



**St. PAUL'S**  
WOODBURY



**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Sunday, 10:00 am

April 28, 2024

# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

*Become, Belong, & Serve in the Love of Christ*

## Welcome to St. Paul's

We are blessed by your presence here this morning and want to do everything possible to make you feel at home. In our celebration of Holy Communion we believe that God welcomes all to Christ's Altar, including you! Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982 by your seat. Please join us in the Pearson Room (parish hall) after worship for **Coffee Hour**; our rector, Rev. Tuesday, and our Deacon, Rev. David, would love to meet you!

If you are new to St. Paul's, or have not yet filled out this form, please fill out our **Online Welcome Form** by scanning the QR code or going to <https://stpaulswoodbury.org/contact-us>. You can keep up with St. Paul's by signing up for our weekly **newsletter**: subscribe on our website or email the office.



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Our **ushers** are here to create a welcoming and safe space for worship; please let them know if you have questions, concerns, or need assistance. If you would like help with a wheelchair, or if you would like Communion brought to you at your seat, please see an usher. We're glad you're here!

The **restrooms** and **coat racks** are located alongside the Parish Hall: exit the Sanctuary through the side door to your right at the front of the church, before the altar, then turn left through the double doors; in front of you will be the parish hall and nursery, on your right are the coat racks; continue to the right to find the restrooms at the very end of the hallway.

Please be courteous to visitors, parishioners, and newcomers: extend a warm welcome by wearing your **name tag**. Temporary nametags are available in the church entry (narthex.) There you can also sign up for a new nametag in the notebook. Ask an usher for guidance.

## Children in Church

Children of all ages are welcome here just as they are! We encourage you to sit up front, as children will be more engaged if they can see and hear what's going on. We have quiet activities in the **Busy Bags** available in the narthex (the entrance) for children's use during the service. Caregivers are welcome to make use of our **nursery** room, equipped with changing table and rocking chair, should your child need to be changed, fed, or soothed. Children in the nursery must be accompanied by their grown up. Our service is live streamed into the parish hall, which is visible and audible in the nursery so that you may follow along. On select Sundays, children of all ages are invited to our **Sunday School** class which meets in the parish hall. Ask an usher or email the office for guidance.

**Please pray for those in the Cycle of Prayer this week:** St. Mark's, New Canaan; Christ Church, New Haven; St. James', New Haven; Parishes in transition, transition teams, and interim clergy; The Church of Bangladesh.

**Please pray for those in our Armed Forces:** Dave Shannon; Justin Wilgus; Joshua Long; Timothy Walsh; Robert Frame; Jake Kimball.

**Please pray for those in need:** Andrew Cunningham, Ellie Shingleton, Helen Burdick, Isobel Moore, Jim Hord, Jim Ravenscroft, Leah Sharibu, Maria Meister, Mary Hord, Ruth White, and Shahrokh Dezhbod.

**Please pray for those celebrating a birthday:** 4/28 Mark Trompeter; 4/29 Ruth White; 5/02 Phyllis Kelleher, Jim Ravenscroft, & Rev. Tuesday Rupp; 5/04 Kathy Voros.

*To add or remove names from this prayer list, contact the office (see back for details.)*

To request confidential prayers by *St. Paul's Prayer Circle*, contact Beverly Deickler at 203-263-2469 or [deickler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deickler@sbcglobal.net). Requests are included for one month unless renewed.

