



PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

221 Union Street • Cary, North Carolina 27511

THE SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

The Rev. Javier Almendárez-Bautista, Celebrant
The Rev. Candy Snively, Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
MAY 14, 2023

Prelude

Processional

Be Thou My Vision

Hymn 488

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

The Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

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.*

The following is sung.

Gloria

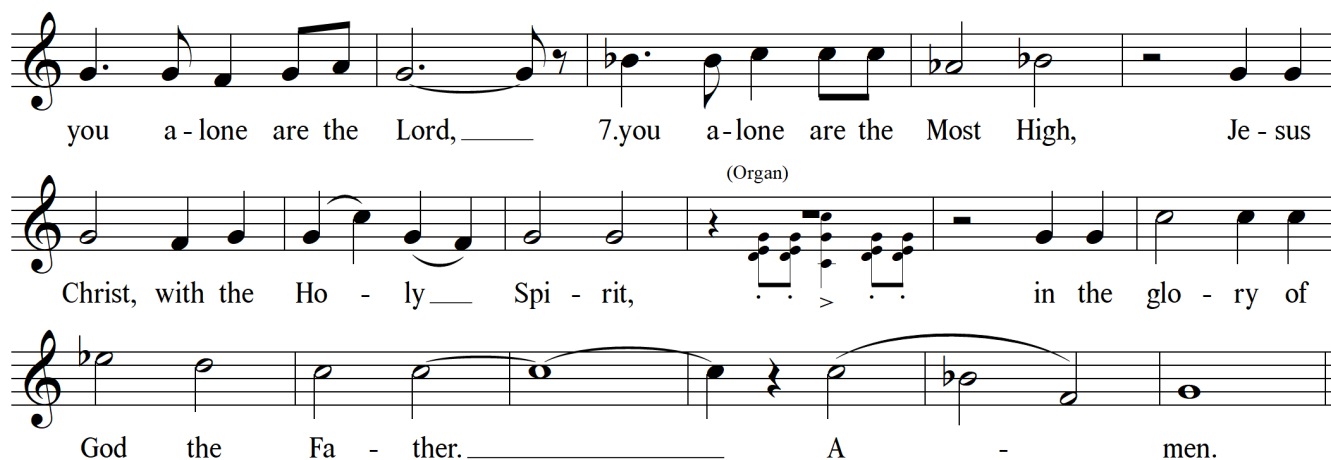
Glory to God

Hymnal S 278

(Organ)

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;
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
(Organ)

6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
 People *And also with you.*
 Celebrant Let us pray.

O 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.*

Children's Processional

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Hymn 405

Verse 1

Children's Chapel is for children ages 3 to 5th grade.

First Reading

Acts 17:22-31

A Reading from Acts.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
 People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm of the Day

Psalms 66:7-18

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *

which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

A Reading from First Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual

For the Fruit of All Creation

Hymn 424

Gospel

John 14:15-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Homily

The Rev. Candy Snively

Nicene Creed

All who are able, 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.

Prayers of the People

People's Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Peace

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

Announcements

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory

I Will Not Leave You Comfortless
St. Paul's Choir

William Byrd

Offertory Response *All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.*

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The people remain standing.

Celebrant 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 God thanks and praise.*

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 sins 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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymnal S 128

(organ)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, _____ heaven and earth are full _____ of your glo - ry.

(organ)

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. _____

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant and People

*We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

The Celebrant then continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray to you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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.

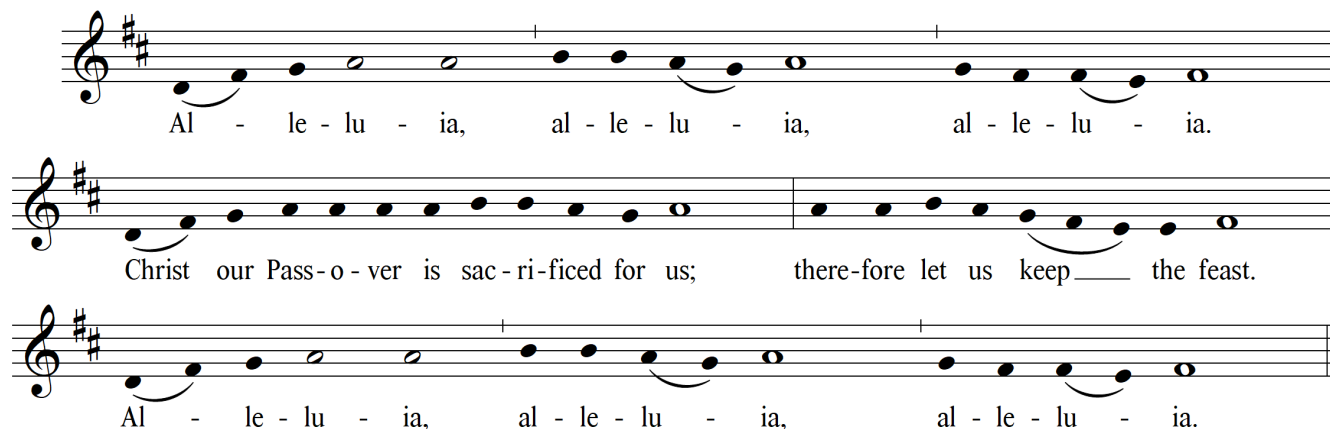
Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Christ Our Passover

Hymnal S 154



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass-o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to come forward for communion. Please follow the ushers' guidance as you come to the rail.

If you would like to receive the wine by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup), keep the bread in your hands and wait for the communion server to come to you.

If you would like to receive from the common cup (drinking from the cup directly), please consume the bread first and then make your way to the steps at the end of the rail. A communion server will be there with the common cup.

