

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

The Rev. Stephanie Yancy, Celebrant The Rev. Sarah Phelps, Homilist

8:00 P.M. SERVICE APRIL 26, 2025

The service begins in the courtyard with the kindling of the New Fire, symbolizing the divine victory over sin and death as God rekindles the life of Christ in the tomb.

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 285

The Celebrant says

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

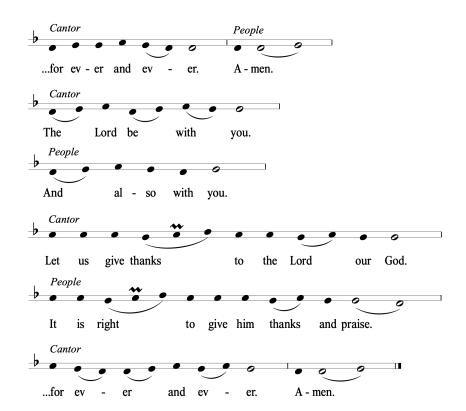
The Paschal Candle is lit from the New Fire, then service candles are lit from the Paschal Candle.

A member of the clergy, bearing the Candle, leads the procession indoors to the chancel. Please follow the choir in the procession and find a seat, keeping your candle lit. Between the baptismal font and the chancel, the candle-bearer pauses three times as the Cantor sings,

Deacon The light of Christ. People Thanks be to God.

The Exsultet S 69

Russell McKinney, Cantor



Liturgy of the Word

The Celebrant says

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

Please extinguish candles and be seated.

After each reading and canticle/psalm, please stand for the Collect if able.

The First Reading

Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

"Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Canticle 8 (sung) The Song of Moses Anglican Chant: James Turle

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *

the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *

the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, *

the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; *

Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *

the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *

they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *

who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; *

the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *

with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them * on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, * the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign * for ever and for ever.

All who are able stand.

Collect BCP 288

Let us pray.

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Please be seated.

The Second Reading

Isaiah 55:1-11

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Canticle (sung) Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah Anglican Chant: Henry Smart

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

All who are able stand

Collect BCP 289

Let us pray.

O God, O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Please be seated.

The Third Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Psalm 98 (sung)

Sing a New Song to the Lord

Anglican Chant: John Goss

- Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.
- With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world * and the peoples with equity. Amen.

All who are able, stand

Collect
Let us pray.

BCP 289

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Liturgy of Holy Communion

Ringing of the Bells

The Easter Proclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Gloria Glory to God Hymnal S278



Collect of the Day BCP 295

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

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Epistle Romans 6:3-11

A Reading from Romans.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

Psalm Psalm 114

1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, * the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary * and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
 Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, * and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?'*
 O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? * you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, * at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water * And flint-stone into a flowing spring.

All who are able stand.

The Gradual

The Great "Alleluia"

Russell McKinney, Cantor



The Gospel Luke 24:1-12

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

BCP 292

BCP 367

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and Celebrant

raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and yows of holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve god faithfully in his works, and promised to serve god faithfully in his holy

catholic Church.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and

> born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the

right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? Celebrant

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant continues.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Clergy sprinkle holy water upon the congregation in remembrance of their baptism and return to the chancel. All who are able remain standing.

Prayers of the People

People's Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

BCP 360 Peace

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.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Since By Man Came Death (from *Messiah*) G.F. Handel

St. Paul's Choir

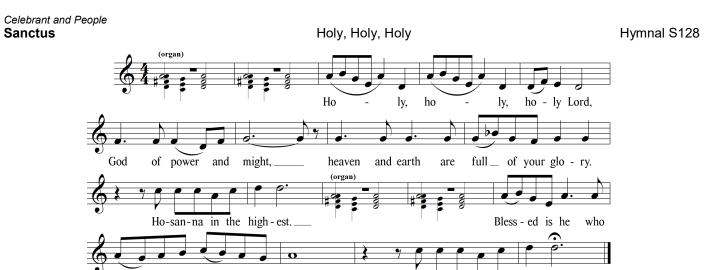
Eucharistic Prayer B The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you. Celebrant Lift up your hearts. People We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Celebrant It is right to give God thanks and praise. People

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:



The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

comes

in the name

of the Lord.

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.

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high - est.

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

The Celebrant 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

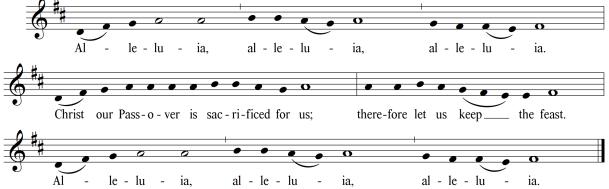
People and Celebrant

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 S154



Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Come and eat'; and he took bread, and gave it to them. Alleluia.

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.

Communion Music

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Hymn 174

Postcommunion Prayer

Common Worship Celebrant and People God of all peoples and nations, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son

and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All who are able stand.

Blessina Common Worship

The Celebrant says

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. Amen.

