen Christ call your name; and accept God's invitation to new life.

Upon the presentation of the consecrated elements,

Celebrant Behold who you are.

People **May we become what we receive.**

THE COMMUNION

All are welcome to feast here. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of communion, cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN *Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor* Hymnal 307

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Risen Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands; the word of life in whom our joy is complete: send us out to declare your truth, your unshakable faith in the world you love. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN *The day of resurrection* Hymnal 210

WE GO IN THE STRENGTH OF GOD

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth as resurrection people. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

THE POSTLUDE *Bless Us Now, Dear Lord, We Pray* Moore

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Parishioners, Family, and Friends: Natasha Benn, Cami Caudill & Jenna Monroe, Tony Hackley, Stephanie Mohney, Sally Barley, Donna Boswell, Diane Coon, Jack & Joyce Ferguson, Barbara Huiras, Ed Jaffe, Rodgers Johnson, Dick Leman, Tom May, Vera Otto, Irene Savoy, Betty Wilson, Sarah P., Barbara F., Nancy J., George D., Noah S., Kevin B., Shauna L., Sheila L., Arthur K., Richie C., Debbie C., Katherine K., Jack C., Lauren M.

Armed Forces: Cameron Chase, Zach Kettner, Malachi Lakey, Megan Laurine, Casey Mills, Nate Ochsner, Garrett Roberson, Jr., Connor Runser

First Responders: Matt Backman, Liz Caswell, Chris Cox, Jimmy Cox, James Laurine, Kenny Levy, Jason Lyon, Pat Lyon, Alvaro Paz Hicho, Luke Smith

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Mark's Church, DC; St. Mark's Church, Fairland; Church of the Good Shepherd, Silver Spring; Good Shepherd Episcopal Preschool, Silver Spring

Community and World: the people of Ukraine, Russia, Ethiopia, and Yemen; those suffering from COVID-19

In order to keep the list current and to facilitate the intentionality with which we pray, names remain on the prayer list for one month (but can be renewed at any time). To submit a prayer request: email Joyce Scofield: rjscofield@comcast.net or Mother Maria: mkane@stpaulswaldorf.org

THIS WEEK

This Week's Reflection Questions

Thomas doubted the resurrection until he saw the nail holes and put his finger in the wound of the risen Christ's hands and side. We, too, have been wounded in this life, and our society often teaches us to hide our wounds and vulnerabilities. What might happen if, like Christ, we invited those shut down by life to explore our wounds?

Household Prayer: Morning

Gracious God, you are the God who is and was and is to be. Thank you that Christ has freed us to be a kingdom of priests serving you and your world. Give me a deeper sense, as I move through this day, of what it means to say that you are my "Alpha and Omega," my A to Z. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Jesus, tonight I remember that your gospel gives me the power to forgive any and all, through the gift of your Holy Spirit, and that includes forgiving myself. Breathe your peace into me so that even if I pierced you today, I can still see you coming to embrace me with your freedom and love this night. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH GROUP HIKING TRIP

The Youth Group (6th-12 grade) will be taking a hiking trip and picnic to Great Falls National Park on Saturday, May 14. We will carpool and depart from the church at 8:00 a.m. and return by 2:30 p.m. All participants must have a permission form on file by May 7. Sign up on Realm or let Deacon Steve know.

MOTHER MARIA AWAY

Mother Maria will be away on Easter holiday April 25-May 2. In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Deacon Steve (301) 518-2707; sseely@stpaulswaldorf.org.

PENTECOST WORSHIP & PICNIC

Join us June 5 at 9:30 a.m. followed by a picnic and games at 10:30.

YARD SALE

Our yard sale benefiting community and outreach ministries will be held on June 3 & 4. We are now accepting donations.

ALTAR FLOWER ORDERS

Upcoming available dates: May 29, June 12, July 10, July 24. Please complete the form with payment in the Welcome Center or contact the office at office@stpaulswaldorf.org or (301) 645-5000 to sign up. Thank you.

COFFEE HOUR SIGN UP

We are asking folks to sign up to do a simple coffee hour beginning. Items to bring: donuts; bagels & cream cheese; muffins; or, cookies. Sign up sheets are posted in the fellowship hall. **There are many openings to sign up.** Thank you.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 24, Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 27

8:00 p.m. AA

Saturday, April 30

8:00 p.m. AA

Sunday, May 1, Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. A Service of Morning Prayer
 10:15 a.m. A Service of Morning Prayer
 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

MINISTERS IN WORSHIP

	April 24, 8:00	April 24, 10:15
Acolytes		Colin Finley, Emily Lopez, Paula Truitte
Prayers of the People	Wendy VanHoozier	Jerry Corbett
Reader	Jeannie Paz Hicho	Charlie Gaumond
Ushers	Fern Brown Joyce Scofield	Laurie Jaffe Sallie Lyons
Live Stream		Tom Gryn
Altar Guild	Jane Fruh, Yvonne Mattison	
Counter	Joe Guy, Phil Hamilton, Paula Truitte	



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