

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church



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Sunday Worship: 10:00AM

Office Hours: 8:15am until 1:00pm Monday – Thursday

Serving Montrose and surrounding communities  
With God's Love through Jesus Christ  
Since 1831

**Welcome to St. Paul's**, Montrose, PA. We are so thankful that you are worshipping with us on this day. We have served Montrose and surrounding communities with God's love through Jesus Christ since 1831; and invite you to join with us in this long tradition of service. Please accept our hospitality; any member can assist you to our Coffee Hour in the Parish House following the worship service. Thank you for joining us this day. We invite you to come again and, with God's love, be a part of St. Paul's.

**OUR VISION:** To be a community of faith that shares the transforming love of God with all people through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**OUR MISSION:** To proclaim God's love by word and example and to seek Christ in one another.

### **The Holy Eucharist**

Announcements

The Prelude

*Easter Prelude*

arr. by Sam Ellson

*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

*Jesus Lives and So Shall I*

The Gathering Hymn

*Jesus Christ is risen today*

Hymn 207

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia, Christ is risen.

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

The Gloria

S280

The Collect of the Day

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**The First Lesson:**

**Isaiah 65:17-25**

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the

sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord-- and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God**

**The Response: Please respond by the half-verse to our reading of Psalm 118 found on page 760 in your prayer book; we shall read verses 1 through 2 and 14 through 24.**

*Reader:* Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

***People:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen!**

**The Epistle:**

**Acts 10:34-43**

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate

and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God**

The Sequence Hymn *That Easter Day with joy was bright* Hymn 193 v 1&2

## **The Gospel**

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

***People:* Glory to you Lord Christ**

### **Luke 24:1-12**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

On this day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad as we pray to the God who raised Jesus from the dead, saying: Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that we may be signs of Christ's light for all who have lived in darkness, of hope for all who know pain and suffering, and of love for all who have been rejected.

**Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on the people of St. Paul's as we anticipate and prepare for the person you will raise up for us to be the next rector of our parish. May we receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.

**Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, gathered to eat and drink with the Risen Lord, that we may be strong in faith, confident in hope, and abounding with love for God and neighbor.

**Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the newly baptized, that they may always keep the light of Christ burning in their lives.

**Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all those who live in places of war, violence and unrest, that with all God's people they may live in freedom and safety.

**Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, remembering especially Margaret, Brad, Kathy, Joe, Esther, Charlotte, Alice, Charlotte, Esther, Jeanette, Jeanne, Bart, Steve, Kristina, Richard, Jane, Martha, Andrew, Gaby, Carol

.....; that they may encounter the Risen Lord who brings hope and healing. **Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all those suffering from addictions, that they may desire a clean and sober life, and find the resources for their bodies, minds and spirits that will allow them to do so; for all those who love someone who is addicted, that comfort and support be provided in their journeys; for all in the healing community assisting recovery, that the Holy Spirit will refresh and strengthen them; for ourselves, that we share the power of God's healing and transforming love with all touched by this addictions epidemic; for St. Paul's that a spirit of unity in witness and action will be among us. Merciful God, accept the fervent prayers of your people.

**Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, remembering especially..... that they may live forever with Christ in the glory of the resurrection.

**Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. Alleluia!

**To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: hear the prayers we offer in the hope of eternal glory and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live forever in the joy of the resurrection. Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God, now and always, and unto the ages of ages. **AMEN.**

Confession and Absolution  
The Peace

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### **HOLY COMMUNION**

The Offertory

*Welcome, happy morning*      Choir  
Congregation, please join on refrains

Hymn 179 v 1-3

The Doxology:	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow</i>	Hymn 380, v3
The Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP page 361
The Sanctus		S124
The Lord's Prayer		
The Breaking of the Bread		
The Fraction Anthem		S161
The Communion		
	<i>Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table to receive the Sacrament or a Blessing.</i>	
	<i>Please cross your arms over your chest if you wish to receive a Blessing.</i>	
The Hymn during Communion		
	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord</i>	Hymn 178
The Post Communion Prayer		BCP page 365
The Blessing		
The Parting Hymn	<i>Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done</i>	Hymn 208
The Dismissal		
The Postlude	<i>Coronation, from Judas Maccabeus,</i> by G.F. Handel, Arr. Robert Hughes	

### **Our Ministers Today:**

Celebrant: The Rev. Charles Cesaretti

Concelebrant and Homilist: The Rev. John Wagner

Organist & Choir Director: Catherine Hammons

Altar Guild: Barbara Undercoffler, Carol Lasher & Carol Marker

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth

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