



# St. Paul's

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY  
OF EASTER

*The Rev. Javier E. Almendárez-Bautista, Celebrant*  
*The Rev. Stephanie Yancy, Homilist*

HOLY EUCHARIST  
9:00 A.M. SERVICE  
APRIL 27, 2025

**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, 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus

(Organ)

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 (v. 1)  
*Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.*

Hymn 405

### First Reading

Acts 5:27-32

A Reading from Acts.

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."

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

### The Psalm

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 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.

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

## Gradual

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Hymn 209

## Gospel

John 20:19-31

Gospeller        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.

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

## Homily

The Rev. Stephanie Yancy

## 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.*

## Confession and Absolution of Sin

BCP 360

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All who are able, kneel. Minister and People*

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus.

## Peace

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

## 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

Ave Verum Corpus

W.A. Mozart

(Sung in Latin)

St. Paul's Choir

*Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary,  
having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind,  
from whose pierced side water and blood flowed:  
Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death!*

### Offertory Response

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

### Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 364

*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*

*Hymn S128*

The musical score is written for a vocal ensemble (Celebrant and People) and organ. It is in 4/4 time and G major. The organ part begins with a chordal introduction. The vocal lines enter with the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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 organ provides accompaniment throughout, with a final chordal ending.

*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 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 367

*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.*

### Fractional Anthem

Christ Our Passover

Hymn S154

The image shows the musical notation for the Fractional Anthem 'Christ Our Passover'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff has the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff has the lyrics 'Christ our Pass-o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.' The third staff has the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

### 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**

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor  
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymn 307  
Hymn 324

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

BCP 366

*Celebrant and People*

*Loving Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

### **Blessing**

### **Recessional**

At the Name of Jesus

Hymn 435

### **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 loving memory of our son, Peter Thomas Goehrke.  
by John and Jacquelyn Goehrke.*

## **TODAY – APRIL 27, 2025**

**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. Join a tour of our campus on the third Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m. to learn more and meet others. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at [mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org](mailto:mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org) to find out more about us!

**Kids' Club (Education Building):** Our Kids' Club (nursery) is available during the 9 a.m. service through Coffee Hour; infants/toddlers through 36 months (3 years old) are welcome to attend. Children are always welcome in the service.

**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):** Hosted this week by the St. Paul's Vestry. Please join us after the 9 a.m. service for coffee and conversation as we say thank you and farewell to the Rev. Stephanie Yancy.

**Adult Formation (Chapel, 10:15-11 a.m.):** Join us next week as we begin our series "Telling Our Story: Easter Hope in a Time of Transition," hosted by St. Paul's clergy.

**Children's Sunday School - 5th grade and under (Education Building):** Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m.

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

**Pre-EYC - 4th and 5th grade (Youth Wing):** Join us from 5-7 p.m. for fun with EYC in the Youth Wing

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

## **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Our St. Paul's Rector Search Committee:** We are delighted to announce those who have agreed to serve our parish as the Search Committee for our next rector. Committee members have been approved by our vestry and have accepted the invitation to take on this important role. The committee members are: Lanny Wase (co-chair), Aleta McClenney (co-chair), Rick Bradley, Tim Buckley, Kay Burgess, Bill Bystrynski, John Goehrke (vestry), Carrie Hess (vestry), Mike Krannitz, Barb Magee, Ramsey McIntire, Glenda Swann (vestry).

**Rector Search Kickoff Events:** The Rector Search Committee is hosting Diocesan-guided events, led by transition officer the Rev. Marion Sprott, to imagine our future together as a community. We want every voice to be heard as we move through this process as a parish. Both gatherings will take place in the parish hall, one on Wednesday, May 14 at 7 p.m. and the other on Sunday, May 18 at 12:30 p.m. Your pre-registration helps us plan for enough materials to facilitate these meetings. Please register online or by contacting Aleta McClenney or Lanny Wase at [rectorsearch@stpaulscary.org](mailto:rectorsearch@stpaulscary.org).

**Easter Offering:** We encourage you to participate in our 2025 Easter Offering! All gifts received from this offering will help ensure we go from strength to strength in our ministry with young people and their families, even as we have sinkholes to repair in the parking lot and increased utility costs to contend with, too. Drop an Easter envelope in the plate or donate online indicating "Easter offering" in the notes.

