



ST. PAUL'S
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 Worship, Love, Live the Message

WORSHIP BULLETIN:
APRIL 6, 2025
 Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:00 AM
 Prayer A

Fifth Sunday in Lent

ENTRANCE HYMN:

All stand.

(A3 26) Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Verse 1:

Come, now is the time to worship.
 Come, now is the time to give your heart.
 Come, just as you are to worship.
 Come, just as you are before your God.
 Come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God.
 One day every knee will bow.
 Still the greatest treasure remains for those
 Who gladly choose you now. **(Repeat 1st verse)**

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OPENING ACCLAMATION: BCP p.355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People: God's mercy endures for ever.

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.**

KYRIE:

The following is sung, all standing.
This will be sung 3 times.

Composed by: Cameron DePalma

Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, have mercy
 Lord have mercy.



COLLECT OF THE DAY: BCP p.357

Remain seated.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. . **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

The people sit.

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: "Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 126

Remain seated.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *

then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *

and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *

will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.



SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

Remain seated.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL HYMN:

The following is sung, all standing.

Congregation chants:

(LEVAS 218) Veni Sancte Spiritus

Veni, Sancte, Spiritus

GOSPEL:**John 12:1-8**

All stand.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory 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 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.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: BCP p.361

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***The Peace is now exchanged*

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

- * 2025 Zoom Lenten Series
- The Lost Art of Kindness
- * Holy Week Schedule
- * Easter Lily Dedications
- * Overnight Vigil Sign-up - Parish Hall

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.***(LEVAS 147) Come Ye Disconsolate****Verse 1:**

Come ye disconsolate
 Where'er ye languish
 Come to the mercy seat
 Fervently kneel
 Here bring your wounded hearts
 Here tell your anguish
 Earth has no sorrow
 That heav'n cannot heal

Verse 2:

Joy of the desolate
 Light of the straying
 Hope of the penitent
 Fadeless and pure
 Here speaks the Comforter
 Tenderly saying
 Earth has no sorrow
 That heav'n cannot cure

Verse 3:

Here see the bread of life
 See the waters flowing
 Forth from the throne of God
 Pure from above
 Come to the feast of love
 Come ever knowing
 Earth has no sorrow
 But heav'n can remove

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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 God 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...

...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

BCP p.362*The People stand or kneel.**The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...

...Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People***Christ has died.****Christ is risen.****Christ will come again****BCP p.363***The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

...All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.****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.****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.****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:

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

INVITATION

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 Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN:

The following is sung.

(LEVAS 125) Fix Me, Jesus

Chorus:

Oh fix me
Oh fix me
Oh fix me
Fix me Jesus fix me

Verse 1:

Fix me for my long white robe
Fix me Jesus fix me
Fix me for my starry crown
Fix me Jesus fix me

Verse 2:

Fix me for my journey home
Fix me Jesus fix me
Fix me for my dying bed
Fix me Jesus fix me

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COMMUNION HYMN:

The following is sung.

(LEVAS 120) Sweet Sweet Spirit

Verse 1:

There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord
There are sweet expressions on each face
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord

Chorus:

Sweet Holy Spirit
Sweet heavenly Dove
Stay right here with us
Filling us with Your love
And for these blessings
We lift our hearts in praise
Without a doubt we'll know
That we have been revived
When we shall leave this place

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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

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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.

Verse 1:

Some glad morning when this life is o'er
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away

Chorus:

I'll fly away O glory I'll fly away
When I die hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away

Verse 2

When the shadows of this life have grown
I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown
I'll fly away

Verse 3

Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joys shall never end
I'll fly away

DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant will dismiss the people

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.



HOLY WEEK 2025		ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH EST 1855 Worship, Love, Live the Message	
MAUNDY THURSDAY 4/17	7:00 PM Holy Eucharist -Overnight Vigil-	GOOD FRIDAY 4/18	12:00 PM Proper Liturgy -Stations of the Cross- 7:00 PM Proper Liturgy
EASTER VIGIL 4/19	4:00 PM Children's Vigil/Potluck -Parish Hall- 7:00 PM Vigil with Eucharist	EASTER SUNDAY 4/20	8:45 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist -Baptism- Resurrection Egg hunt to follow



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scan or click for our weekly announcements online!



- * 2025 Zoom Lenten Series
The Lost Art of Kindness
- * Holy Week Schedule
- * Easter Lily Dedications
- * Overnight Vigil Sign-up - Parish Hall

The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.
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Rev. Cn. Mary Goshert
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Mark Park
Judith Mooney
Lolli Hilton
John M.
Tom Aldinger



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

4/8 Michelle Ellett
4/8 Art Schipper
4/12 David Lindsay

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL

Georgene Keeler
The Venerable Dorothy Jones,
Archdeacon Emeritus,
Diocese of California

SERVING THIS WEEK:

Celebrant	The Rev. Annie Mertz	
Preacher	The Rev. Annie Mertz	
Deacon	The Rev. Beth Gaines	

	8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Music	Dr. Matthew Welch	Cameron De Palma
Lector	Chris Ayles	Robin Silver
Intercessor	MaryFrances Kelly-Poh	Barbara Jewell
LEM	MaryFrances Kelly-Poh	Barbara Jewell
Healing Prayers		Kim Rodekohr
Ushers	Lisa & Jorge Pena	Debbie Borst & Dawson Urban
Altar Guild	Donna Patey & Eileen Fisk	
Flower Guild	Blanche Hilman & Joe Brien	
Office Angels	Jennifer & Blaine Deal	
Verger	Gilbert Zabala	

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:

Dr. Matthew Welch, Traditional Music Director
Cameron De Palma, 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



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CALENDAR

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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
8 pm AA (P)



MONDAY: 4/7

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

TUESDAY: 4/8

7 am AA Meeting (P)
9 am +Morning Prayer
5:30 pm Kiwanis Meeting
7 pm +GGSOC Practice

WEDNESDAY: 4/9

7am AA Meeting (P)
9 am +Morning Prayer
10 am +Communion
11 am Bible Study (P)
4:30 pm Community Meal (P)
**7 pm 2025 Lenten Series -
Potluck (TBD)**

THURSDAY: 4/10

7am AA Meeting (P)
7:30 am Coffee w/
Rev. Annie
9 am +Morning Prayer
10:30 am +Music Practice
6 pm +Music Practice

FRIDAY: 4/11

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

SATURDAY: 4/12

7 am AA Meeting (U)
9 am Women's Cursillo
Meeting (U)

Palm Sunday

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



KEY

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