



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

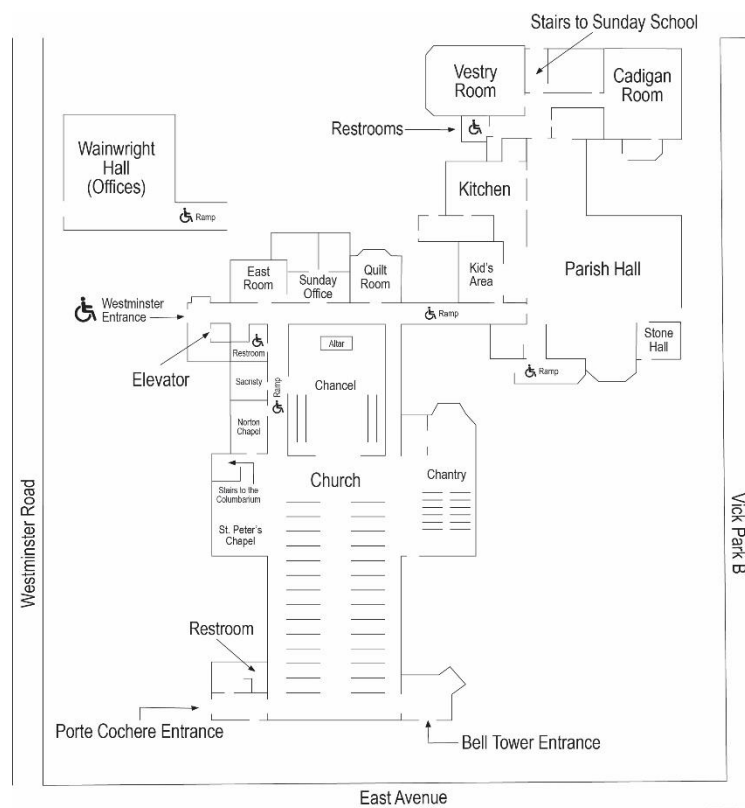
If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Colossians 3:1

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 cellular phones.



“The Lord is in the holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.”
(Habakkuk 2:20)

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

⊠ indicates to stand as able.

The Holy Eucharist
Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024 ❖ 8:00 am & 10:15 am

VOLUNTARY

Air

Gerre Hancock

✠ HYMN 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Engelberg

✠ EASTER ACCLAMATION

Presider Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

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

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 (*said at 8:00am; sung at 10:15am, Hymnal S-278*)

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. (*A brief silence is kept*) Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:24-30 (*Said at 8:00am; Sung by ALL at 10:15am*)

Chant: Kennedy



- 24 My praise is of him in the great as-/sembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who / worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall / praise him: *
“May your heart live for- /ever!”
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the / LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow be- / fore him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the / nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall be- /fore him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall / serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD’S for-/ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet un- / born *
the saving deeds that he has / done.

SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us.

Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

✠ SEQUENCE HYMN 379

God is love, let heaven adore Him

Abbot's Leigh

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Robert Picken

✠ 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, the Nation and the world, for 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

ANTHEM

Meditation on Psalm 23

David Fetler
Nancy Curtis, *soloist*
Mimi Hwang, *cello*

✠ AT THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

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

SUNG AT 10:15 HYMN 182 (*Stz. 1 & 2*)

Truro

1 **Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.**

2 **Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
And conquer every place and time.**

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

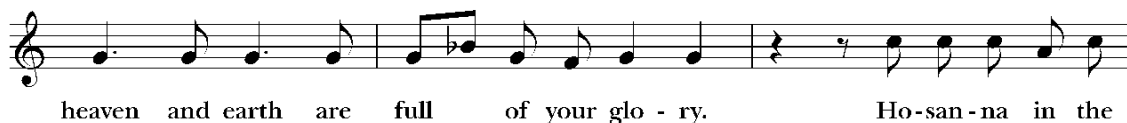
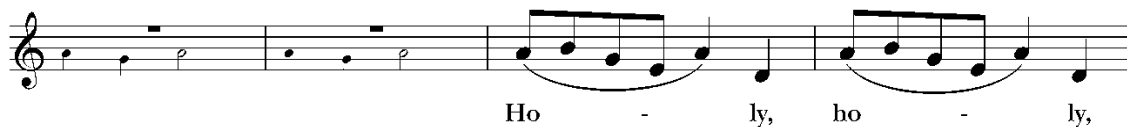
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