If it is not your custom to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest and the minister will offer a prayer. A priest is also available to provide prayers for healing in the back southwest corner of the church. Simply head to the back during communion distribution and wait for your turn.

Communion Music

Come Down, O Love Divine
As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought

Hymn 516
Hymn 705

If you are not receiving communion, you may say the following prayer.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Final Prayer

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food as we hear your Word proclaimed and gather at your holy Table. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional

All Creatures of Our God & King
Verses 1-5

Hymn 400

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

*The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for
our daughter, Evelyn, by Jon and Heather Gates.*

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New to St. Paul's? Please let us know you are here by filling out a visitor card in the pew. Stop by our Welcome Station in the narthex (lobby) to chat with Greeters and find materials that might help if you are new to St. Paul's or the Episcopal Church. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org to learn more.

Children's Chapel: Children ages 3-5th grade are invited to process to Children's Chapel during the 9:00 a.m. service and return to their parents during announcements.

Coffee Hour (Parish Hall): Hosted this week by the Men's Group at St. Paul's. Join us after the 9:00 a.m. service for coffee and conversation.

Adult Formation (Chapel, 10:15-11:00 a.m.): Our Easter Season Forums are on the Acts of the Apostles. Today, the Rev. George Adamik presents "Communal Discernment in Practice (Acts 11-15)."

Children's Sunday School (ages 3-5th grade): Classes are meeting in the Education Building from 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Youth Sunday School (6th-12th grade): Classes are meeting in the Youth Wing from 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC 6th-12th grade): Meets this evening from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Youth Wing.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Sunday Schedule begins May 28: Sunday service times: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m.

Newcomer Tour: Those new or newly returned to St. Paul's who wish to know more can join a tour of our campus the third Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m. Meet at the Welcome Station in the narthex (lobby) and we'll end at Coffee Hour.

Sabbatical for Fr. Javier: We wish Fr. Javier well as he begins his sabbatical this week. He will return to St. Paul's in mid-September.

ONE Wake Listening Sessions: ONE Wake at St. Paul's is conducting listening sessions as part of a county-wide campaign to surface the top pressures weighing on households in our region. Open sessions are scheduled for Sunday, May 21 at the Adult Forum hour (10:15 a.m.) and Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Wing. We want to hear from you; be part of St. Paul's goal of reaching 125 people by June 8. Questions? Contact onewake@stpaulscary.org.

Rising 6th Graders and ALL Sunday School teachers: Please plan to attend the 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday, May 21. We will be celebrating rising 6th Graders as they move up to our Youth Program. We will also be recognizing our Sunday School teachers who have dedicated their time to youth and children this year.

Women's Hangout: All adult women are invited to join us Wednesday, May 17 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. for a casual social gathering in the Courtyard (in case of rain, we'll move into the Parish Hall). Bring your own beverage and a chair; be prepared to pack out your own trash. Contact Kay Burgess at kay.burgess9396@gmail.com for more details.

Appalachia Service Project Trip Orientation: Mark your calendars for the ASP trip orientation on Sunday, May 21st from 12:30-2:00 p.m. in the Youth Wing. Those planning to join us the week of June 18-24 in Virginia should have already been receiving emails regarding \$100 downpayment to reserve your spot. If you are planning to go and have not responded with your payment, please contact Kevin Swann at swann.kev@gmail.com. Scholarships are available.

Vacation Bible Camp: Registration is open for "All Mixed Up and Upside Down," June 26-30, 9:00 a.m. til noon. Each day we will look at different "faces" of Jesus: how he went from an infant to a child, to a grown-up, and how the end of his life is really the beginning of everything. Campers must be age 3 (potty trained) through 5th grade. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to join the fun. Register online through the website by May 28; you can also find our link in the children's area of the narthex (lobby). Questions? Contact vbs@stpaulscary.org. Scholarships are available; contact Mother Alice at alice@stpaulscary.org.

Memorial Garden Columbarium Expansion: St. Paul's Memorial Garden Ministry is raising funds for an expansion of 90 additional niches to accommodate future needs. We are so grateful for the nearly \$24,000 already donated toward our \$30,000 goal. You can donate funds in memory of a loved one by contacting Jackie Straub at jmpstraub@aol.com. Checks should be made to St. Paul's, note Columbarium Expansion Project in the memo; include the name of the person(s) your donation is in memory of along with your check.

Arts and Crafts Festival Planning Committee: We are looking for help with planning to bring back the St. Paul's Arts and Crafts Festival. From 2013-2019, this fall event brought the community together for fun, food, and shopping, with proceeds supporting outreach ministries. Volunteers are needed in all areas, especially a vendor co-chair, logistics planner, table transportation and setup, and raffle manager. For more information, please contact Sally Moller sbm2@nc.rr.com.

Prayer List: Adelaide, Dave, Walt, Bob, Peggy, Lytvinenko family, Christa, Ann, Vickie, Ann, Melanie, Patricia, Wendy, M-K, Andy, Theresa, Clarence and Susan, Jodi, Lynn, Clint, Elizabeth, Laura, Margaret, Ava, Millie, Ruby, Mary Jo, Catherine, Randy, Bebian, Ronald, Sally, Bob, Thomas, Ann, Janet, Coby, Gayle, Sandra, Gretchen, Joe, Melissa, Kimberly, Ricardo, Mary, Terry, Myrna, Christy, Peggy, Billy, Bob, Edna, Nancy, Virginia, Daija, Dorothy, Kim, Lindsey, Justin, George, Des, Susan and Harry.

If you have a name you would like to include on the prayer list, or a ministry event that you would like to announce in this printed bulletin, please send information to announcements@stpaulscary.org. Please note that there is a 2 week lead time on printed announcements.



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