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**WORSHIP BULLETIN:
APRIL 19, 2026**

Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:00 AM

EOW 1

Third Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE HYMN:

The following is sung.

(A3 148) Soon and Very Soon

Verse 1:

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

Verse 2:

No more crying there, we are going to see the King!

No more crying there, we are going to see the King!

No more crying there, we are going to see the King!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

Verse 3:

No more dying there, we are going to see the King!

No more dying there, we are going to see the King!

No more dying there, we are going to see the King!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

Verse 4:

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! ! Hallelujah!

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.**

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING:

Acts 2:14a,36-41

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 116:1-3, 10-17

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *

because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *

I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *

"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

How shall I repay the Lord *

for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation *

and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *

in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord *

is the death of his servants.

O Lord, I am your servant; *

I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;

you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *

and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *

in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the Lord's house, *

in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Hallelujah!

SECOND READING:

1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for

your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN:

The choir will sing the verses; please join in on the chorus.

(Gather 258) Celtic Alleluia

Refrain:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL:

Luke 24:13-35

All stand.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death

and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

POST-GOSPEL HYMN:

Please refer to Gospel Hymn.

THE SERMON: The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder**THE CREED: EOW p. 53***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:

- **Memorial Service** - Mary Frances Kelly-Poh Sat., April 25, 2 pm.
- **Women's Bible Study** - Launching 4/28, 7 pm, Undercroft.
- **Save the Date** - Knife Sharpening Fundraiser - Community Meal – Sat., May 9th.
- **VBS June 15–19** – This year’s theme: “Sing to the Lord!” – Registration is now open.

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.

Soul on Fire

Chorus 1:

God I'm running for Your heart
I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire
Lord I'm longing for Your ways
I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire
(Til I am a soul on fire)

Verse:

Lord restore the joy I had
I have wandered bring me back
In this darkness lead me through
Until all I see is You yeah

Bridge:

Lord let me burn for You again
Let me return to You again
And Lord let me burn for You again
And let me return to You again

Chorus 2:

God I'm running for Your heart
I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire
'Til I am a soul on fire
'Til I am a soul on fire

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: 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

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.

(A3 175) They'll Know We Are Christians

Verse 1:

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Verse 2:

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

Verse 3:

We will work with each other, we will work side by side.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side.

And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

Verse 4:

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,

And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,

And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

COMMUNION HYMN:

The following is sung.

(A3 18) Bind Us Together

Chorus:

Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together Lord, bind us together Lord, bind us together with love.

Verse 1:

There is only one God. There is only one king. There is only one body that is why we sing.

Verse 2:

We are the family of God. We are the promise divine.

We are the chosen design. We are the glorious new[†] wine.

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.

Note: This song is a "zipper" song. Listen to the music leader as he "zips" in new words to create new verses.

Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around

African-American Spiritual, Adapted in 1962 for the Civil Rights Era by Ralph Abernathy

Verse 1:

Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around, turn me around,
Turn me around. Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around.
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin'
Marchin' up to freedom land.

Verse 2:

Ain't gonna let _____ turn me around, turn me around,
Turn me around. Ain't gonna let _____ turn me around.
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin'
Marchin' up to freedom land.

Verse 3:

Ain't gonna let _____ turn me around, turn me around,
Turn me around. Ain't gonna let no _____ turn me around.
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin'
Marchin' up to freedom land.

Verse 4:

Ain't gonna let _____ turn me around, turn me around,
Turn me around. Ain't gonna let _____ turn me around.
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin'
Marchin' up to freedom land.

Verse 5:

Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around, turn me around,
Turn me around. Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around.
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin'
Marchin' up to freedom land.

DISMISSAL:

The Celebrant will dismiss the people

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scan or click for our weekly announcements online!



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

* Save the Date - Knife Sharpening Fundraiser – Community Meal – Sat., May 9th .

* VBS June 15–19 – This year's theme: "Sing to the Lord!" – Registration is now open .

The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.
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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

4/23 Jim Peterson
4/25 Debbie Borst

WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

Major Russ Morris, U.S. Air Force Reserves
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WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL

Jennifer Deal
Mary Frances Kelly-Poh
Nancy Gigliotti
Christopher John Bogart

SERVING THIS WEEK:

Celebrant	The Rev. Annie Mertz	
Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder	
	8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Music	John Partridge	Cameron DePalma
Lector	Ann Lindsay	Cathy Cellini
Intercessor	Jim Brown	Kim Rodekohr
LEM	Jim Brown & TBD	Kim Rodekohr & Cathy Cellini
Healing Prayers		Rev. Beth Gaines
Ushers	Jeff Jarvis & Brenda Moore	Christine Stevens & Barry Cunningham
Altar Guild	Kim Rodekohr & Robin Silver	
Flower Guild	Liz Stallings	
Verger	Gilbert Zabala	

PARISH LEADERSHIP

CLERGY:

The Rev. Annie Mertz, Rector

The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder, Associate Priest

STAFF:

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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

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CALENDAR

The Third 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: 4/20

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: 4/21

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 1 - 2:30 pm +Organ Practice
 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting (U)

WEDNESDAY: 4/22

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
 7 pm BAFC (U)

THURSDAY: 4/23

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

FRIDAY: 4/24

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 10:30 am Al-Anon Meeting (U)
 5:30 pm TGIFF (U)
 7- 9 pm NA Meeting (P)

SATURDAY: 4/25

7 am AA Meeting (U)
+2 pm Memorial Service for Mary Frances Kelly-Poh
Reception to Follow (P)

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)



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