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WORSHIP BULLETIN:
APRIL 27, 2025
Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:00 AM

Prayer B

Second Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE HYMN:

The following is sung.

(H 400) All Creatures of Our God & King

Verse 1:

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,

Refrain:

O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 2:

Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice,

(Refrain)

Verse 3:

Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,

(Refrain)

OPENING ACCLAMATION: BCP p. 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY:

BCP p. 355

The Celebrant may say

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:

The following is sung, all standing.

Glory to God

Composed by: Cameron DePalma

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY: BCP p. 357

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

The people sit.

²⁷When [the captain and the temple police] had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 118:14-29

Remain seated.

¹⁴The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

¹⁵There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

¹⁶"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *

**the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"**

¹⁷I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.

¹⁸The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;

I will offer thanks to the Lord.

²⁰"This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."

²¹I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

²²The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Hosanna, Lord, hosanna! *
Lord, send us now success.

²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸"You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."

²⁹Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8

Remain seated.

¹⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. **Amen.**

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. **Amen.**

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Silence may follow.

GOSPEL HYMN:

The following is sung, all standing.
Refrain only

(Gather 258) Celtic Alleluia

Refrain:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

All stand.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the

disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

POST-GOSPEL HYMN:

The following is sung, all standing.
Refrain only

(Gather 258) Celtic Alleluia

Refrain:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE SERMON: The Rev. Annie Mertz

THE CREED: BCP p. 358

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 remain standing.

CONFESSION OF SIN: BCP p. 359

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 Priest stands and 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.**

THE PEACE: BCP p. 360

All stand.

Celebrant: 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Coffee Hour volunteers needed.
- Sign up for flower dedications.
- Healing Prayer ministry

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin anew. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE: BCP p. 376

The following is sung.

Verse 1:

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have
made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe
displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my savior God, to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!

Verse 2:

When through the woods and forest glades
I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain
grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle
breeze.

Verse 3:

And when I think that God, his son not
sparing,
Send him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of
acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my
heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great
thou art!

SURSUM CORDA: BCP p.361

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 him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE: **BCP p. 361**

Facing the Holy Table, 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:

Celebrant and people

Composed by: Cameron DePalma

Chorus:

Holy holy holy
Lord God of Hosts
Heaven and Earth are full of your praises
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest

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*The People stand or kneel.
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...

...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,

Celebrant and People

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

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The Celebrant 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...

...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 BCP p.363

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

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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM:

Celebrant and People

Composed by: Cameron DePalma

Refrain:
Alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia.

INVITATION:**BCP p. 364***The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION:**BCP p. 365***The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.**The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN:*The following is sung.***(A3 18) Bind Us Together****Chorus:**

Bind us together Lord, bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together Lord, bind us together
Lord, bind us together with love.

Verse 1:

There is only one God. There is only one
king.

There is only one body that is why we sing.

Verse 2:

We are the family of God. We are the
promise divine.

We are the chosen design. We are the
glorious new wine.

COMMUNION HYMN:*The following is sung.***O Come to the Altar****Verse 1:**

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling

Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Verse 2:

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Bridge:

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Verse 3:

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: BCP p. 365

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

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The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

The following is sung.

Please refer to your hymnal

(A3 148) Soon and Very Soon

Verse 1:

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

Verse 2:

No more crying there, we are going to see the King!

No more crying there, we are going to see the King!

No more crying there, we are going to see the King!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

Verse 3:

No more dying there, we are going to see the King!

No more dying there, we are going to see the King!

No more dying there, we are going to see the King!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

Verse 4:

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! ! Hallelujah!

DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant will dismiss the people

Celebrant: Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scan or click for our weekly announcements online!



- * Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed
- * Sign-Up for Flower Dedications
- * Healing Prayer Ministry

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

4/27 Jill Morris
4/28 Pam Chalk
4/28 Rev. Beth &
Dennis Gaines

SERVING THIS WEEK:

Celebrant	The Rev. Annie Mertz	
Preacher	The Rev. Annie Mertz	
Deacon		
	8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Music	Bill Markley	Cameron DePalma
Lector	Karen Lowe	Robin Silver
Intercessor	Jim Brown	Barbara Jewell
LEM	Jim Brown	Barbara Jewell
Healing Prayers	MaryFrances Kelly-Poh	Kim Rodekohr
Ushers	Dale & Charlie Kilbourne	Martha & Jim Wolf
Altar Guild	Cathy Cellini & Robin Silver	
Flower Guild		
Office Angels		
Verger	Joe Brien	

PARISH LEADERSHIP

CLERGY:

The Rev. Annie Mertz, Rector
The Rev. Beth Gaines, Deacon
The Rev. Canon Mary Goshert, Associate Priest
The Rev. Pamela Higgins, Associate Priest
The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder, Associate Priest

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Cameron DePalma, Contemporary Music Director
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Lisa Pena, Senior Warden
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MISSION:

St. Paul's welcomes all people at any stage of their spiritual journey to worship together, care for the community, and live the message of Jesus Christ.

VISION:

We strive to be an active, diverse and welcoming community where people come together to worship and deepen their faith.

VALUES

COMMUNITY:

We support our neighbors through service & compassion. We are a safe space & a supportive community where members are cared for by one another.

INCLUSION:

We are an inclusive community where people of all identities, backgrounds & histories are welcome to find & continue their spiritual journey.

THE MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST:

We believe in striving to live the message of Jesus Christ every day. At St. Paul's, we walk the way of love together.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH:

At any point in a person's spiritual journey, there are opportunities to learn, grow & strengthen one's faith at St. Paul's.

NOTICE OF FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

When you enter a St. Paul's Episcopal Church service or event, you enter an area where photography, audio, live streaming, and video recording may occur.

CALENDAR

The Second Sunday of Easter

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
 8:45 am +Communion
 10 am Coffee Hour (P)
 10 am Godly Play (Elementary School) (U)
 10 am Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)
 11 am +Communion
 12 pm Coffee Hour (P)
 4 pm Meditation (P)
 8 pm AA (P)



MONDAY: 4/28

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 4:30 pm Community Meal (P)
 8 pm AA Meeting (P)

TUESDAY: 4/29

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 7 pm +GGSOC Practice

WEDNESDAY: 4/30

7am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 10 am +Communion
 11 am Bible Study (P)
 4:30 pm Community Meal (P)

THURSDAY: 5/1

7am AA Meeting (P)
 7:30 am Coffee w/
 Rev. Annie
 9 am +Morning Prayer

FRIDAY: 5/2

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 12 pm Sustainable Solano (K)
 7 pm NA Meeting (P)

SATURDAY: 5/3

7 am AA Meeting (U)
 7 am Men's Meeting (R)
 9 am Day Long Meditation
 Group Meeting (P) & (U)

The Third Sunday of Easter

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
 8:45 am +Communion
 10 am Coffee Hour (P)
 10 am Godly Play (Elementary School) (U)
 10 am Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)
 11 am +Communion
 12 pm Coffee Hour (P)
 8 pm AA (P)



KEY

+ = CHURCH
P = PARISH HALL
U = UNDERCROFT
R = RECTORY
K = KITCHEN