



**WORSHIP BULLETIN:**  
**MAY 11, 2025**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**8:45 AM**  
**Prayer B**

***Fourth Sunday of Easter***

**PRELUDE:**

***Instrumental***

**Fugue in C**

**Composed by: John Partridge**

**ENTRANCE HYMN:**

*The following is sung.*

*Please refer to your hymnal*

**(H 208) The Strife is O'er**

**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*

**(S 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.

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.*

<sup>36</sup>Now 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. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since 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." <sup>39</sup>So 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. <sup>40</sup>Peter 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. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile 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.*



*Remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
**I shall not be in want.**  
<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
**and leads me beside still waters.**  
<sup>3</sup>He revives my soul \*  
**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**  
<sup>4</sup>Though 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.**  
<sup>5</sup>You 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.**  
<sup>6</sup>Surely 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.*

<sup>9</sup>I 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. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,  
 "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"  
<sup>11</sup>And 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, <sup>12</sup>singing,  
 "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."  
<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I 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.

<sup>15</sup>For 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.

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

<sup>17</sup>for 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.**

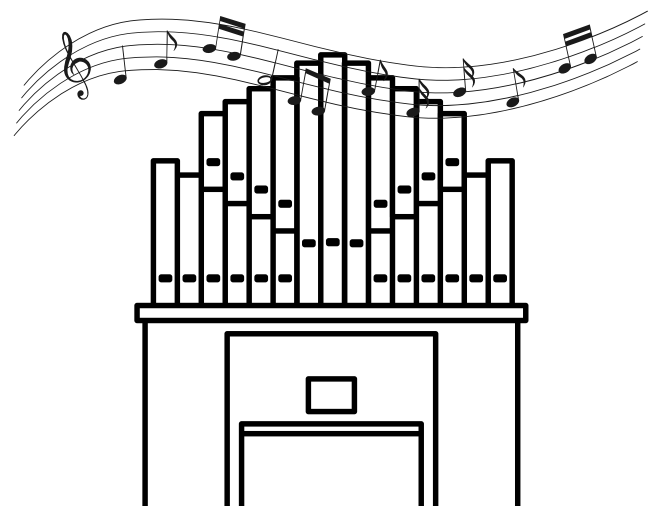
*Silence may follow.*

**GOSPEL HYMN:**

*The following is sung.*

*Please refer to your hymnal*

**(H 343) The Shepherd of Souls**





*All stand.*

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

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>122</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So 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." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON: The Rev. Beth Gaines**

*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**

*All remain standing*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

*Instrumental*

**Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence  
4<sup>th</sup> Century "Liturgy of St. James"**

## OFFERTORY HYMN:

*The following is sung.*

**(H 522) Glorious Things of Thee Are  
Spoken**

## 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 SOLO:

***Instrumental***

**Ut Queant Laxis**

**Composed by: Antonio de Cabezon**

## COMMUNION HYMN:

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

**(H 341) For the Bread Which You Have Broken**

## 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 708) Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

## DISMISSAL

*The Deacon or Celebrant will dismiss the people*

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE:

***Instrumental only***

**Allegro non Troppo**

**Composed by: Johann Sebastian Bach**





# 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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## WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING

**Rev. Cn. Mary Goshert**  
**Virginia & Gary Cady**  
**Mark Park**  
**Judith Mooney**  
**Manuel Pena**  
**Deb Mulholand**  
**Skip, Alana & Kai Bowman**  
**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  
**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

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

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