



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, 10:00 am April 21, 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.

Scan QR Code to add or update your contact info

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, Mystic; St. Michael's, Naugatuck; St. Mark's, New Britain; Clergy whose work is not in parishes; multi-vocational priests; clergy of ECCT whose ministry is carried out in other countries or dioceses; and The Anglican Church of Australia.

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: 4/21 Megan Baird Rom & Marina Viale; 4/22 Eric Groody & Susan Windesheim; 4/24 Mieke Weggeman; 4/26 Jon Erickson.

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.

This Week with St. Paul's

Sunday	Apr 21	The Fourth 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	Apr 22	6:15 pm	Christian Yoga with Susan, Pearson Room
Tuesday	Apr 23	9:00 am	Rev. Tuesday's Sacred Study Series on Zoom
Wednesday	Apr 24	11:30 am	Lunch at the Charcoal Chef
Thursday	Apr 25	9:30 am	Seekers weekly meeting, Pearson Room
Sunday	Apr 28	The Fifth Sunday of Easter	
		9:00 am	Rector's Forum, Pearson Room
		10:00 am	Morning Holy Eucharist, followed by Coffee Hour
		10:00 am	All-Ages Sunday School, Pearson Room
		5:00 pm	Evening Celtic Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary

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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

Participating in this Service

Lector – Duke Breon Chalicer – Kathleen Montgomery

Intercessor – Kathy Baird Counter – Dawn Ericson Eucharistic Visitor – Kathy Baird Usher – Russ DePace

Ministerial Intern – Phoebe Oler Organist – Kristin Daigneault Priest – The Rev. Tuesday Rupp Deacon – The Rev. David Rhodes

The Word of God

PRELUDE

All stand as able.

OPENING HYMN "All people that on earth do dwell" Hymnal 377

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*.

GLORIA "Alleluia! Alleluia!" verse. 4 H 178

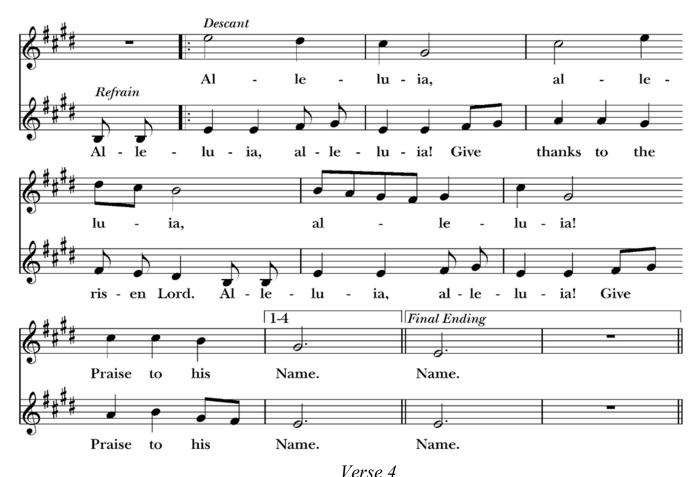
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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*.





Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

The Lessons

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 4:5-12

All may be seated.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: Psalm 23

Spoken in alternating half verses

The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake

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?

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.

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.

THE EPISTLE 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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SEQUENCE HYMN

"Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless"

Hymnal 343

THE GOSPEL John 10:11-18

Gospeler

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.



THE SERMON

All are seated.

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, Mystic; St. Michael's,

Naugatuck; St. Mark's, New Britain; Clergy whose work is not in parishes; multi-vocational priests; clergy of ECCT whose ministry is carried out in other countries

or dioceses; The Anglican Church of Australia, let us pray to the Lord,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Dear Lord, for the good things in our lives, we give thanks Megan Baird Rom,

Marina Viale, Eric Groody, Susan Windesheim, Mieke Weggeman, and Jon Erickson, 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 HYMN "The King of Love my shepherd is" H 645

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.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

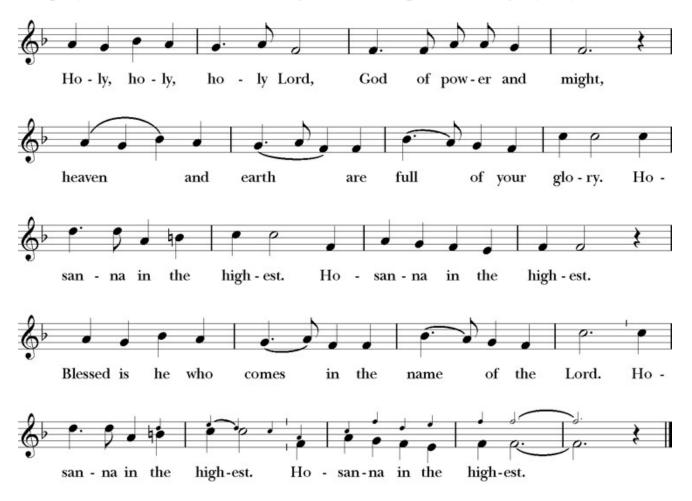
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

"My shepherd will supply my need"

Hymnal 664

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

"He who would valiant be"

Hymnal 565

DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

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OFFICERS & VESTRY 2024

Deacon:

Wardens: Julie Calkins, *People's Warden & Marianne Daly*, *Property Warden*

Members: Wendy Brazauskas; Jack Barlow; Marianne Daly; Ron Hurt;

Jock Lawrason; Kathleen Montgomery; Heidi Szobota.

Delegates: Julie Calkins & Ron Hurt; Marianne Daly, *alternate*.

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Ministerial Intern 2023-2024: Phoebe Oler

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