



**ST. PAUL'S**

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**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Worship, Love, Live the Message

**WORSHIP BULLETIN:**

**APRIL 27, 2025**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**8:45 AM**

**Prayer B**

***Second Sunday of Easter***

**ENTRANCE HYMN:**

*The following is sung.*

*Please refer to your hymnal*

**(H 192) This Joyful Eastertide**

**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.*

*Please refer to your hymnal*

**(H 280) Glory to God**

**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.*

<sup>27</sup>When [the captain and the temple police] had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, "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." <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And 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:****Psalms 118:14-29***Remain seated.*

<sup>14</sup>The Lord is my strength and my song, \*  
**and he has become my salvation.**

<sup>15</sup>There is a sound of exultation and victory  
 \*

**in the tents of the righteous:**

<sup>16</sup>"The right hand of the Lord has  
 triumphed! \*

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

<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live, \*  
**and declare the works of the Lord.**

<sup>18</sup>The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
**but he did not hand me over to death.**

<sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
**I will enter them;**

**I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
**he who is righteous may enter."**

<sup>21</sup>I will give thanks to you, for you  
 answered me \*  
**and have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The same stone which the builders  
 rejected \*  
**has become the chief cornerstone.**

<sup>23</sup>This is the Lord's doing, \*  
**and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

<sup>25</sup>Hosanna, Lord, hosanna! \*  
**Lord, send us now success.**

<sup>26</sup>Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
 the Lord; \*  
**we bless you from the house of the Lord.**

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

<sup>28</sup>"You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
**you are my God, and I will exalt you."**

<sup>29</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
**his mercy endures for ever.**

**SECOND READING:****Revelation 1:4-8***Remain seated*

<sup>14</sup>John 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, <sup>5</sup>and 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, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a  
 kingdom, priests serving his God and  
 Father, to him be glory and dominion  
 forever and ever. **Amen.**

<sup>7</sup>Look! 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.**

<sup>8</sup>"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.**Please refer to your hymnal***(H 212) Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice**



All stand

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

<sup>19</sup>When 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."  
<sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."  
<sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So 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." <sup>26</sup>A 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." <sup>27</sup>Then 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."  
<sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."  
<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But 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.**

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 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

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & TRANSITIONS:

**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.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE: BCP p. 376

OFFERTORY HYMN:

*The following is sung.*  
**(H 203) O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*  
*Please refer to your hymnal*

**(S 129) Holy, Holy Holy Lord, God of Power and Might**

**BCP p. 368**

*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;**

**BCP p. 369**

*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:**

*The following is sung.*  
*Please refer to your hymnal*

**(S 164) Jesus, Lamb of God**

**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.  
Please refer to your hymnal.*

**(H 328) Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*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** BCP p. 366

*The Priest 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*

**(H 184) Christ the Lord is Risen Again!**

**DISMISSAL**

*The Deacon or Celebrant will dismiss the people*

Celebrant: 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

The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.  
E-mail: [admin@stpaulsbenicia.org](mailto:admin@stpaulsbenicia.org) Phone: (707) 745-0307

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## WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING

Rev. Cn. Mary Goshert  
Virginia & Gary Cady  
Mark Park  
Judith Mooney  
John M.  
Tom Aldinger  
Manuel Pena  
Deb Mulholand

## WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL

## WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

Major Russ Morris, U.S.  
Air Force Reserves  
SFC Mike Moverley, 1st  
Battalion 143rd Field  
Artillery, U.S. Army  
Warrant Officer  
Brandon Niemann,  
U.S. Army  
Airman  
Andrew Severa, U.S.  
Air Force  
SA Michelle Severa,  
PA, Air National Guard  
Staff SGT Jake  
Sackett, U.S. Air Force  
Major Xacasia Evans-  
Walp, U.S. Army

## 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		
	<b>8:45 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
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

### STAFF:

Cameron DePalma, Contemporary Music Director  
Eric Foster, Communications Director  
Lisa Lannoy, Parish Administrator  
Tim Markley, Archivist

### VESTRY:

Lisa Pena, Senior Warden  
Ed Curtis, Junior Warden  
Jill Morris, Ann Lindsay, Donna Marshall, Gerri  
MacGregor, Jim Peterson, Robert Vallejos, Kathryn  
Gojack

### 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

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# 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