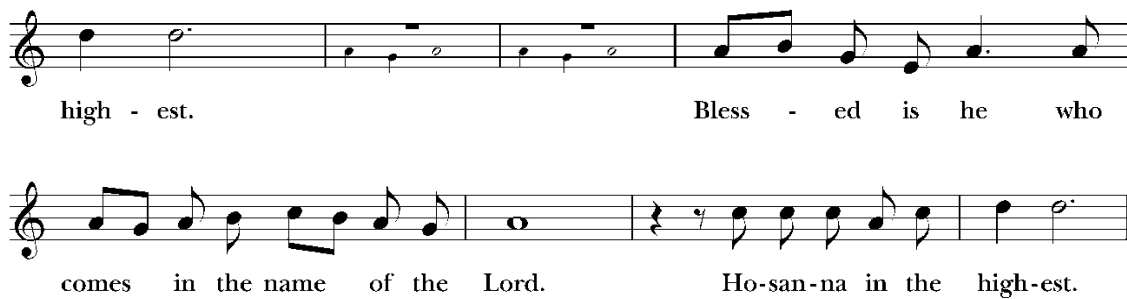
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. 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. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (*said at 8:00am; sung at 10:15am*)

Mathias





During the Great 50 Days of Easter, the congregation may remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and 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 friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Blessed Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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.**

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.

The congregation comes 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 MOTET

Hear My Prayer

Moses Hogan

*O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the mornin' when I rise.
It's your servant bound for glory, O dear Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, please hear my prayer, keep me safe within your arms.
It's your servant bound for glory, O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.
When my work on earth is done, and you come to take me home.
Just to know I'm bound for glory, and to hear you say well done.
Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy. Amen.*

✘ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

✘ EASTER BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

✘ HYMN 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Land of Rest

✘ DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY

“Fantasy,” from *Suite No. 1 for Organ*

Florence Price

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Agnes Lacy Moore & Lacy Moore and in celebration of the baptism of Henry Connor*

PRAYER LIST

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

Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; Steve Lane, our Bishop; Kara Wagner Sherer, our Bishop-elect; and, the Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leaders of St. Paul's Church

In Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Bangladesh

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: Rural & Migrant Ministry

Those for whom our prayers have been requested: Wanda, Pat Culver, Jan Metcalf, Jason, Joyce Crofton, Chris Thomas, Gary Scott, Betty Morrill, John, Bonnie Enzerillo, Hank Couch, Ned Atwater, Bertha Simpkins, Donna Bayley, Barbara, Paula Zanhizer, Amelia Smith, Louis, Scott Stiefvater, Ella Richard-Dyson, Dean Arvan, 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.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

Readers: Gila Balman, Mary Critikos (8:00)

Nancy Grear, Les Kernan, Gary Scott (10:15)

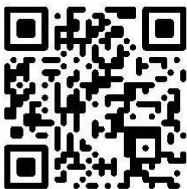
Eucharistic Ministers: Gila Balman (8:00); Les Kernan (10:15)

Crucifer: Wayne Least (10:15 only)

Altar Guild: Kitty MacDowell, Jane Newcomb, Jackie Barnes, Carey Wilcox, Judy McGrath

Ushers: Anne Refermat, Stan Refermat, Floyd Bayley

ASL Interpreter: Jean Rodman (10:15 only)



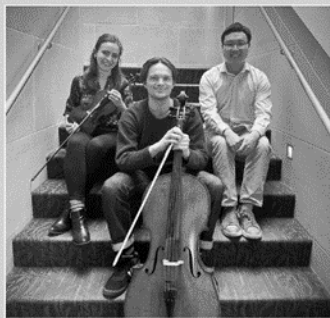
All are invited to make a gift to support our mission:

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!

