



St. Paul's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

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

HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
MAY 25, 2025

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organ

Processional

Christ for the World We Sing!

Hymn 537

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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Children's Processional

All Things Bright and Beautiful (v. 1)
Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.

Hymn 405

First Reading

Acts 16:9-15

A Reading from Acts.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

The Psalm

Psalm 67

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| 1 | May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and
come to us. | 5 | Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you. |
| 2 | Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations. | 6 | The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his
blessing. |
| 3 | Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you. | 7 | May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in
awe of him. |
| 4 | Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth. | | |

Second Reading

Revelation 21:10; 21:22-22:5

A Reading from Revelation.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.***Gradual**

How Wondrous and Great Thy Works, God of Praise!

Hymn 533

Gospel

John 14:23-29

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Gospeller 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 PeoplePeople'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

If Ye Love Me
St. Paul's Choir

Thomas Tallis

*If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter.
That he may abide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.*

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:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

(organ)

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

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

(organ)

Ho-san-na in the high-est. _____ Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho-san-na in the high-est. _____

The Celebrant continues

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

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant then continues.

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

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

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

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

Lord's Prayer

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

Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love
O Jesus, Crowned with All Renown

Hymn 467
Hymn 292

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

Recessional

All Creatures of Our God and King (vv.1-4 &7)

Hymn 400

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Carol Yeargin, Organ

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the 44th wedding anniversary of Alison and Gordon Arnold.

TODAY – MAY 25, 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: Weekly Coffee Hours are on hiatus for the summer. Our bi-monthly Coffee & Chaos fellowship time begins June 15 after the 9 a.m. service. Plan to join us in the parish hall lobby for coffee and conversation while the children enjoy the playground.

**** SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR JUNE 8 SERVICES ****

Please note that Sunday worship services will be held at 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. on the Day of Pentecost, June 8.

Our Parish Picnic will begin after the 10 a.m. service.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Free Advocacy Pins for June Events: June is National Gun Violence Awareness Month, and traditionally, all who wish to see gun violence reduced wear orange. This year, June 6 is National Gun Violence Awareness Day, and everyone is encouraged to wear orange June 6-8. We also recognize June as Pride Month, an annual event which serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of acceptance, diversity, and love. Please find orange pins and rainbow ribbons on the counter in the narthex for anyone who wishes to wear them as advocates for these causes.

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. See the sign-up link posted online or connect here (bit.ly/43qP2025picnic) to help with food planning. The festivities include a Bounce House for children. Dress comfortably for the picnic - come hungry and bring friends!!

Book Drive for Read and Feed: This year, St. Paul's VBC is sponsoring a book drive to support Read and Feed, a high-impact reading tutoring program in Wake County. After tutoring sessions, children in the program self-select three books to build their home library, taking home over 75 books during the school year. Book donations help ensure they always have a diverse selection to choose from. Donate gently used children's books from your personal collection through July 6; drop books in the cart in the hall near the youth wing. Contact vbc@stpaulscary.org with questions.

Job Networking for Refugee Families: The Refuge for Refugees Ministry (R4R) is assisting families with finding employment, and we're asking for help with networking. We have individuals looking for work in information technology, administrative support and house cleaning services. If you know of opportunities and networks that might help with these job searches, please let Ann Lockhart and Deb Richard know (R4R@stpaulscary.org). They will be happy to share more details with you about the candidates' talents and experience.

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!

Easter Offering: We encourage you to participate in our 2025 Easter Offering, open through the Easter Season, ending June 8! 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, John, Randy, Regina, Parrish, Jackie, Matias, Yosy, Ashley, Connor, Barb, Peggy, Carter, Hope, Marty, Janet, Austin, Liddy, Mary, Sue, Brenna, Lynn, Melanie, Ryan, Alyson, Ragheid, Samson, Patrick, Sarah, Ryan, Nancy, and Ben.

In the prayers for the deceased, we pray for Barbara Brickman.

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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