



WORSHIP BULLETIN:
MAY 18, 2025
Holy Eucharist Rite II
8:45 AM
Prayer B
Fifth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE:

Instrumental

Introduction

Composed by: John Stanley

ENTRANCE HYMN:

The following is sung.

Please refer to your hymnal

(H 304) I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow

his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING:

Acts 11:1-18

The people sit.

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it

had upon us at the beginning.¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?"¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM:

Psalm 148

Remain seated.

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

²Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.

³Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

⁵Let them praise the Name of the Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

⁶He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

⁷Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

⁸Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

⁹Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and wingèd birds;

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.

¹³Let them praise the Name of the Lord, *

**for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.**

¹⁴He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
**the children of Israel, a people who are
near him.**
Hallelujah!

SECOND READING:

Revelation 21:1-6

Remain seated.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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 583) O Holy City, Seen of John

GOSPEL:**John 13:31-35***All stand.*

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³¹At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON:**Judy Furlong****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

- TGIFF - Friday, May 23, 5:30 pm
- Vallejo Choral Society Concert (Saturday, May 31, 7 pm)

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:

The following is sung by the choir only.

O How Glorious, Full of Wonder

Composed by: John Partridge

Lyrics by: Curtis Beach

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OFFERTORY HYMN:

The following is sung.

(H 529) In Christ There is No East or West

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

O Wie Selig Seid Dir Ihr Frommen
Composed by: Johannes Brahms

COMMUNION HYMN:

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

(H 325) Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees

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 372) Praise to the Living God

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!

POSTLUDE:

Instrumental

Grand Choeur
Composed by: R.G. Halling



MEET & GREET:
New Traditional Music
Director

MAY 18th
10:00am
to
10:30am
After the 8:45 service.



JOHN PARTRIDGE



The flowers at today's service are dedicated in memory of:

My Mother and Father, Mary and Francis Kelly

MaryFrances Kelly-Poh

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scan or click for our weekly announcements online!



* TGIF - Friday, May 23, 5:30 pm

* Vallejo Choral Society Concert
Saturday, May 31, 7 pm

The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.
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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

5/19 Jerry McKay
5/22 Charlie Kilbourne
5/22 Michelle Fitzgerald
5/23 Joe Brien & Blanche
Hilman

SERVING THIS WEEK:

Celebrant	The Rev. Annie Mertz	
Preacher	Judy Furlong	
Deacon		
	8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Music	John Partridge	Cameron DePalma
Lector	Chris Ayles	Marjorie Lowry
Intercessor	Ann Lindsay	Barbara Jewell
LEM	Charlie & Dale Kilbourne	Barbara Jewell
Healing Prayers	Nancy Bryan	Kim Rodekohr
Ushers	Art & Sandy Schipper	Martha & Jim Wolf
Altar Guild	Robin Silver & Susie Bonstin	
Flower Guild	Liz Stallings	
Office Angels	Dale Kilbourne	
Verger	Jim Peterson	

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
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VESTRY:

Lisa Pena, Senior Warden
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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 Fifth Sunday of Easter

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
 8:45 am +Communion
 10 am +Meet the Traditional Music Director
 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: 5/19

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: 5/20

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 12 pm Sustainable Solano (K)
 7 pm Vestry Meeting (U)
 7 pm +GGSOC Practice

WEDNESDAY: 5/21

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

THURSDAY: 5/22

7am AA Meeting (P)
 7:30 am Coffee w/ Rev. Annie
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 2 pm Benicia Friendship Club
 Author Discussion (P)

FRIDAY: 5/23

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 5:30 pm TGIFF (U)
 7 pm NA Meeting (P)

SATURDAY: 5/24

7 am AA Meeting (U)

The Sixth 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