



THE HOLY EUCHARIST WITH
HOLY BAPTISM

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 2026 ✠ 10:15 AM

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

This morning's closing hymn, "Morning Has Broken" is a Gaelic melody that gained popularity among Americans in the 1970's when it was sung by Cat Stevens. The origins of the tune are from the 19th century when a musician named Alexander Fraser heard it being sung in Scotland and wrote it down so it could be shared with the ages.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

Readers: Chandler Moran, Brent Johnson, Carol Panzer

Eucharistic Ministers: Cynthia Miller, Judy McGrath, Les Kernan

Crucifer: Septimus Scott

Altar Guild: Lindsay Korth, Margaret Cochran, Carey Wilcox, Linda White

Ushers: Bonnie Martin Lindsay Korth, Susan Dow

ASL Interpreter: Jean Rodman

Live-Stream Operator: Sonja Slother

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Before worship, let God speak to you. During worship, speak to God.

After worship, speak to one another.

VOLUNTARY

Saraband for Easter

Herbert Howells

✠ *indicates to stand as able.*

✠ HYMN 180

He is Risen, He is Risen!

Unser Herrscher

✠ OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

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

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit,

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Creator of all.**

✠ COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

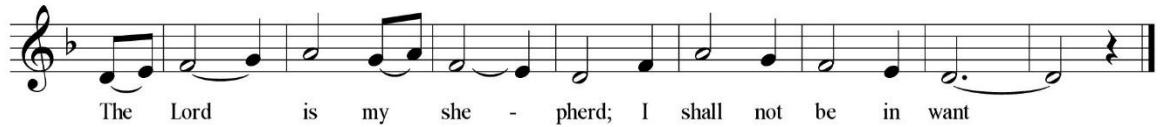
Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 (Congregation sings Antiphon)



- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters. (*sing antiphon*)
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me. (*sing antiphon*)
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. (*sing antiphon*)

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:17-23

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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 John 10:1-10

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

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

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

A brief period of quiet reflection follows the sermon.

The Rev. Dan Burner

HOLY BAPTISM

*This morning we welcome
Russell Radnor Gorges
into the household of God through Holy Baptism.*

✠ Hymn 490 (*stz 1*) I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light *Houston*
The congregation may be seated.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE BCP p. 301

✠ *After the candidate has been presented, the congregation STANDS and the Presider addresses them, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support
this person in his life in Christ?

People We will.

✠ THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

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After the candidate has been baptized, the Presider says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People **We receive you in to the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

✠ 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*)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Christ the Lord is Risen Again Eric H. Thiman

Christ the Lord is risen again; Christ hath broken every chain. Hark! Angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, alleluia! He, who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife, is our Paschal Lamb today; we too sing for joy and say alleluia! He, who bore our pain and loss comfortless upon the cross, lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry, alleluia! Hymns of praise then let us sing unto Christ our heavenly King, who endured the cross and grave, sinners to redeem and save, alleluia. Amen.

✠ 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 ANTHEM And I Saw a New Heaven Edgar L. Bainton

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, behold, the tabernacle of God is with all, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.

✠ 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 8

Morning Has Broken

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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

A Paschal Fanfare

Malcolm Archer

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 Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: Zion Church, Avon

David Miller, Bob Michniewicz, Marcia Stevens, Claudius Scott, Jack Worboys, Linda, Mara Hazzard-Wallingford, Shelia Eiss, Bill & Diane Bailey, Lois, Donna Gear, Hans Thurston, Nathan, Noreen, Scott, Bertha Simpkins, Amelia Smith, Ella Richard-Dyson, and Bill Dewart

Those who have died.