### **This Week with St. Paul's**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Apr 28</b>	<b>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>
		9:00 am Rector's Forum, <i>Pearson Room</i>
		<b>10:00 am Morning Holy Eucharist</b> , followed by <i>Coffee Hour</i>
		10:00 am <b>All-Ages Sunday School</b> , <i>Pearson Room</i>
		<b>5:00 pm Evening Celtic Holy Eucharist</b> , <i>Sanctuary</i>
Monday	Apr 29	6:15 pm Christian Yoga with Susan, <i>Pearson Room</i>
Tuesday	Apr 30	9:00 am Rev. Tuesday's Sacred Study Series <i>on Zoom</i>
		4:00 pm <b>Tea with Tuesday</b> at <i>The Rectory</i>
Wednesday	May 01	11:30 am Lunch at <i>the Charcoal Chef</i>
Thursday	May 02	9:30 am Seekers weekly meeting, <i>Pearson Room</i>
		7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal at Church, 7-8:30 pm
Saturday	May 04	10:00 am Confirmation Ceremony at <i>Camp Washington</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 05</b>	<b>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
		9:00 am Rector's Forum, <i>Pearson Room</i>
		<b>10:00 am Morning Holy Eucharist</b> , followed by <i>Coffee Hour</i>
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| - Subscribe to our weekly newsletter  | - Add your birthday         |
| - Change your address or phone number | - Request a nametag         |
| - Register as a new member            | - Connect with Rev. Tuesday |

*Questions? Email Hannah Berg, our Parish Administrator, at [office@stpaulswoodbury.org](mailto:office@stpaulswoodbury.org)*

## Participating in this Service

*Lector – Bart Geissinger*

*Intercessor – Joan Wilson*

*Eucharistic Visitors – Joan Wilson*

*and Nancy Twinem*

*Organist – Kristin Daigneault*

*The Very Rev. Tuesday J. Rupp, Rector*

*Usher – Joan Wilson*

*Counter – Ron Hurt*

*Chalicer – Bart Geissinger*

*Ministerial Intern – Phoebe Oler*

*Deacon – The Rev. David Rhodes*

## The Word of God

### PRELUDE

*All stand as able.*

### OPENING HYMN

*“On this day, the first of days”*

**Hymnal 47**

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*

**And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

### SONG OF PRAISE

*“I sing the almighty power of God”*

**H 398**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray, Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

*All may be seated.*

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:



“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.  
In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.



*Reader  
People*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM: Psalm 22:24-30

*Spoken in alternating half verses*

My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*

**I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*

**"May your heart live for ever!"**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
**and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
**he rules over the nations.**

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
**all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
**they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.**

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
**the saving deeds that he has done.**

## THE EPISTLE

**1 John 4:7-21**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in



love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

*All stand for hymn & Gospel*

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

***"Be thou my vision"***

**Hymnal 488**

**THE GOSPEL**

**John 15:1-8**

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are

gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."



*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON**  
*All are seated.*

**Phoebe Oler**  
*Ministerial Intern*

**THE CREED**  
*All 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.**



## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*All stand or kneel as able.*

*Minister:* Let us who journey on the way with Christ, risen and ever-present in mystery, pray for the world with all our heart and mind, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* For the church universal and for this community of faith, that we may wholeheartedly devote ourselves to the apostolic teaching, to common life, to the breaking of bread and the life of prayer, let us pray to the Lord,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For all nations and people of this wide earth, that we may be delivered from human devices of oppression, and from false idols and futile ways, let us pray to the Lord,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* That all who grieve or who are desperate or haunted by violence, pain, or suffering, especially Mary Hord, Ellie Shingleton, Andrew Cunningham, Maria Meister, Shahrokh Dezhbod, Jim Hord, Leah Sharibu, Isobel Moore, Jim Ravenscroft, Ruth White, and Helen Burdick, may know the hidden strength of Christ present, let us pray to the Lord,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For the homeless, those without bread, those tempted by vengeance and driven to rage, that they may find refuge and strength in the one who walks with them, let us pray to the Lord,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For the children of calamity, and for our own children, that they may come to know and to claim the promises of God to all generations, near and far off, let us pray to the Lord,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* For those we remember in the cycle of prayer: St. Mark's, New Canaan; Christ Church, New Haven; St. James', New Haven; Parishes in transition, transition teams, and interim clergy; The Church of Bangladesh, let us pray to the Lord,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* Dear Lord, for the good things in our lives, we give thanks for Mark Trompeter, Ruth White, Phyllis Kelleher, Jim Ravenscroft, the Reverend Tuesday Rupp, and Kathy Voros, who are celebrating a birthday this week, let us pray to the Lord,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Please add your own prayers of intercessions and thanksgiving,  
offered either out loud or in the silence of your hearts.*

