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Worship, Love, Live the Message

WORSHIP BULLETIN:
APRIL 12, 2026 **11:00 AM**
Holy Eucharist Rite II **EOW 1**

Second Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE HYMN:

The following is sung.

(H 400) All Creatures of Our God and King

Verse 1:

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,

Refrain:

O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 2:

Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice: **[Refrain]**

Verse 3:

Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
[Refrain]

OPENING ACCLAMATION: BCP p. 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen
People: The Lord is risen indeed

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.

Gloria 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: God 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 2:14a,22-32***The people sit.*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.**PSALM:****Psalm 16***The people sit.*

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
**I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
 my good above all other."**

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *

upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods *

shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, *

nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *

it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *

indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *

my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me; *

because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *

my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, *

nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; *

**in your presence there is fullness of joy,
 and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

SECOND READING:**1 Peter 1:3-9***The people sit.*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an

indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN:

The following is sung

(Gather 258) Celtic Alleluia

Refrain:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL:

John 20:19-31

All stand.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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."

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."

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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 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." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 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

POST GOSPEL HYMN:

The following is sung.

(Gather 258) Celtic Alleluia

Refrain:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE SERMON:

The Rev. Annie Mertz

THE CREED:

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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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit

and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

THE PEACE: BCP p. 360

All stand.

Celebrant: The peace of Christ 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:

- Free Concert – Saturday, April 18 - 3 PM at Saint Paul's Church – GVRD Symphonic Band.
- Women's Bible Study –Tues., April 28, 7 pm.
- Exhibit about Rev. James Lloyd Breck is on display in the case in the south transept.

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 HYMN:

The following is sung.

Harvest of Love

Verse 1:

Harvest of love in the fullness of time
Jesus is tending the fruit of the Father's vine
Harvest of love, show us the way
To bring the light of your truth to the world today

Chorus:

But the fruits of the spirit are love and peacefulness
The fruits of the spirit are joy and happiness

Verse 2:

Harvest of love, all you can eat
The bread overflowing the baskets in front of me
Harvest of love, fish from the sea.
Bursting our nets as he calls them all in to me

(Chorus)

Verse 3:

Harvest of love in the fullness of time
Jesus is lovingly, tending the fathers vine.
Harvest of love, show us the way
to bring the light of your truth to our world today

(Chorus)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: EOW PRAYER 1

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love. . . . Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS:

Celebrant and people

Americana Hosanna

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Continued...

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. . .

. . . Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. . .

. . . Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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

Christ Our Passover

Composed by: Cameron DePalma

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION:

All are welcome to come forward for communion. If you're new to the sacrament, please reference the card in the pews with more information. The bread is given with the words, 'The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.' The wine is given with the words, 'The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.'

COMMUNION HYMN:

The following is sung.

(LEVAS 37) Were You There

Verse 1:

Were you there when they crucified my Lord
Were you there when they crucified my Lord
O sometimes it causes me to tremble
tremble tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord

Verse 2:

Were you there when they nailed Him to the
tree
Were you there when they nailed Him to the
tree
O sometimes it causes me to tremble
tremble tremble
Were you there when they nailed Him to the
tree

Verse 3:

Were you there when they laid Him in the
tomb
Were you there when they laid Him in the
tomb
O sometimes it causes me to tremble
tremble tremble
Were you there when they laid Him in the
tomb

Verse 4:

Were you there when He rose up from the
grave
Were you there when He rose up from the
grave
O sometimes it causes me to tremble
tremble tremble
Were you there when He rose up from the
grave



COMMUNION HYMN:

The following is sung.

(A3 67) How Great Thou Art

Verse 1:

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my savior God, to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!

Verse 2:

When through the woods and forest glades I
wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain
grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle
breeze.

Verse 3:

And when I think that God, his son not
sparing,
Send him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Verse 4:

When Christ shall come with shout of
acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my
heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou
art!



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: EOW p. 70

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

SUNG BENEDICTION:

The following is sung.

Life is Short

Words by: Henri Frederic Amiel

Music by: Cameron DePalma

Life is short,
And we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who
make the journey with us.
So... be swift to love,
and make haste to be kind.
And the blessing of God,
who made us,
who loves us,
and who travels with us
be with you now and forever.

A—MEN

BLESSING:

The Celebrant blesses the people.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

The following is sung.

(WLP 819) While I Run This Race

Verse 1:

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race,
'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.

Verse 2:

Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.

Verse 3:

Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.
Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.
Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.
'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.

DISMISSAL:

The Celebrant will dismiss the people

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!



The flowers at today's service are
in celebration of:

**Alison, Nancy, Carly and
Natalie Bryan's birthdays.**

Nancy Bryan

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL

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Mike Keefe
MaryFrances Kelly-Poh

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
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Major Xacasia Evans-Walp, U.S. Army
Airman 1st Class Nevaeh Jarvis, U.S. Air Force
Captain Greg Arnold, U.S. Navy

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

4/12 David Lindsay
4/13 Deborah Mulholand
4/13 Mark Park
4/16 Joseph & Michelle Ellett
4/18 Louis & Debbie Borst

SERVING THIS WEEK:

Celebrant	The Rev. Annie Mertz	
Preacher	The Rev. Annie Mertz	
	8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Music	John Partridge	Cameron DePalma
Lector	Christopher Payne-Taylor	Carole Johnson
Intercessor	Ann Lindsay	Martha Saldana-Wolf
LEM	Jim Brown & Robyn Wall	Martha Saldana-Wolf & Cathy Cellini
Healing Prayers		
Ushers	Mark & Jeanne Brown	Helen Kennedy-Lazar & Laura PeabodyPark
Altar Guild	Jeanne Brown & Sandy Schipper	
Flower Guild	Ann Lindsay	
Verger	Jorge Pena	

PARISH LEADERSHIP

CLERGY:

The Rev. Annie Mertz, Rector

The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder, Associate Priest

STAFF:

John Partridge, Traditional Music Director
Cameron DePalma, Contemporary Music Director
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VESTRY:

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Brandon Bailey, Kathryn Gojack, Richard Padfield,
Megan Klingensmith, Michelle Fitzgerald

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.

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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: 4/13

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: 4/14

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 1 - 2:30 pm +Organ Practice
 5:30 pm Kiwanis Meeting (P)
 6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting (R)

WEDNESDAY: 4/15

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

THURSDAY: 4/16

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 7:30 am Coffee w/ Rev. Annie
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 2:30 - 4:30 pm +Bagpipe Practice

FRIDAY: 4/17

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 10:30 am Al-Anon Meeting (U)
 7- 9 pm NA Meeting (P)

SATURDAY: 4/18

7 am AA Meeting (U)
 Men's Meeting (R)
3 pm +Free Concert - GVRD Symphonic Band

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