If Music Be The Food

Sunday, April 28 at 4PM
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
25 Westminster at East



High Falls Trio

Steven Dong, piano
Lydia Newton, violin
Alfred Western, cello



Salaff Quartet

Thomas Rogers &
Molly McDonald, violins
Aiko Ito, viola
Benjamin Krug, cello

Works by Arensky and music from Denmark, as arranged by the
Danish String Quartet

Admission

Cash/check donation or
non-perishable food items.
All proceeds benefit Foodlink.

Donate Now



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Monday, April 29th

10:00 am: Archives Committee (Stone Hall)

7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

Tuesday, April 30th

7:00 pm: Organ Recital – Alden Wright

Wednesday, May 1st

9:00 am: Wednesday Women AA (Stone Hall)

Noon: Holy Eucharist (Norton Chapel)

7:00 pm: St. Paul's Choir (St. Peter's Chapel)

8:15 am: Young & Restless AA (Stone Hall)

Thursday, May 2nd

4:00pm: Investment Committee (Vestry Rm)

6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Stone Hall)

7:00 pm: Bell Choir (Youth Choir Room)

8:30 pm: Academy Group AA (Stone Hall)

Saturday, May 4th

9:30 am: St. Joe's Sandwich Making (Kitchen)

10:30 am: Parish Grounds Clean-up

10:30 am: Debtors' Anonymous (Quilt Room)

8:00 pm: AA Saturday Group (Stone Hall)

NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ **Who was Bishop Butler?** Join Dr. David White at 9:00 am in the Cadigan Room for a discussion of the life and theology of The Rt. Rev. Joseph Butler – the 18th-century English Bishop, philosopher, apologist, and theologian.
- ❖ **If Music Be the Food Concert to Benefit Foodlink:** TODAY at 4:00 pm. The performers will include Eastman's High Falls Trio - Steven Dong, piano; Lydia Newton, violin; and Alfred Western, cello – and The Salaff Quartet - Thomas Rogers & Molly McDonald, violins; Aiko Ito, viola; and Benjamin Krug, cello. The Salaff Quartet performs as a part of *Acts of Giving Back*, the RPO initiative celebrating its centennial season. Admission to the concert is a cash/check donation made payable to Foodlink or non-perishable food items.
- ❖ **Organ Recital:** Alden Wright, Interim Director of Music at Christ Church in Pittsford and Eastman DMA student will perform on Tuesday, April 30th at 7:00 pm (in conjunction with Christ Church, Rochester at 8:00 pm). All are welcome!
- ❖ **Guest Preacher / Speaker next Sunday.** We will welcome The Rev. Peter Peters from Rochester Emergency Action Committee for the Homeless (REACH), who will preach at both services and offer a forum at 9:00 am in the Cadigan Room.
- ❖ **Free Book Table:** TODAY through Sunday, May 12th, there is a table of free books in the Parish Hall. Drop by and explore the selection. Feel free to pick out any books that catch your eye to bring home with you!
- ❖ **Scholarships:** St Paul's Memorial Scholarship Applications are now available! St Paul's offers scholarships to graduating high school seniors and those continuing their college studies. Please contact Rev Jay (jburkardt@stpaulsec.org) for an application.
- ❖ **Lay Weeders are needed!** Time to get our gardens and ground ready for Spring. All are invited, welcomed, and encouraged to help THIS Saturday, May 4th at 10:30 am.
- ❖ **St. Joseph House Needs:** Coffee, tea, sugar, creamer, and socks. Please place donations in the baskets in the back of the church or in the parish hall.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

8:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 am Sunday Forum (Cadigan Room)
10:00 am Sunday School for Children
10:15 am Holy Communion with Music
Nursery Care provided. Live-Stream available.
11:30 am Choristers (Youth Choir Rm.)

WEDNESDAYS

12:00 pm Holy Communion (Norton Chapel)
7:00 pm St. Paul's Choir (St. Peter's Chapel)

THURSDAYS

7:00 pm Bell Choir (Youth Choir Rm.)

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