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**WORSHIP BULLETIN:
APRIL 12, 2026**

Holy Eucharist Rite II

8:45 AM

Prayer D

Second Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE:

Instrumental

Christ ist erstanden

Composed by: J. S. Bach

ENTRANCE HYMN:

The following is sung.

(H 178) Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

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.

(S 278) Gloria to God

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: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM:**Psalm 16**

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: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN:

The following is sung

(H 209) We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight

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 MUSIC:

Instrumental

Improvisation

Composed by: John Partridge

THE SERMON: The Rev. Annie Mertz

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 ANTHEM:

The following is sung by the choir

Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Lyrics by: John of Damascus,

Music from: Medieval German carol

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OFFERTORY HYMN:

The following is sung

(H 486) Hosanna to the Living Lord

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D: BCP p. 367

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true. . . Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

SANCTUS:

Celebrant and people

(S 129) Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

BCP p. 373

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. . . Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
We give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us. . . Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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:

Celebrant and People

(S 154) Christ Our Passover

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, 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 SOLO:

Instrumental

It is Well with My Soul

Music by: Horatio Spafford

Improvisation by John Partridge

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COMMUNION HYMN:

The following is sung.

(H 691) My Faith Looks Up to Thee

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: BCP p. 365

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING:

The Celebrant blesses the people.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

The following is sung.

(H 203) Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!

DISMISSAL:

The Celebrant will dismiss the people

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

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

Instrumental

Wir Schon leuchtet der Morgenstern

Composed by: Johann Pachelbel

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

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

Nancy Bryan

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scan or click for our weekly announcements online!



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* Women's Bible Study –Tues., April 28th 7 pm.

* Exhibit about Rev. James Lloyd Breck is on display in the case in the south transept.

The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.
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Jim Turner
Jude Augustus Emery
Ron McGinnis
Nancy Gigliotti
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Vicky Carr
Dick Bryan
Don Haberkost
Neal Mulholand

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL

Jennifer Deal
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
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
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
Eric Foster, Communications Director
Lisa Lannoy, Parish Administrator
Tim Markley, Archivist
Kylie Lazarek, Nursery Staff
Heather Pritchard, Nursery Staff

VESTRY:

Ann Lindsay, Senior Warden
Donna Patey, Treasurer
Donna Marshall, Gerri MacGregor, Jim Peterson,
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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