

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, 10:00 am May 05, 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 <u>https://stpaulswoodbury.org/contact-us</u>. 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:** St. John's, New Haven; St. Luke's, New Haven; St. Paul & St. James, New Haven; Retirement communities, especially Armsmear; chaplains at retirement communities, and Retired Clergy Chaplains; Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

**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 this week: 05/08 Patrick Haynes and Pam Hurt.

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. Requests are included for one month unless renewed.

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Sunday	May 05	The Sixth Sunday of Easter	
		9:00 am	Rector's Forum, Pearson Room
		10:00 am	Morning Holy Eucharist, followed by Coffee Hour
		5:00 pm	Evening Celtic Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary
Monday	May 06	6:15 pm	Christian Yoga with Susan, Pearson Room
Tuesday	May 07	9:00 am	Rev. Tuesday's Sacred Study Series on Zoom
Wednesday	May 08	11:30 am	Lunch at the Charcoal Chef
Thursday	May 09	9:30 am	Seekers weekly meeting, Pearson Room
		4:00 pm	Property Meeting, Pearson Room
		5:00 pm	Executive & Finance Meetings
Sunday	<b>May 12</b>	The Seventh Sunday of Easter	
		9:00 am	Rector's Forum, Pearson Room
		10:00 am	Youth Sunday Eucharist, followed by Coffee Hour
		5:00 pm	Evening Celtic Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary

## This Week with St. Paul's

Looking Ahead – May 19 The Day of Pentecost, followed by May's Parish Town Hall Meeting; May 26 Trinity Sunday: Youth Sunday Service; May 28 An Evening Tea with Tuesday – Join Rev. Tuesday at The Rectory for dessert, tea, & a book chat at 7 pm, discussing Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride; June 01 Celtic Eucharist & Community Dinner at Camp Washington, childcare available, go to <u>campwashington.org</u> (no PM service 6/2).

*We* congratulate **Flint Erickson** and **Louden Nichols** on their Confirmation, which took place yesterday at *Camp Washington*. In our tradition, many people are baptized as infants. Parents and sponsors make declarations of faith on behalf of the person being baptized. Confirmation is the public affirmation of the promises made on someone's behalf at the sacrament of baptism. It marks the beginning of a mature journey of faith. *Congratulations, Flint & Louden!* 

#### **Participating in this Service**

Lector – Ed Daigneault
Intercessor – Kathy Baird
Eucharistic Visitors – Kathy Baird
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Acolytes – Eli & Mani Neto
Chalicer – Dory Holmes
Organist – Kristin Daigneault
Clergy – The Rev. Tuesday Rupp & The Rev. Dcn. David Rhodes
Choir – Dawn Ericson, Lisa Groody, Karen Nash, Peter Bowles,
Duke Breon, & Ed Hord with Kristin Daigneault, Director.

# The Word of God

#### Prelude

All stand as able. **OPENING HYMN** 

*"All creatures of our God and King" verses 1, 4, 5, 7* 

Hymnal 400

H 398

#### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd 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"

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd 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*.

# The Lessons

### THE FIRST LESSON

All may be seated.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

ReaderHear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.PeopleThanks be to God.

## THE PSALM: Psalm 98

Spoken in alternating half verses

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.

The LORD has made known his victory; \*

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

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.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*

with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn \* shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \* the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, \*

and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world \* and the peoples with equity.

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## THE EPISTLE

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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### THE GOSPEL

**SEQUENCE HYMN** 

All stand for hymn & Gospel

GospelerThe Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

"Lord, make us servants of your peace"

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants

any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

GospelerThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.



John 15:9-17

H 593

1 John 5:1-6

### THE SERMON

All are seated.

