



WORSHIP BULLETIN:
MAY 11, 2025
Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:00 AM
Prayer B

Fourth Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE HYMN:

The following is sung.

(A3 121) My Shepherd will Supply My Need

Verse 1:

My shepherd will supply my need: Jehovah
is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside
the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I
forsake his ways,
And leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of
truth and grace.

Verse 2:

When I walk through the shades of death,
thy presence is my
stay. One word of thy supporting breath
drives all my fears
away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth
still my table
spread;
My cup with blessing over flows, thy oil
anoints my head.

Verse 3:

The sure provisions of my God attend me all
my days.
O may thy house be my abode and all my
work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others
go and come;
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a
child at home.

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.

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.

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

The people sit.

¹³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 23

Remain seated.

¹The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

³He revives my soul *

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

⁴Though 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.

⁵You 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.**

⁶Surely 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.

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

Remain seated.

⁹I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal,

they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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 10:22-30

All stand.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I

have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

Deacon: 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. Beth Gaines



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:

- 5/14 Weds. Eucharist & Bible Study cancelled.
- 5/15 Thurs. Coffee without the Rector.
- VBS deadline to register is May 16.
- 5/18 Meet the Traditional Music Director

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

You Never Let Me Down
Composed by: Cameron DePalma

Verse 1:
Lately you’ve been reaching out to me
I can feel you from across the sea
All the songs I sang and tears I cried
Trying to make it to the other side

Chorus:
You never let me down
You never let me go
You’re always on my side
My savior and my Lord

Verse 2:
I’m the kind of sheep who goes astray
Jesus came to save me anyway
Now he’s touched my eyes so I can see
Like a blind man back from Galilee
(Chorus)

Verse 3:
And out of the darkness and into the light
Heavenly angels in glorious flight
He said “I am tbe way and the truth and the light”

Verse 4:
Lately you’ve been calling out to me
I can hear you from across the sea
Something sweetly passing through the strings
It’s the music that the spirit brings
(Chorus)

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.



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



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;**

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

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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:

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The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION:

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*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.

(LEVAS 152) Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees

Verse 1:

Let us break bread together on our knees
(on our knees)

Let us break bread together on our knees
(on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to
the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me (on me)

Verse 2:

Let us drink wine together on our knees
(on our knees)

Let us drink wine together on our knees
(on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to
the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me (on me)

Verse 3:

Let us praise God together on our knees
(yes, on our knees)

Let us praise God together on our knees
(yes, on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to
the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me (on me)

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COMMUNION HYMN:

The following is sung.

Revelation Song

Verse 1:

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven’s mercy seat

Chorus:

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev’rything
And I will adore You

Verse 2:

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King

Verse 3:

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and
living water
Such a marv’ous mystery yeah

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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.

(LEVAS 136) I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Verse 1:

I have decided to follow Jesus.
I have decided to follow Jesus.
I have decided to follow Jesus.
No turning back, no turning back!

Verse 2:

Though none go with me,
Still I will follow.
Though none go with me,
Still I will follow.
Though none go with me,
Still I will follow.
No turning back, no turning back!

Verse 3:

The world behind me.
The cross before me,
The world behind me.
The cross before me,
The world behind me.
No turning back, no turning back!

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DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant will dismiss the people

Deacon: 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!



- * 5/14 Weds. Eucharist & Bible Study cancelled
- * 5/15 Thurs. Coffee *without* the Rector
- * VBS Deadline to Register is 5/16
- * 5/18 Meet the Traditional Music Director

The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.
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Mike Keefe

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL

Beverly Southard
Gordon Edward Gross

WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

Major Russ Morris, U.S. Air Force Reserves
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Warrant Officer Brandon Niemann, U.S. Army Airman
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SA Michelle Severa, PA, Air National Guard
Staff SGT Jake Sackett, U.S. Air Force
Major Xacasia Evans-Walp, U.S. Army

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

5/12 Steve Rodekohr
5/15 Leo Harrod

SERVING THIS WEEK:

Celebrant	The Rev. Annie Mertz	
Preacher	The Rev. Beth Gaines	
Deacon	The Rev. Beth Gaines	
	8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Music	John Partridge	Cameron DePalma
Lector	Ann Lindsay	Donna Patey
Intercessor	Jim Brown	Donna Patey
LEM	Jim Brown	TBD
Healing Prayers	MaryFrances Kelly-Poh	Donna Patey
Ushers	Dale & Charlie Kilbourne	Jeff Jarvis & Steve Rodekohr
Altar Guild	Jeanne Brown & Sandy Schipper	
Flower Guild	Ann Lindsay	
Office Angels	Jeanne Brown & Debbie Varson	
Verger	Leo Harrod	

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:

John Partridge, Interim Traditional Music Director
Cameron DePalma, Contemporary Music Director
Eric Foster, Communications Director
Lisa Lannoy, Parish Administrator
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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

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 Fourth 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)



MONDAY: 5/12

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

TUESDAY: 5/13

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

WEDNESDAY: 5/14

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

THURSDAY: 5/15

7am AA Meeting (P)
 7:30 am Coffee WITHOUT
 Rev. Annie
 9 am +Morning Prayer

FRIDAY: 5/16

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

SATURDAY: 5/17

7 am AA Meeting (U)
 7 am Men's Meeting (R)
 5 pm +Piano Recital &
 Reception (P)

The Fifth 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
 8 pm AA (P)



KEY

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