



THE HOLY EUCHARIST
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 19, 2026

On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

WELCOME! St. Paul's Church builds bridges — to God, to one another, to the city and beyond. We are glad you have joined us today.

Each Sunday of the Great Fifty Days is a time to explore the life we share in Jesus Christ's dying and rising, a life which begins for each of us at our Baptism and which is renewed in us each time we celebrate the Eucharist.

This service booklet, *The Book of Common Prayer* (red), *The Hymnal 1982* (blue), and *Wonder, Love and Praise* ("WLP," green paperbound) provide the resources needed for participation in our worship. Please silence your cell phones.

MUSIC NOTE

Today's second communion anthem, *Alleluia* by Randall Thompson (1899-1984), was composed in just five days during the first week of July in 1940. Thompson was commissioned to write a festive choral "fanfare" by Serge Koussevitsky, but because of the second world war, Thompson decided to write a more reflective piece open to many interpretations. The piece has become Thompson's most popular work and is frequently performed today.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

Readers: John Currie, Ingrid Stanlis (8:00)

Julie Gedro, Walter Rohlin, Nancy Curtis (10:15)

Eucharistic Ministers: TBA (8:00)

Chari Krenis, Joan Flint, Melinda Johnston (10:15)

Crucifer: Daniel Wright

Altar Guild: Judy McGrath, Linda White, Jackie Barnes,

Carey Wilcox, Nancy Reale

Ushers: Abuk Mabut, Lila Kennedy, Sally Kittredge, Jane Newcomb

ASL Interpreter: Jean Rodman (10:15)

Live-Stream Operator: Anita Chen (10:15)

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*Before worship, let God speak to you. During worship, speak to God.
After worship, speak to one another.*

✠ *indicates to stand as able.*

✠ HYMN 179 (*stz 1, 4, 5, 6*) Welcome, Happy Morning *Fortunatus*

✠ OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Presider 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 IN EXCELSIS (*spoken at 8:00; S-278 sung at 10:15*) William Mathias

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

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

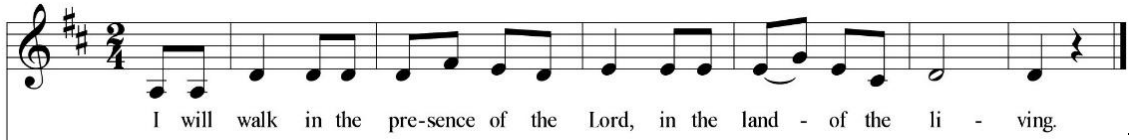
Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:10-17 (*Said responsively at 8:00; Congregation sings Antiphon at 10:15*)



- 10 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord. (*sing antiphon*)
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants. (*sing antiphon*)
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord. (*sing antiphon*)

16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah! (*sing antiphon*)

SECOND LESSON

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 The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

✠ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *sung twice before Gospel and once following* Caribbean



Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - ja! Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - lu - ja! Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - ia! Hal - le - lu - ja! Hal - le - lu - ja!

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the same day that Jesus rose from the dead, 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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Jay Burkardt

A brief period of quiet reflection follows the sermon.

✠ NICENE CREED

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.

✠ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer is offered for the Church, Nation, world, those who suffer, and for the departed.

Intercessor Risen One;

People **Hear our prayer.**

Additional prayers may be offered, and the Presider adds a concluding collect.

✠ EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please greet one another in Christ's Name. Words of welcome and announcements are then made.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Deacon says: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due God's Name; bring offerings and come into the courts with praise. (Psalm 96:8)

All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord; praise him and magnify him forever. You angels of the Lord, bless the Lord; you heavens bless the Lord; all you powers of the Lord, bless the Lord; praise him and magnify him forever. You sun and moon, bless the Lord; you stars of heaven, bless the Lord; you showers and dew, bless the Lord; praise him and magnify him forever. You winds of God, bless the Lord; you fire and heat, bless the Lord; you winter and summer, bless the Lord; praise him and magnify him forever. You dews and frost, bless the Lord; you frost and cold, bless the Lord; you ice and snow, bless the Lord; praise him and magnify him forever. You nights and days, bless the Lord; you light and darkness, bless the Lord; you lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord; praise him and magnify his name forever. Let the earth bless the Lord; you mountains and hills, bless the Lord; all you green things that grow on the earth, bless the Lord; praise him and magnify him forever. You wells and springs, bless the Lord; praise him and magnify him forever. You rivers and seas, bless the Lord; you whales and all who move in the waters, bless the Lord; praise him and magnify him forever. All you birds of the air, bless the Lord; all you beasts and cattle, bless the Lord; all you children of mortals, bless the Lord; praise him and magnify him forever. You people of God, bless the Lord; you priests of the Lord, bless the Lord; you servants of the Lord, bless the Lord; praise him and magnify him forevermore. You spirits and souls of the righteous; you pure and humble of heart, bless the Lord; let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; praise him and magnify him forever. Amen.

