

St. Paul's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

The Rev. Javier E. Almendárez-Bautista, Celebrant
The Rev. Sarah Phelps, Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
MAY 11, 2025

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Processional

Alleluia! The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

Hymn 208

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant 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 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
 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.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, 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 9:36-43

A Reading from Acts.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

The Psalm

Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

A Reading from Revelation.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!
Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

Gradual

Jesus, Our Mighty Lord

Hymn 478

Gospel

John 10:22-30

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

Homily

The Rev. Sarah Phelps

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 Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

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

Brother James' Air
St. Paul's Choir

arr. Alan Bullard

*The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.*

*My soul he doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own Name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me; and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.*

*My table thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.*

*Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for ever more,
My dwelling place shall be.*

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 in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four staves. The first staff is for the organ, with the label '(organ)' above it. The lyrics are: '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 accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

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 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.

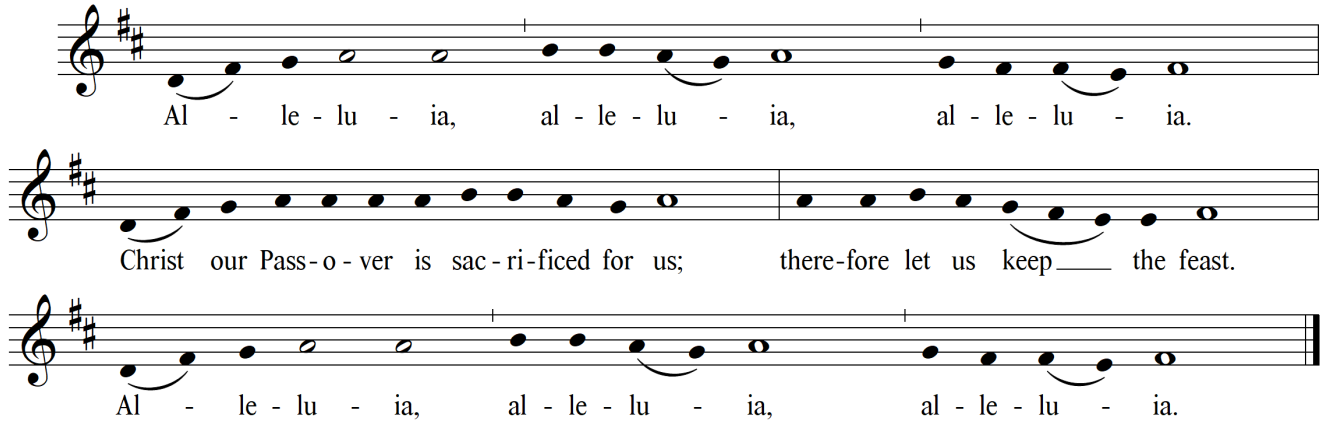
Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Christ Our Passover

Hymn S154



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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

Hymn 664
Hymn 343

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 366

Celebrant and People

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

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 In thanksgiving for Evelyn,
 by her family Jon, Heather, Emmie, & Logan Gates.*

TODAY – MAY 11, 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 to find out more about us!

Accessibility: St. Paul's strives to make our services and programs comfortable and accessible to all. Ushers and Greeters are available to help. Please let us know how we can work together to improve your experience here.

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 Men's Group. Please join us after the 9 a.m. service for coffee and conversation.

Adult Formation (Church, 10:15-11 a.m.): Our series *Easter Hope in a Time of Transition* continues today with "Let Your Life Speak: Discernment in the Christian Tradition" presented by Fr. Javier.

Children's Sunday School - 5th grade and under (Education Building): Classes are completed for this term.

Youth Sunday School - 6th thru 12th grade (Youth Wing): Classes are completed for this term.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): No meeting this evening; plan to join us May 18 for fun and fellowship.

SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 25

The summer service schedule, **7:30, 9 and 10:45 a.m. services**, begins May 25 and continues through August 31.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrating Deacon Candy Snively: Join us in celebrating the 20th anniversary of Candy Snively's ordination as a vocational deacon in The Episcopal Church. What a gift Candy has been in her ministry within the St. Paul's community as well as beyond the church walls. We give thanks today for 20 years of her ready smile, effusive love, and willingness to serve, and for her charge to us every time she serves at the Eucharist: "Go in peace to remember the poor, and to love and serve the Lord." Congratulations, Candy, and thank you for all you have given these 20 years!

Youth Sunday: Celebrate St. Paul's Youth next Sunday, May 18 at the 9 a.m. service! Youth lectors, ushers and eucharistic ministers will take the lead during the service. We will honor our graduating high school seniors, wishing them well wherever their paths lead. We will also celebrate rising 6th graders as they move up to our Youth Program. Join us for a festive coffee hour, honoring all the youth do for us.

Rector Search Kickoff Events: The Rector Search Committee is hosting Diocesan-guided events, led by transition officer the Rev. Marion Spratt, 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. Childcare is available, with advance registration. 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.

Rise Against Hunger is Coming June 1: All (including family, friends, neighbors) are invited to join a meal packaging experience with Rise Against Hunger at St. Paul's on Sunday, June 1 from 10 a.m.-noon in the Parish Hall. Meals are distributed through global partners that support school feeding programs, orphanages, crisis response and more. Volunteers ages 4 years and up can commit their time and money to both packaging and paying for these meals. Information about registering and donating can be found on our website and in the narthex. Contact Ramsey McIntire at dingervb@gmail.com with questions.

Parish Picnic June 8: The Men's Group is bringing back the beloved Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 8 on the church grounds! Sunday services will be at 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. that day, with the picnic starting immediately after the later service. Hamburgers and hotdogs are the main course; parishioners are invited to bring a drink, dessert, or side dish to share. A sign-up link will be posted soon to help with food planning. The festivities include a Bounce House for children. Dress comfortably for the picnic - come hungry and bring friends!!

Help Support Vacation Bible Camp (VBC): We're gearing up for *Waves of Wonder* (July 14-18) and looking for help from the community. Our crew has made volunteering super easy and welcoming for adults (bit.ly/stpaulsvbc). You can also help by purchasing supplies from our Amazon wish list. See the flyer in the narthex for more details. Don't miss this opportunity to welcome families and experience a fun week of learning about God's love. Spread the word!

Help With Summer Hospitality Ministries: If you have a heart for hospitality and would like to help us welcome summer visitors, we could use support for our bi-monthly Coffee & Chaos offering, a summer version of Coffee Hour that takes place in the lobby of the Parish Hall two times per month. The time commitment is about one hour, minding the snack/beverage cart and serving as a host. If you would like to serve in this ministry and help with a Sunday or two, please contact Mary Kintz at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org.

Safe Church Training: Safe Church policies establish and maintain standards intended to ensure that faith communities are safe places where all of God's people are loved and encouraged to grow into the people God calls us to be. The Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina requires clergy, staff, and volunteers working with children and to comply with Safe Church training, renewing every three years. The training can be completed through online modules by Praesidium Academy or an online diocesan Zoom training. Dates and registration information can be found on the St. Paul's website. If you have any questions about the requirements or the training, please contact Natalie Sroka at natalie@stpaulscary.org.

Easter Offering: We encourage you to participate in our 2025 Easter Offering, open through the Easter Season! 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.

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, Regina, Parrish, Jackie, Matias, Connor, Barb, Peggy, Carter, Hope, Marty, Janet, Austin, Liddy, Mary, Sue, Nancy, Henry, Nancy, Brenna, Lynn, Melanie, Ryan, Alyson, Ragheid, and Samson.

In the prayers for the deceased, we pray for Josefa Arellano Castro, mother of Maria Castro.

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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