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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Worship, Love, Live the Message

WORSHIP BULLETIN:
MAY 10, 2026 **11:00 AM**
Holy Eucharist Rite II **EOW 1**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE HYMN:

The following is sung.

(WLP 797) It's Me, It's Me, It's Me O Lord

Refrain:

It's me, it's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer;

It's me, It's me, O Lord, Standin' in the need of prayer.

Verse 1:

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer,
not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer. **(Refrain)**

Verse 2:

Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer,
not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer. **(Refrain)**

Verse 3:

Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer,
not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer. **(Refrain)**

Verse 4:

Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer,
not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer. **(Refrain)**

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.

Gloria to God

Composed by: Cameron DePalma

Gloria 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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire, 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 17:22-31

The people sit.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the

world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 66:7-18

Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads;
 we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
 and will pay you my vows, *
**which I promised with my lips
 and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
 with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your

defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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:

John 14:15-21

All stand.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be

with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

POST-GOSPEL HYMN:

Please refer to Gospel Hymn.

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:

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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:

- **VBS June 15–19** – This year’s theme: “Sing to the Lord!” – Register now - [deadline is May 15.](#)

- **Calendar Update** – No Eucharist or Bible Study on Wednesday May 13.

- **Bingo is Back** - Saturday, 5/23 @ 4pm - Parish Hall.

- **Summer Hours** – Single Service - 10 am – begins on Sunday, June 7.

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:

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All remain standing

OFFERTORY HYMN:

The following is sung.

(WLP 805) I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Verse 1:

I want Jesus to walk with me (walk with me);
I want Jesus to walk with me (walk with me);
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord,
I want Jesus to walk with me (walk with me)

Verse 2:

In my trials, Lord, walk with me (walk with me);
in my trials, Lord, walk with me (walk with me);
when the shades of life are falling, Lord,
I want Jesus to walk with me (walk with me)

Verse 3:

In my sorrows, Lord, walk with me (walk with me);
in my sorrows, Lord, walk with me (walk with me);
when my heart within is aching, Lord,
I want Jesus to walk with me (walk with me)

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.

(H 325) Let Us Break Bread Together

Verse 1:

Let us break bread together on our knees.
Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees with my face to the
rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Verse 2:

Let us drink the cup together on our knees.
Let us drink the cup together on our knees.
(Refrain)

Verse 3:

Let us praise God together on our knees.
Let us praise God together on our knees.
(Refrain)



COMMUNION HYMN:

The following is sung.

(WLP 764) Taste and See

Refrain:

Taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.
Oh, taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Verse 1:

I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord;
for God has been so good to me. **(Refrain)**

Verse 2:

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me;
from all my troubles I was set free. **(Refrain)**

Verse 3:

Worship the Lord, all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
in God we need put all our trust. **(Refrain)**

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 787) We Are Marching in the Light of God

Refrain:

We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of, the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are
marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of, the light of God.

We are marching, marching we are
marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of God.