✠ SAID AT 8:00 **All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.**

✠ AT THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: HYMN 174 (*stz. 1, sung by all*) Salzburg
**At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King;
 Who hath washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;
 Praise we him, whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,
 Gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.**

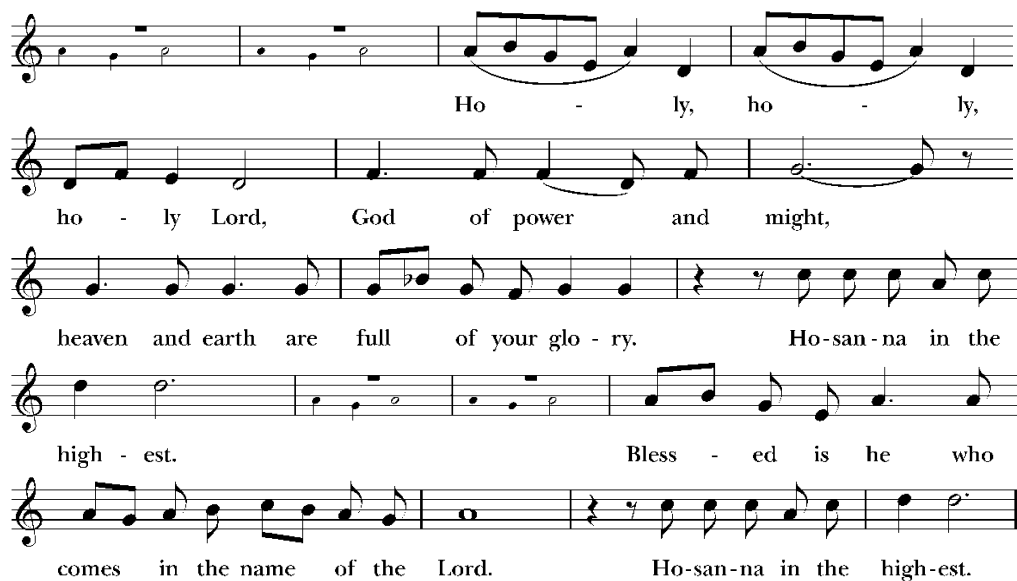
✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B*
Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

✠ SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (Hymnal S-128)

William Mathias



Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The congregation may remain standing or kneel, as the Presider 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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when

he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus 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,

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____, and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Presider The gifts of God, for the people of God.

All are welcome at God's table.

All are encouraged to come forward for Communion at the direction of the ushers. The Sacrament is given in both kinds: bread and wine. If you are not able to go to any of the stations, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available.

COMMUNION ANTHEMS Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia Tanzanian melody

Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia. For our redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling its gloom. Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.

Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy. Our sins forgiving, alleluia!

Jesus is living, alleluia!

Alleluia

Randall Thompson

Alleluia. Amen.

✠ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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**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.**

✠ THE BLESSING

✠ HYMN 204

Now the Green Blade Riseth

Noël nouvelet

✠ THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

VOLUNTARY

Fanfare

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

PRAYER LIST

We entrust into your unfailing care, Merciful God...

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Kara Wagner Sherer, our Bishop; and,
the Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leaders of St. Paul's Church

In Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: St. Michael's Church, Geneseo

Claudius Scott, Marcia Stevens, Jack Worboys, Linda, Mara Hazzard-Wallingford,
Shelia Eiss, Luke Humphry, Bill & Diane Bailey, Lois, Donna Grear, Hans
Thurston, Nathan, Noreen, Scott, Bertha Simpkins, Jeff, Tom, Amelia Smith, Ella
Richard-Dyson, and Bill Dewart

Those who have died.

