

# St. Paul's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY  
OF EASTER

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

HOLY EUCHARIST  
9:00 A.M. SERVICE  
APRIL 7, 2024

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Processional

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

Hymn 203

## 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 are 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 S278

(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,

you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus  
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**Collect of the Day**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
 People *And also with you.*  
 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.*

**Children's Processional** All Things Bright and Beautiful Hymn 405  
*Verse 1*

*Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.*

**First Reading** Acts 4:32-35

A Reading from Acts.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

**The Psalm** Psalm 133

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

**Second Reading** 1 John 1:1-2:2

A Reading from First John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess

our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

**Gradual** We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight (verses 1-3) Hymn 209

**Gospel** John 20:19-31  
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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.  
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

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

BCP 360

### Announcements

*If you would like to donate online, follow the QR code found on the giving card in the back of the pews.*

*At the end of the announcements, you are also welcome to come forward to make a special donation to Heifer International, a non-profit organization whose mission is to end hunger and poverty, to mark an anniversary, blessing, or other event.*

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

**Offertory** The Strife is O'er Henry G. Ley  
*St. Paul's Choir*

**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 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:

*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*

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:

### Memorial Acclamation

*Celebrant and People*

*Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.*

*The Celebrant then 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.*

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

### Lord's Prayer

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*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.*

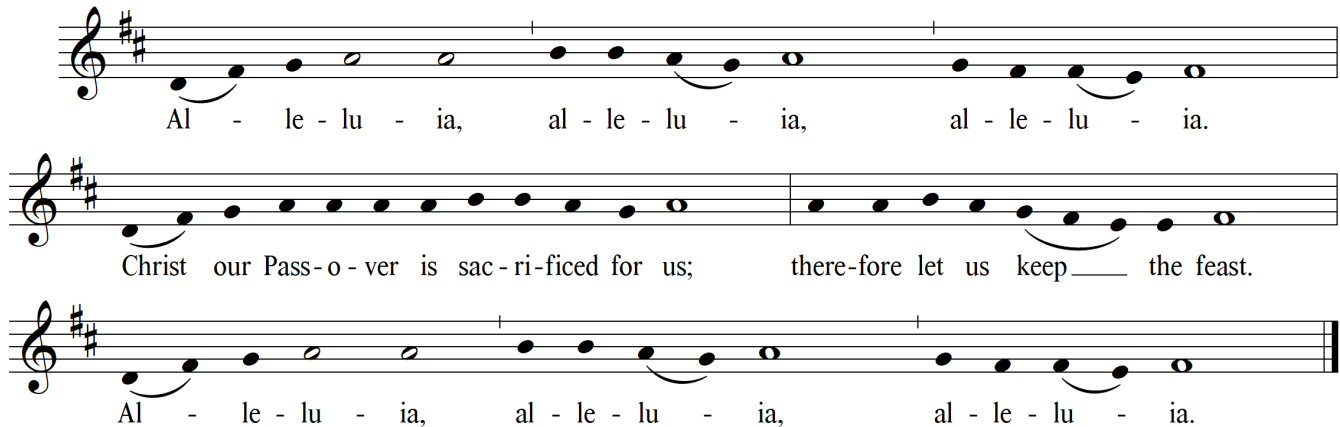
### Breaking of the Bread

*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, including children. 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.*

*If you are at home or otherwise unable to take communion, you may say the following prayer.*

### Spiritual Communion Prayer

*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.*

### The Communion Music

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light  
Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

Hymn 490  
Hymn 318

### 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

Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice

Hymn 212

**Dismissal**

Deacon  
People

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

**Postlude**

Carol Yeargin, Organist

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## APRIL 7, 2024

**New to St. Paul's? Welcome!** 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](mailto:mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org) to learn more.

**Children's Chapel:** Children ages 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to process to Children's Chapel during the 9 a.m. service and return to their families during announcements.

**Coffee Hour (Parish Hall):** Join us after the 9 a.m. service for a Ministry Fair, sponsored by the Ministry Leaders Resource Committee. Visit with friends and see what's going on in our community!

**Adult Formation (Chapel, 10:15-11 a.m.):** Please visit the Ministry Fair in the Parish Hall today in support of our many ministry leaders.