God the Son, who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Recessional Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain Hymn 199

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia. People

Postlude Carol Yeargin, Organist

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My Mother, Sarah by Olivia Delahaye

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My parents, Charles and Elise Clark by Ann Lockart

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Anne and Walter Beavin by Randall Robinson family

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Margie Best by Ellen Rose

Roman Bonfiglio and Joel Rudy by Julia and Brian Rudy

Jeanne Murtaugh by Joseph Schwartz

Our Loved Ones by Jackie and Ted Straub

Patrick Coleman by Diane Coleman, Rebecca and Ben Tursam

Grandparents by Vandana family

Michael and Carol Collins by Rich Wilson

To the Glory of God and In Thanksgiving for

My Granddaughter, Ember Arnold by Alison Arnold

Our Children Michael, Kathryn and Grant by Tim and Mary Buckley

For Rector search committee by Kay and Brad Burgess

My parents wedding anniversary by Olivia Delahaye

My daughters, sons-in-laws, and grandchildren by Gail Duncan

For family and friends and to the Glory of GOD by Lorraine A Greco

Mary by Ramonde Koonce

Our Grandchildren, Andrew, Jack, Emma, Cate, Madelyn, Olivia, Miles and Mira

by Dennis and Cathy Pfeiffer

Clergy of St. Paul's and Prayers of the People of St. Paul's by VR Russell & Judith Johnson Sarah, Brent, Liam, Zoe and Hannah by Deborah Seehorn

ALLELUIA! HAPPY EASTER!

Thank you for joining us for this Easter Day celebration! We are so glad you have chosen to be here today.

If you find yourself wanting to know more about our mission and ministries, we encourage you to dive deeper on our website, or to reach out to us via email or phone. May the joy of the Easter season awaken new hope for all of us!

TODAY – APRIL 20, 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 May at 10:15 a.m. to learn more and meet others. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at 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: Not meeting today. Join us next week during the 9 a.m. service.

Coffee Hour (Parish Hall): Join us after the 9 a.m. service for coffee and conversation during the Easter Egg Hunt.

Adult Formation (Church, 10:30-11 a.m.): Join us in May when Adult Forums resume.

Children's Sunday School - 5th grade and under (Education Building): Not meeting today; classes resume April 27.

Youth Sunday School - 6th thru 12th grade (Youth Wing): Not meeting today; classes resume April 27.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): Not meeting this evening. Join the fun on April 27 from 5-7 p.m.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Offering: We invite 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.

Easter Egg Hunt: Join us on the playground after the 9 a.m. service today for an Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Children's Ministry Committee! Children of all ages are welcome.

Online Book Study Begins this Week: Please join us for a discussion of Richard Rohr's latest work, "The Tears of Things," a study of the prophets and how they journey from anger to sadness and finally to compassion; how does this apply to us? Sessions will be held in two groups (Tuesdays or Wednesdays) over Zoom, from 7-8 p.m. beginning Apr. 22 and 23. Contact Gerri Batchelor at gerrikairos@gmail.com to learn more and sign up for either group.

ONE Wake Action Supporting Affordable Housing in Cary: Our neighbors at Greenwood Forest Baptist Church are working with other agencies to convert part of their property to affordable housing, along with space for early childhood education and family support services. The rezoning proposal will be heard publicly by the Cary Town Council on Apr. 24 (note date change) at 6:30 p.m. and we need supporters in the seats! Show up and make a difference for those who struggle to live here. Please register in advance on the ONE Wake website; a link is provided in the narthex. Questions? Contact Mary Kintz at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org.

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.

Thank You for Supporting the Hermano Day Mattress Swap Drive: Thank you to all who contributed to the call from the Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry to raise money for new mattresses for those who labor to put food on our tables. We raised \$18,905 for this project, which will purchase more than 75 new mattresses. Your kindness is truly appreciated.

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 for information.

Bread Bakers Needed: St. Paul's has a tradition of delivering a loaf of homemade bread to newcomers who fill out pew cards. We'd love to have your help with this welcoming ministry. Bakers are asked to bake two loaves of any kind of bread a few times a year. This is a great opportunity for those who don't have time for meetings or weekly commitments. Please contact Sally Moller at sbm2@nc.rr.com to learn more and volunteer. Thank you!

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. Find the sign up link on the St. Paul's website or contact Julia Rudy at jbrudy@yahoo.com for more information.

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. The deadline for submissions is Apr. 30, 2025.

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.

Supporting our St. Paul's Community: Do you have a delicious dish to share with a parishioner recovering from illness or injury? Could you give someone a ride to church or an appointment? Would you like to arrange/deliver flowers on a Friday afternoon? These are just a few ways that our Care and Share ministry supports those going through difficult times. If any of this sounds like something you would like to do, please talk to us about joining the Care & Share volunteers. There are no minimum hours or requirements other than a desire to support our community. Contact Sara Concini at sara.concini@gmail.com to learn more and volunteer.

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, and Lynn.

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. 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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