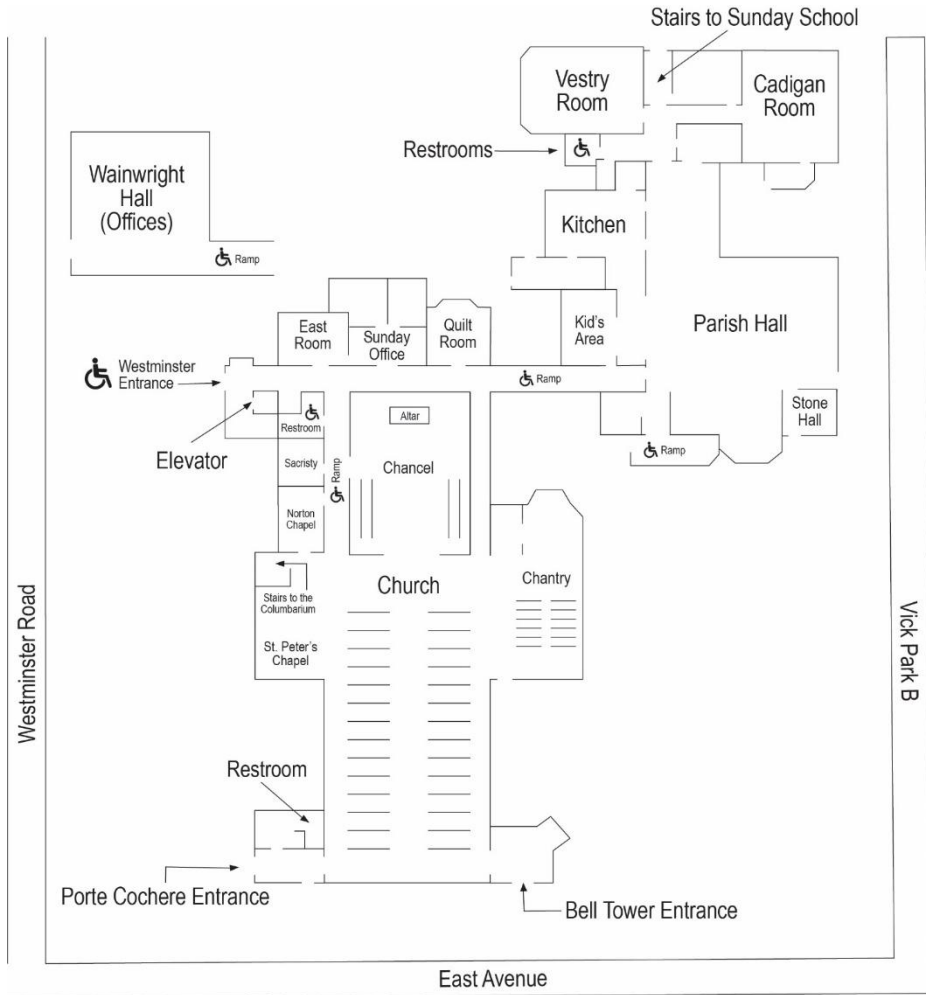
*Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

FLOWER MEMORIALS

The flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and
in memory of James P. Atwater, and Elizabeth (Libby) Skerritt

When immigrants live in your land with you, you must not cheat them.
Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your
citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants
in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.

Leviticus 19:33-34 (CEB)



All are invited to make a gift to support our mission:
 As the plate is passed. • By scanning the QR code at the left. • Online at stpaulsec.org/donate. • By texting PAUL to 73256 and following the prompts.
 Thank you for your generosity!

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S

- 8:00 am: Holy Eucharist (Chantry)
- 9:00 am: Bible Study (Vestry Room)
- 10:00 am: Sunday School
- 10:15 am: Holy Eucharist (Church)
- 11:30 am: Fellowship Hour (Parish Hall)
- 11:30 am: Chorister Rehearsal (Church)
- 11:30 am: Family Luncheon (Cadigan Room)
- 3:00 pm: Third Sundays @3pm Concert (Church)
- 4:30 pm: Youth Group (Stone Hall)
- 6:30 pm: Search Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Monday, April 20th

- 10:00 am: Archives Team (Stone Hall)
- 7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

Wednesday, April 22nd

- 9:00 am: Wednesday Women AA (Stone Hall)
- Noon: Holy Eucharist (St. Peter's Chapel)
- 8:15 pm: Young & Restless AA (Stone Hall)
- 6:00 pm: Handbell Rehearsal (Church)
- 7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Thursday, April 23rd

- 6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Stone Hall)
- 8:30 pm: Academy Group AA (Stone Hall)

Saturday, April 25th

- 10:30 am: Debtors' Anonymous (Quilt Room)
- 8:00 pm: AA Saturday Group (Stone Hall)

NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ **Third Sundays @3pm:** The St. Paul's concert series is TODAY at 3:00 pm with *If Music Be the Food*. A program of music for strings and piano by Mozart, Schubert, and Haydn. Donations of non-perishable food or cash to benefit Foodlink.
- ❖ **A Yummy Fundraiser:** Wednesday, April 22, between 11:00 am and 9:30 pm, Adelita's at Pittsford Plaza will donate 15% of the entire day's proceeds to Family Promise, formerly RAIHN. This includes lunch, dinner, and takeout. Enjoy a great meal & assist Rochester's families in housing crises.
- ❖ **Road Closures:** Due to the Flower City Half Marathon. Please note that East and Park Avenues will be closed from approximately 7:45 am until 9:00 am next Sunday, April 26th.
- ❖ **Search Committee Town Hall Talks:** Join the Search Committee on Sunday, April 26th, in the Cadigan Room as they hold "Town Hall Talks" after both the 8:00 & 10:15 am services to share next steps in calling St. Paul's next rector and gather parish input. Childcare will be provided for both meetings.
- ❖ **St. Joseph's House:** For April, we will collect all sizes of men's & women's underwear, men's & women's travel-size deodorant, razors, lotion, coffee & sugar. Please place all donations in the baskets in the back of the church.
- ❖ **Childcare:** Available every Sunday at 10:00 am, including the summers & holidays. Please ask an usher to direct you to the nursery/toddler room.
- ❖ **Bible Study meets each week at 9:00 am in the Vestry Room.** Join us as we study and discuss the week's readings!
- ❖ **Reminder:** Clergy & staff will never text or email asking for gift cards.

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