**Children's Sunday School (Education Building):** Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m.

**Youth Sunday School (Youth Wing):** Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m.

**Episcopal Youth Community (EYC):** Meets this evening for fun and fellowship from 5-7 p.m. in the Youth Wing.

**Pre-EYC (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders):** Meets this evening from 5-7 p.m. in the Youth Wing, combining with EYC. Join us!

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Newcomer Tour:** Those new or newly returned to St. Paul's who wish to know more can join a tour of our campus on the third Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m. No sign up is necessary; meet at the welcome area in the narthex (lobby).

**Easter Offering:** In the 43 years since the St. Paul's Chapel was built, the space has been an essential part of St. Paul's mission and ministry, serving as the main church until 2004 when we outgrew the space it provided. Our 2024 Easter Offering will raise funds to help offset expenses for renovating and maintaining this special place. Please be generous as you consider your gift; envelopes are in the pews and donations can be made online as well.

**Ministry Fair:** Join us in the Parish Hall today during Coffee Hour for a Ministry Fair. Leaders from many of our ministries will be on hand to share stories and answer questions about what they do and how you can get involved. This is a great way to visit with friends as you share coffee and stories, whether you are new, visiting or just looking to reconnect. Questions? Contact Lanny Wase at [lannywase@mac.com](mailto:lannywase@mac.com).

**Changemakers! Vacation Bible Camp (VBC) 2024:** Registration is open for campers, youth counselors and volunteers to experience Changemakers, an incredibly fun week of activities aimed at experiencing the transforming love of God and how we can change the world. VBC runs July 15-19, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. each day, \$45 per camper (scholarships are available). There are plenty of volunteer positions open for youth and adults of all ages! Find more information on the website, on our flyers or by contacting Sherri Hubbard at [vbc@stpaulscary.org](mailto:vbc@stpaulscary.org).

**A Great Cloud of Witnesses - An Exhibition of Icons by Kelly Latimore:** Mark your calendars for May 4-5 as St. Paul's hosts an exhibition of icons created by artist Kelly Latimore, whose work invites us into new ways of seeing God within others in our midst. The weekend will include a panel discussion and reception with Kelly and guests from the Pauli Murray Center for History and Social Justice and Episcopal Farmworker Ministry on Saturday. Kelly will also be the speaker at Sunday's adult formation. More details are available on the website!

**Chore Day Fundraiser for Appalachia Service Project (ASP):** Support the Youth ASP mission trip with our Chore Day Fundraiser, Saturday, May 11 from 8 a.m. - noon. For those unfamiliar with this project, parishioners and neighbors hire a crew of youth and adults to do yard work and other suitable projects around their homes in exchange for a donation to St. Paul's ASP Ministry. Please contact Stephanie Hirschy at [shirschy@yahoo.com](mailto:shirschy@yahoo.com) if you would like to hire a crew, or if you can work that day (we can use LOTS of helpers, even if you're not going on the trip).

**Diocesan "Give Up Your Silence" Postcard Campaign:** As part of Advocacy Day 2024, Episcopalians across the Diocese of North Carolina are invited to give up their silence and add their voices to Diocesan representatives meeting in person with legislators. You can do this by taking part in the "Give Up Your Silence" postcard campaign. Visit the Racial Justice Planning Group or Communications tables at today's Ministry Fair to pick up a postcard and instructions for joining this campaign. More information is also available on the website.

**Prayer List:** Dave, Walt, Bob, Peggy, Ann, Vickie, Ann, Lynn, Laura, Margaret, Mary Jo, Thomas, Mary, Virginia, Des, Mary, Christine, Kathy, Russell, Doug, Guy, Katie, Michael, Cathy, Alan, Jessica, Nancy, Sherry, John, Mary, Alison, Lynette, Susan, Randall, Clarence, Susan, Mary Marsha, Steve, Mila, Florence, Sue, Ron, Liz, Chris, Brent, Kim, Martha, Pam, Patty, Ed, Nancy.

**In the prayers for the deceased,** we pray for Walt Fiore.

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](mailto:announcements@stpaulscary.org). Please note that there is a 2-week lead time on printed announcements.



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