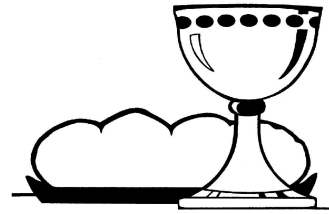
*Celebrant:* Preserve us all, O Lord, and take us home to your heart, so that all our lives may be woven together in prayer and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Minister*                      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People**                        **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet  
one another in the name of the Lord.*



## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We sit for the announcements.*

## The Holy Communion

**OFFERTORY**                      ***“We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting”***                      **H 51**

*All stand.*

**DOXOLOGY**                      *(verse 3)*                      **H 380**

**All**    **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures, here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

**Sursum Corda**

*Hymnal S 120*

*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.**

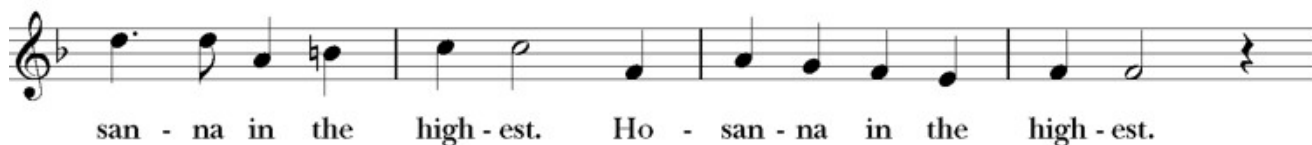
*Celebrant*                      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People**                        **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is truly right, and good and joyful, 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:



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 he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

*Celebrant* 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 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

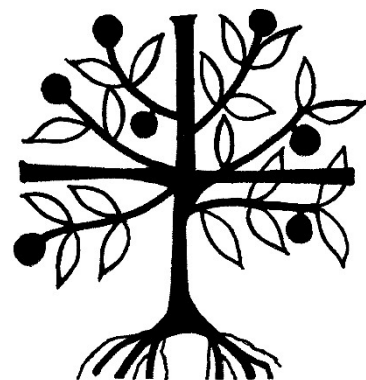
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**



# The Breaking of the Bread

## FRACTION ANTHEM

“Be known to us”

WLP 875

*Cantor or Choir*

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, } in the  
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus }

1. *Congregation* 2. *Cantor or Choir*

break - ing of the bread. Be bread. The  
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bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, Is the com -

*Congregation*

mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be  
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known to us, Lord Je - sus, } in the break - ing of the  
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*Cantor or Choir*

bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though

*Congregation*

man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord  
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord

Je - sus, } in the break - ing of the bread.  
Je - sus }

*Celebrant* 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.

*The Communion* All who seek God & a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive the Holy Communion. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice. We offer both fermented grape juice (wine) and unfermented grape juice as part of our sacrament. The wine is dark red and offered on the left-hand (pulpit) side of the communion rail. The grape juice is white and offered on the right hand (parish hall) side. Regardless of your choice, or if you choose not to receive from the common cup at all, you can trust that Jesus' offering of himself is complete in either element alone. Gluten-free wafers are available on the right hand side of the rail. Respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." To receive a blessing instead, please cross your hands across your chest.

## COMMUNION HYMN

*"Come, my way, my truth, my life"*

Hymnal 487

## The Sending of Lay Eucharistic Ministers

*Celebrant* In the name of Christ and of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

*All* We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says,* Let us pray.

**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**

*The Priest blesses the people.*

**CLOSING HYMN**

*“Christ is made the sure foundation”*

**H 518**

**DISMISSAL**

*Minister*

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

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**POSTLUDE**



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## OFFICERS & VESTRY 2024

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