**Endowment Grants Available:** Do you have an idea for a project that could use St. Paul's endowment funds? Are you wondering how you can put a team together to make it happen? The Endowment committee is accepting applications for distributions from our funds (General, Outreach, Grounds, Kids' Club). We are happy to advise you on using funds for a one-time project or as seed money for something new. We work with the vestry to make sure projects are compliant with parish goals and fund requirements. Learn more about the amounts available and how to submit a request on the website, or email Kay Burgess at [endowment@stpaulscary.org](mailto:endowment@stpaulscary.org). The deadline for submissions is Apr. 30, 2025.

**Sign Up for St. Paul's Summer Community Groups:** Get to know others through small groups, meeting three times over three months this summer! Whether you are new to St. Paul's or have been a longtime member, we invite you to join us as we form, nurture, and deepen connections within our St. Paul's community. Sign up details can be found in the narthex, on the St. Paul's website, or by contacting Kim McCombs-Thornton at [mccombs\\_k@yahoo.com](mailto:mccombs_k@yahoo.com). Sign up by May 4!

**Pre-EYC (4th and 5th grade) News:** This evening from 5-7 p.m. in the Youth Wing is our combined gathering of Pre-EYC (4th and 5th grades) with our EYC (6th through 12 grades). This time is loads of fun as the groups compare notes on all they've done through the year and just enjoy being together! Dinner will be provided. Plan to join Pre-EYC again on May 4 from 5-7 p.m. in the Parish Hall for an End of Year Party with games, dinner, and popsicles. Many thanks to all the kids, parents, and volunteers for a great year!

**Teacher Appreciation Sunday May 4:** Celebrate all teachers who have volunteered with our Children's and Youth Sunday School programs this year on Sunday, May 4 at the 9 a.m. service. All are encouraged to write special notes of gratitude to our teachers; bring them with you next Sunday for the celebration. Questions? Contact Natalie Sroka at [natalie@stpaulscary.org](mailto:natalie@stpaulscary.org).

**Men's Group Meeting May 4:** The Men's Group invites all men, whether you're new to St. Paul's or a longtime member looking to reconnect, to our next meeting on Sunday, May 4 at 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This will be a relaxed social gathering with brief updates on events like the church picnic (June 8) as well as a facilities update from Jeff Kager. Please bring a snack to share and a beverage of your choice. Questions? Contact Rick Bradley at [rick\\_bradley@unc.edu](mailto:rick_bradley@unc.edu).

**Welcome Others by Wearing a Name Badge:** One of the most welcoming gestures we can make to those who join us on Sundays is simple: wear a name badge! Name badges help us all, no matter our length of stay here. If you have misplaced yours or need to order one for the first time, please stop by the welcome station in the narthex for a form or contact Joyce Loughlin at [loughlin1@mindspring.com](mailto:loughlin1@mindspring.com) for information.

**Become a Watering Buddy for our Courtyard Plants:** The Courtyard Committee ensures that our beautiful courtyard stays lovely during the hot days ahead by watering our tender plants on a regular basis. We are a small team and could use help with the watering schedule, which should require less than 30 minutes of your time. Enjoy the quiet beauty of the setting as you water. Sign up once or for several slots that fit your schedule; we'll make sure you know what to do. Copy this link (<https://bit.ly/2025CourtyardWater>) or contact Julia Rudy at [jbrudy@yahoo.com](mailto:jbrudy@yahoo.com) for more information.

**Racial Equity Institute (REI) Training:** The Racial Justice Planning Group and the Outreach Support Team are hosting a Racial Equity Institute (REI) Phase I training on May 8-9 at St. Paul's. REI's two-day workshop is designed to provide attendees with a vocabulary and historical framework for racism to better understand how it damages lives in all communities. The training is open to the public and has limited spaces; financial scholarships are available through St. Paul's. Learn more on the St. Paul's website or by contacting Kevin McIntire at [kvn.mcintire@gmail.com](mailto:kvn.mcintire@gmail.com).

**Prayer List:** Dave, Bob, Ann, Vickie, Ann, Laura, Margaret, Mary, Virginia, Doug, Guy, Katie, Cathy, Alan, Jessica, John, Mary, Susan, Clarence, Susan, Noah, Sally, John, Janice, John, Randy, the Lytvinenko Family, Mary, Regina, Nathanael, Lisa, Parrish, Matias, Yosi, Lorraine, Jackie, Christy, Randall, Connor, Carter, Martha, Joe, Rich, Jen, Jack, Louane, Ted, Barb, Peggy, Joy, Anne, Donna, Tim, Hope, Alexis, Marty, Janet, Austin, Liddy, Mary, Craig, Sue, Nancy, Henry, Nancy, Brenna, Lynn, and Melanie.

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). Names included in the prayer list will remain for a month, and we are happy to extend at your request. Please note that there is a 2-week lead time on printed announcements.



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