



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The Second Sunday of Easter

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April 28, 2019 8 a.m.

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Whether this is your first visit or you have been a member for years, we're glad you're here! This bulletin is designed to guide you through the service. Hymnals, Bibles and the Book of Common Prayer are in the pews and available for your use as well. Please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your time with us more enriching and enjoyable.

Holy Eucharist *Liturgy of the Word*

Prelude

Hail Christ Our Redeemer!

Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

Please stand as you are able at the sound of the bell

Entrance Hymn

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

Hymnal 178

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 323

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name: through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards all.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let 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.**

Please be seated.

As Episcopalians, our custom is to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Holy Scripture. You are invited to do so right here in your bulletin.

First Reading

Acts 5:27-32

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 150

- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise God in his holy temple; *
praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts; *
praise him for his excellent greatness.
- 3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; *
praise him with lyre and harp.
- 4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; *
praise him with strings and pipe.
- 5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; *
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that has breath *
praise the LORD. Hallelujah

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

A Reading from the book of Revelation.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

Please stand.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Liz Williams

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 326

All stand as able and say together.

Prayers of the People

BCP p. 328

Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

Deacon

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Leader

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Teach us, O God, to treasure the differences that distinguish one person from another. Help us to overcome fear and hatred. Open our hearts to see thy radiance in every human soul. Give us the courage to combat prejudice and intolerance, and bless us with compassion, with kindness, and with peace.¹

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers *especially our presiding bishop, Michael; our bishops John and Diane; our clergy Susan, Liz, Ed, and Dick*; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land *especially Donald, our President; the congress and courts; Gavin, our Governor*, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor **Lillian, Wayne, Marilyn, Adele, Babs, Laura, Brenda, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Grace, Duncan, Steven, Sarah, Frank, Julie, Liz, Bruce, Lynn, Charly, Paul, Mary, Carol, Mary, Kathie, Tom, William** and those enduring a long term illness *especially Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Joanne, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rachel* and those others on our hearts and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those affected by acts of violence and the recent fires and floods.

(See page 8 for other parish petitions and prayers of thanksgiving.)

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear *especially Jim Carley, Lorraine Helen, Bill Danforth* and those whose names we bring before God, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Paul and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Peace

All stand as they are able.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

Announcements

Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Special Occasions.

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Thank you for your donation. Your generosity is appreciated. We look forward to doing great things in the name of Christ with whatever you are able to give.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

Offertory

Jubilee!

Gilbert Martin

Presentation Hymn

He is risen

Hymnal 180

Please stand as you are able.

Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer I)

BCP p. 333

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 336

Breaking of the Bread

BCP p. 337

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Prayer of Humble Access

BCP p. 337

Invitation

This is the Banquet of the Lamb. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who fear you have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is the Lord's will that those who want him should meet him here.

All are welcome to come forward. The table we set is the Lord's. Our custom is to receive the bread in your open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer or sulfite-free juice. Sip the wine, if you wish it, from the common cup, guiding the chalice gently with your hand or the Eucharistic Minister will dip the bread for you. Otherwise, cross your arms over your chest as a sign you wish to receive a blessing.

Communion Music

Meditation on He is Risen

Peter Pindar Stearns

Post Communion Prayer

BCP p. 339

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Blessing

Go in the peace of the Lord Jesus. May Christ's light shine brightly in your hearts so that you may bring the joy and the hope of Easter to others; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you this day and forever more. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

O praise ye the Lord!

Hymnal 432

Please stand.

Dismissal

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Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Instrumental

Acknowledgements and Copyright Information

¹ *A Prayer for Tolerance* Rabbi Naomi Levy, adapted by Barbara Bennett and David Catron.

Check out next Sunday's readings at www.lectionarypage.net

**Did you know that today is the Octave Day of Easter?
Also, Quasimodo Sunday?**

The term **Octave of Easter** refers to the eight-day period (octave) in Eastertide that starts on Easter Sunday and concludes with the Sunday following Easter. The **Octave Day of Easter** refers only to that day. It is also called **White Sunday** or **Low Sunday**, particularly in the Anglican Communion. It may be called **Thomas Sunday**, especially among Eastern Christians, or **Quasimodo Sunday** and **Quasimodogeniti**, among other names. On 30 April 2000, it was also designated as Divine Mercy Sunday by Pope John Paul II.

What does Quasimodo mean?

The name *Quasimodo* came from the Latin text of the traditional Introit for this day, which begins "*Quasi modo geniti infantes...*" from 1 Peter 2:2, roughly translated as "As newborn babes [desire the rational milk without guile]...". Literally, *quasi modo* means "as if in [this] manner".

Quasimodo, the protagonist of the 1831 French novel *Notre Dame de Paris* (most often called in English *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*) by Victor Hugo, was found abandoned on the doorsteps of Notre Dame Cathedral on the Sunday after Easter, AD 1467.

Thank you to Sara Edwards for sharing this information from Wikipedia with us!
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Octave_of_Easter

Serving This Week

Acolytes	Jo Ellen Heil
Chalice	Jo Ellen Heil, Peter Bowers
Psalm	Peter Bowers
Lay Readers	Judy Drew, Tom Drew
Prayers of the People	Jo Ellen Heil
Cantor	Diego Magaña
Ushers	Jay & Patti Widdows
Hospitality Sponsors	Carl Helms

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's
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Today 4/28	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	12:00 pm	Climate Change Presentation (Community Room)
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel, Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Mon. 4/29	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Wed. 5/1	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Thurs. 5/2	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Fri. 5/3	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Sat. 5/4	10:00 am	Quarterly Family Gathering (The Abundant Table)
	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Sun. 5/5	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:00 am	African Team Ministries (Kahler Hall)
	9:00 am	Fair Trade Sales (Kahler Hall)
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation, Fair Trade Sales (Kahler Hall)
	11:30 am	African Team Ministries (Kahler Hall)
	11:30 am	Creating Blessing Rocks (Courtyard Outside Kahler Hall)
	11:30 am	Music Ministries Open House
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel, Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)

Prayer Intentions for the Week of April 28

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan
Diane Jardine Bruce, Bishop Suffragan

Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Liz Williams
Ed Steever, Dick Swanson
President Donald Trump, Congress, Federal Courts
Governor Gavin Newsom, Legislature, State Courts

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

Lillian, Wayne, Adele, Babs, Laura, Brenda, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Grace, Duncan, Steven, Sarah, Frank, Julie, Liz, Bruce, Lynn, Charly, Paul, Mary, Carol, Mary, Kathie, Tom, William

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Joanne, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rachel

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + The spiritual, physical and moral development of our children and youth; the children, youth, and adult leaders of our Sunday School, Youth Group, Boy Scout Troop 179, La Famiglia Preschool, and VCSAGE
- + U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- + Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles: Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles: *Hillsides-the Episcopal Home for Children*, Pasadena; *Neighborhood Youth Association*, West LA.; *Holy Family Services*, Ventura County.
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiaowo*, Ghana
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Unitarian/Universalist, Center for Spiritual Living, An Lac Mission (Buddhist), Mormon Church*

IN MEMORIUM

Jim Carley
Lorraine Helen
Bill Danforth

Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month. Contact the office with your request which may be added at any time. They may be requested and/or renewed by using the prayer cards in the pews.



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