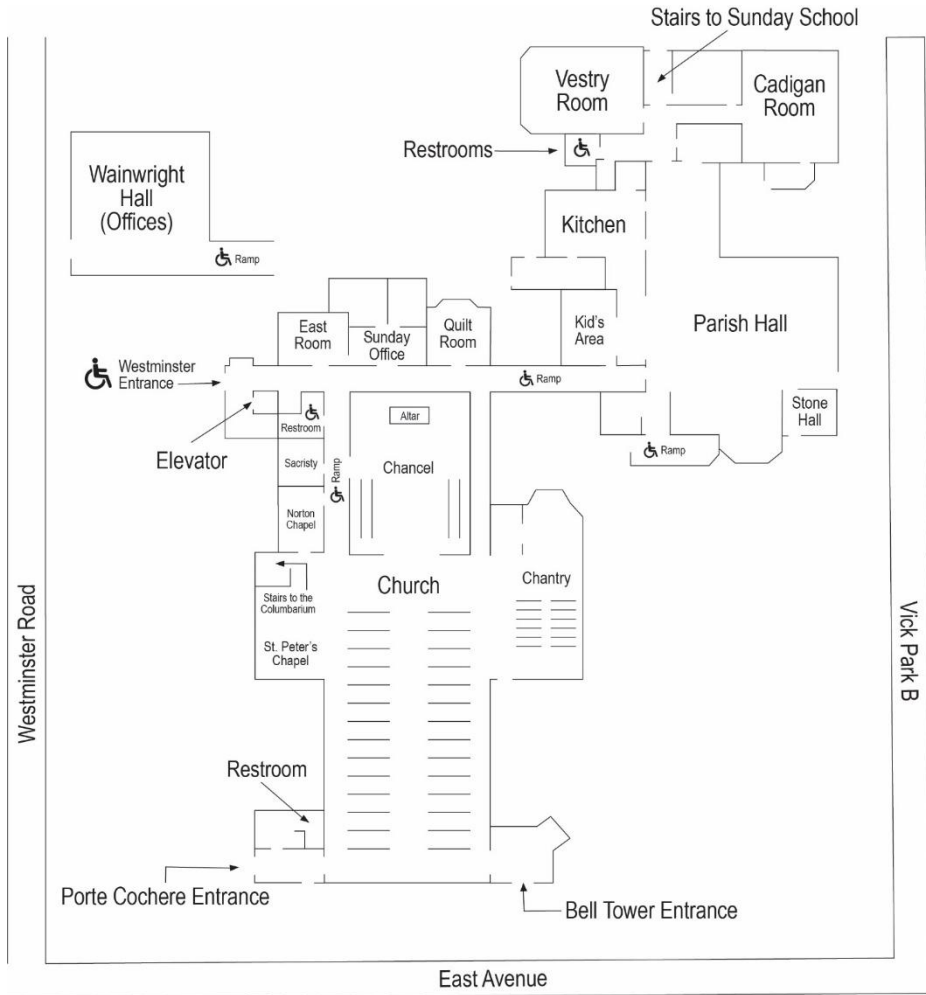
*Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

FLOWER MEMORIALS

The flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Pamela Brock, Eleanor Wilcox, and Anne Beveridge

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)
- 9:00 am: Town Hall Talk (Cadigan 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: Town Hall Talk (Cadigan Room)

Monday, April 27th

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

Wednesday, April 29th

- 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 30th

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

Saturday, May 2nd

- 9:30 am: St. Joe's Sandwich Making (Parish Hall Kitchen)
- 10:30 am: Debtors' Anonymous (Quilt Room)
- 8:00 pm: AA Saturday Group (Stone Hall)

NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ **The Lay Visitors** commissioned this morning have participated in a training program as they learned about ways to care for members of our church family who would benefit from a pastoral visit. They learned ways to pray for others and the process of administering the Eucharist. Following this morning's commissioning, they will begin to assist members of the clergy in caring for our St. Paul's family. Please hold this new ministry, the Lay Visitors, and those they will serve in your prayers. The new Lay Visitors are Charlie Cowley, Diane Healy, Bill Moore, Jane Newcomb, and Linda White.
- ❖ **Search Committee Town Hall Talks:** Join the Search Committee on TODAY 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.
- ❖ If you are looking for a link to the Search Committee CAT Survey, you can follow either the link or QR code below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/STPAULECROCHESTERNY>



- ❖ **Monthly Potluck Suppers:** Next month's Potluck Supper will be on Wednesday, May 6th at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us, even if you don't have time to bring a dish to pass!
- ❖ **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.

ST. PAUL'S STAFF

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