

**The Third Sunday of Easter** 

Sunday, 10:00 am April 14, 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 newcomer 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 for guidance.

**Please pray for those in the Cycle of Prayer this week:** St. Peter's, Milford; Trinity, Milton; St. Peter's Grace, Monroe; Hospital chaplains; Stephen Ministers; pastoral care groups; ministries of healing; nurses; wellness programs; recovery ministries; The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

**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:

4/15 Trevor Haynes and 4/16 Joel Cook.

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.

Sunday	Apr 14	The Third 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	<b>Evening Celtic Holy Eucharist</b> , Sanctuary
Monday	Apr 15	6:15 pm	Christian Yoga with Susan, Pearson Room
Tuesday	Apr 16	9:00 am	Rev. Tuesday's Sacred Study Series on Zoom
Wednesday	Apr 17	11:30 am	Lunch at the Charcoal Chef
Thursday	Apr 18	9:30 am	Seekers weekly meeting, Pearson Room
		6:30 pm	April Vestry Meeting, Seabury Room
Sunday	Apr 21	pr 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	<b>Evening Celtic Holy Eucharist</b> , Sanctuary

# This Week with St. Paul's

We have resumed our regular worship schedule with services Sundays at 10 am & 5 pm. Our 10 am Holy Eucharist streams online live on Facebook, YouTube, & our website. Our Evening Celtic Eucharist is not streamed or recorded. Morning worship is preceded by Rector's Forum at 9 am and followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall. Sunday School meets designated Sundays during the 10 am service, including April 14 & 28.

Looking ahead: Rev. Tuesday's bi-monthly book group Tea with Tuesday meets April 30 at 4 pm to discuss Heretics Anonymous by Katie Henry over tea and treats at The Rectory.

Stay Connected: Sign up for our weekly newsletter on our website, or email the office.

# Participating in this Service

Lector - Karen NashChalicer - IIntercessor - Tom CalkinsCounter - IEucharistic Visitors - Kathy BairdUsher - Eand Mieke WeggemanMinisterialOrganist - Kristin DaigneaultDeacon - IThe Very Rev. Tuesday J. Rupp, Rector

Chalicer – Mieke Weggeman Counter – Leslie Albrecht Usher – Ed Daigneault Ministerial Intern – Phoebe Oler Deacon – The Rev. David Rhodes

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# The Word of God

#### PRELUDE

All stand as able. **OPENING HYMN** 

"I come with joy to meet my Lord"

Hymnal 304

#### **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*.

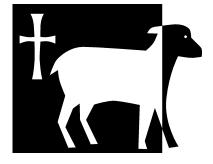
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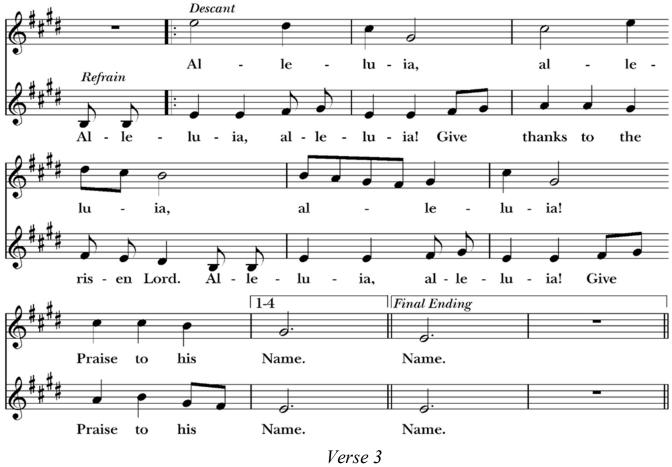
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" verse. 3 See next page H 178

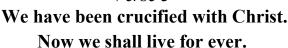
## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray, O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.







# The Lessons

## THE FIRST LESSON

#### ACTS 3:12-19

All may be seated.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

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

# THE PSALM: Psalm 4

Spoken in alternating half verses

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*

you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \* how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"

Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \* when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

Tremble, then, and do not sin; \* speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices \* and put your trust in the LORD.

Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \* Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

You have put gladness in my heart, \*

more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \* for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

# THE EPISTLE

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.



# 1 John 3:1-7

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

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All stand for hymn & Gospel		
SEQUENCE HYMN	"Now the green blade rises"	Н 204

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

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

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

GospelerThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise 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. Peter's, Milford; Trinity, Milton; St. Peter's Grace, Monroe; Hospital chaplains; Stephen Ministers; pastoral care groups; ministries of healing; nurses; wellness programs; recovery ministries; The Anglican Church in Aotearoa,New Zealand and Polynesia, let us pray to the Lord,

People: Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor*: Dear Lord, for the good things in our lives, we give thanks for Trevor Haynes and Joel Cook, 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

The peace of the Lord be always with you. Minister And also with you. People

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

<b>OFFERTORY HYMN</b>	"Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest"	H 305
All stand. <b>DOXOLOGY</b>	(verse 3)	H 380

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures, here below; All 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.

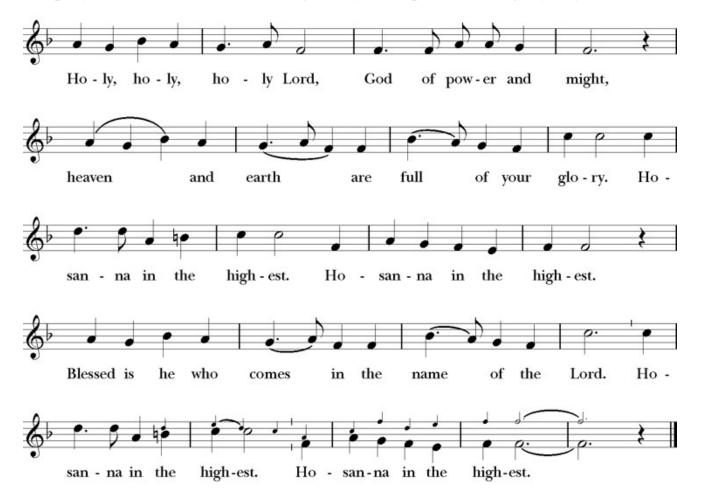
Hymnal S 120



*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.

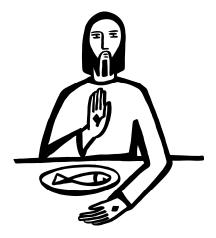
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put 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 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 "Let us break bread together on our knees" H 325

## 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**

"Now thank we all our God"

Hymnal 396

## DISMISSAL

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