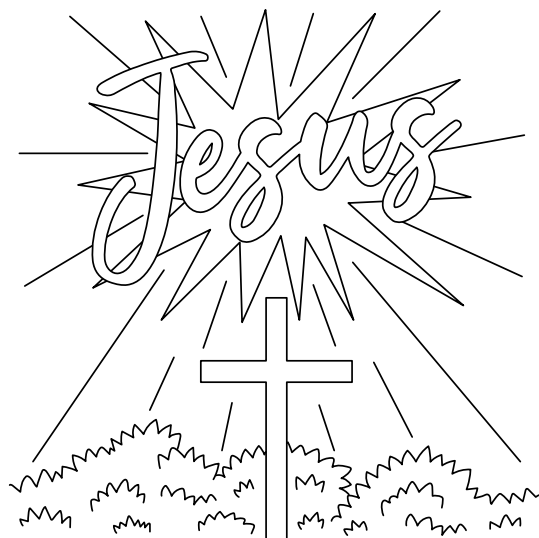
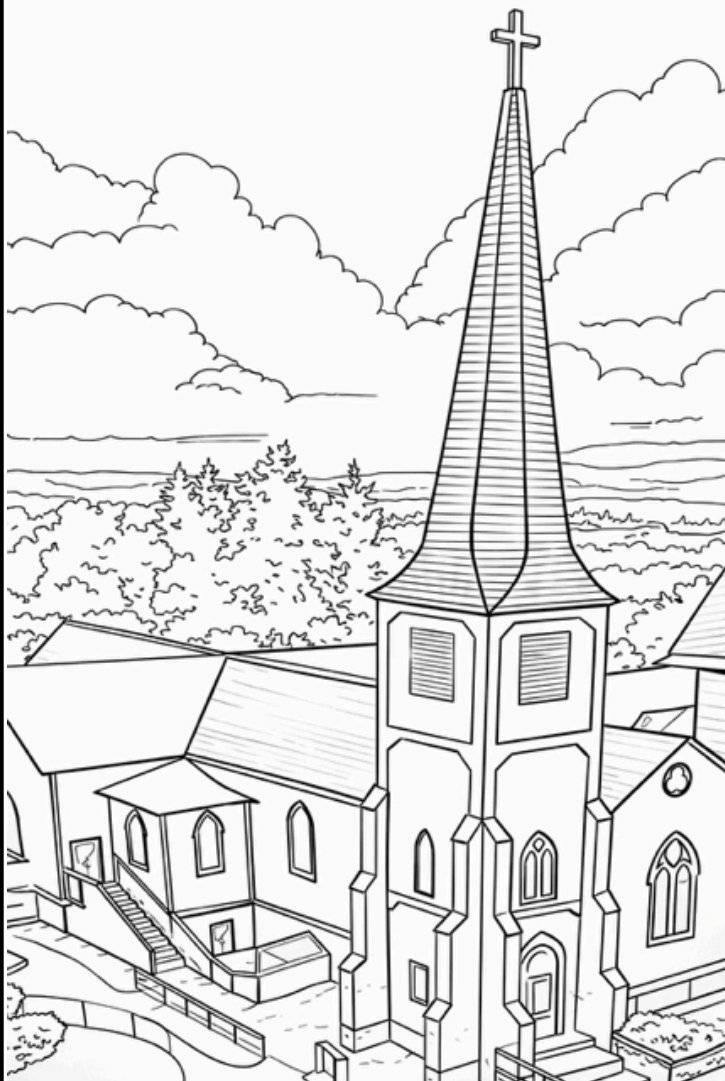
DISMISSAL:

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!

KIDS COLORING PAGE:



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scan or click for our weekly announcements online!



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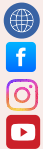
* Calendar Update – No Eucharist or Bible Study on Wednesday May 13. Summer hours - 10 am service begins June 7th.

The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.
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WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL

WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

Major Russ Morris, U.S. Air Force Reserves
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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

5/15 Leo Harrod

SERVING THIS WEEK:

Celebrant	The Rev. Annie Mertz	
Preacher	The Rev. Annie Mertz	
	8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Music	John Partridge	John Partridge
Lector	Christopher Payne-Taylor	Barry Cunningham
Intercessor	Jim Brown	Mary Katherine Dugan
LEM	Jim Brown & Robyn Wall	Kim Rodekohr & Cathy Cellini
Healing Prayers		Rev. Beth Gaines
Ushers	Art & Sandy Schipper	Jorge & Lisa Pena
Altar Guild	Jeanne Brown & Sandy Schipper	
Flower Guild	Kathy Gojack	
Verger	Joe Brien	

PARISH LEADERSHIP

CLERGY:

The Rev. Annie Mertz, Rector

The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder, Associate Priest

STAFF:

John Partridge, Traditional Music Director
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VESTRY:

Ann Lindsay, Senior Warden
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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

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 Sixth Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day

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: 5/11

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: 5/12

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: 5/13

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

THURSDAY: 5/14

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 7:30 am Coffee *without* Rev. Annie
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 2:30 - 4:30 pm +Bagpipe Practice
 7 pm Drum Class (R)

FRIDAY: 5/15

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

SATURDAY: 5/16

7 am AA Meeting (U)
 7 am Men's Meeting (R)
 5 pm +Piano Recital & Reception (P)

The Seventh 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)



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- P** = PARISH HALL
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- R** = RECTORY
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