

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
The seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2024

ENTER REST PRAY

Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on your journey, you are welcome here.

Children's Chapel is open to all children during the service in the nursery

Please take a moment to silence all electronic devices.

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Welcome to St. Paul's

Welcome to St. Paul's Steamboat! As we gather together in fellowship this week, we extend a warm embrace to all who join us in worship and community. In the spirit of inclusivity and love, let us open our hearts to the grace and presence of God as we journey together in faith. May this time together be a source of inspiration, renewal, and connection for each of us.

Within the walls of our historic Episcopal Church, we are reminded of our rich heritage and the journey of faith that has brought us to this moment. From our humble beginnings to our present-day community, we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us, guided by the principles of compassion, justice, and reverence for all of God's creation. As inheritors of a tradition rooted in both ancient wisdom and modern insight, we embrace a faith that is both timeless and everevolving, seeking to live out the Gospel message in our lives and in the world around us.

In the Episcopal Church, we celebrate the beauty of diversity and the unity found in our common faith. With open minds and open hearts, we welcome individuals from all walks of life, embracing the unique gifts and perspectives each person brings. As we gather in worship, study, and service, we are called to be agents of God's love and reconciliation, working together to build a more just and compassionate society. So, as we embark on this journey of faith together, let us be guided by the example of Christ, who welcomed all with open arms and called us to love one another as he has loved us.

Welcome, beloved members and cherished visitors alike, to this sacred space where all are embraced and valued and where we are invited to encounter the living God and to be transformed by the power of grace. Together, let us seek the light of God's love and share it abundantly with one another and the world around us.

Blessing and Peace,

Jeremy +

The Very Rev Jeremy Lucas, Interim Rector

"BCP" in the righthand margin followed by a page number means the red Book of Common Prayer. "H" and a number means the hymn number in the blue Hymnal 1982. "S" and a number means the service music number in the front section of the Hymnal 1982. Please don't hesitate to ask for or offer help as needed!

Prelude

The Word of God

Please stand as you are able.

Procession Hymn "All hail the power of Jesus' name" vv. 1-3

H450

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant

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

Gloria S280

The Collect of the Day

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The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Please be seated for the lessons.

The First Lesson Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 "A Reading from the Book of Acts."

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus~ for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us~ one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, * nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, * and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, * nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Second Lesson 1 John 5:9-13

"A Reading from the First Letter of John."

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able and remain standing until invited to be seated for the sermon.

Gospel Hymn "Hail, thou once despised Jesus" v. 1

H495

The Gospel John 17:6-19

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world

has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong

to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Hymn "Hail, thou once despised Jesus" v. 3

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The Sermon

The Very Rev. Jeremy Lucas

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

Please stand as you are able.

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.

Please remain standing as you are able.

Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Look graciously on your Church at St Paul's, and so guide the Search Committee and Vestry who shall find and choose a rector for this Parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, including Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Sandy, Angela, Jane, Carrie, Carolyn, and Peter; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

If you have an announcement to make, please raise your hand and an usher will bring a microphone so that your announcement can be captured in the livestream/recording of the service.

Communion Announcement

The Holy Communion

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The people stand while representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine to the celebrant. The people may be seated after the elements are placed on the altar.

Offertory Hymn "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"vv. 1, 3-4

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Those who wish to make a financial gift toward the ministry of St. Paul's as part of their offering are invited to do so. You may also make a gift online at steamboatstpauls.org, or place a gift in the offering plate at the baptismal font as you leave the sanctuary at the conclusion of our worship service.

Doxology



The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy sung by all

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The people then stand or kneel.

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Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human

nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in

him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, BCP p.363

People and Celebrant

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Fraction Anthem "Christ our Passover"

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Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to come to the altar rail as the ushers direct, for either communion or a blessing. Communion is considered complete whether you receive both the bread and the wine, or just one or the other. For the bread, simply extend your hands palm-up, one on top of the other (please let the minister know if you would like gluten-free bread). For the wine, you may either dip the bread in the chalice (known as "intinction") or help guide the chalice to your mouth. If you prefer a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate your desire for the priest to pray God's blessing over you.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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 his 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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships so that you will live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger, at injustice, oppression, exploitation of people and the earth so that you will work for justice, equity and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer so you will reach out your hand to them and change their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with foolishness to think that you can make a difference in the world, so that you will do the things which others say cannot be done.

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude Music

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Announcements

Ten printed copies of the E*News newsletter are available at the back of the church. Please ask an usher for a copy. These will be printed each week!

The DOK meeting was rescheduled from last Monday, May 6, to this Monday, May 13 – tomorrow!.

The Steamboat Chamber Singers, under the direction of our very own VINCENT JOHNS-LEE, will be presenting their spring concert here at St. Paul's on May 17 at 7pm and May 18 at 4pm. Many of our own choir members are part of the Chamber Singers. Tickets are \$15. See Vincent for tickets.

Are you visiting or new to St. Paul's

If you are interested in knowing more about our community, or weekly newsletter is a great way to stay Connected.





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