#### The Rev. Tuesday Rupp

#### **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. John's, New Haven; St. Luke's, New Haven; St. Paul & St. James, New Haven; Retirement communities, especially Armsmear; chaplains at retirement communities, and Retired Clergy Chaplains; Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, let us pray to the Lord,

### People: Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor*: Dear Lord, for the good things in our lives, we give thanks for Patrick Haynes and Pam Hurt, 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

MinisterThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd 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 ANTHEM**

"O Taste and See" by Thomas Pavlechko Performed by St. Paul's Choir with Kristin Daigneault

# All stand.

DOXOLOGY

(verse 3)

H 380

Hymnal S 120

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

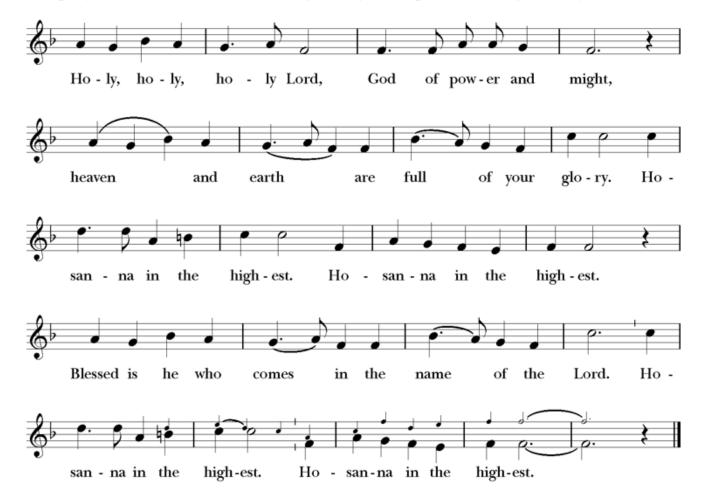
Remain standing.

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



*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 "Bread of heaven, on thee we feed" Hymnal 323

#### 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** 

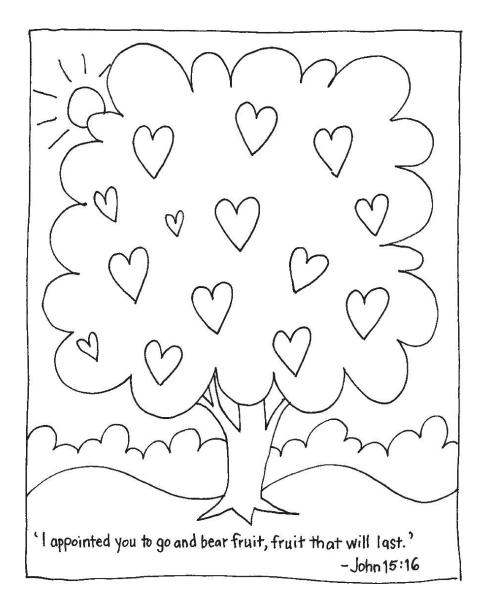
"Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing"

Hymnal 344

#### DISMISSAL

MinisterLet us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### POSTLUDE



## **ST. PAUL'S CHURCH**

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#### **OFFICERS & VESTRY 2024**

 Wardens: Julie Calkins, People's Warden & Marianne Daly, Property Warden
Treasurer: Kathleen Montgomery
Clerk: Ron Hurt
Members: Wendy Brazauskas; Jack Barlow; Marianne Daly; Ron Hurt; Jock Lawrason; Kathleen Montgomery; Heidi Szobota.
Delegates: Julie Calkins & Ron Hurt; Marianne Daly, alternate.

#### **CLERGY**

Rector:The Rev. Tuesday Rupp<br/>rector@stpaulswoodbury.orgDeacon:The Rev. David Rhodes<br/>david113085@verizon.net

## Traditional Music Director: Contemporary Music Director: Ministerial Intern 2023-2024:

#### Parish Admin: Hannah Berg Bookkeeper: Amy Burton Sexton: Ron Crowcroft roncrowcroft07@gmail.com

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Kristin Daigneault Peter Miserendino Phoebe Oler

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