

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

The Prelude

Announcements

The Gathering Hymn

Praise to the living God!

Hymn 372

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

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

The Gloria

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The Collect of the Day

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The First Lesson

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also

heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Response

Psalm 148

Reader: Please respond by the half-verse to our reading of Psalm 148.

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; * **praise him in the heights.**
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * **praise him, all his host.**
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; * **praise him, all you shining stars.**
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, * **and you waters above the heavens.**
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; * **for he commanded, and they were created.**
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; * **he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, * **you sea-monsters and all deeps;**

- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, * **tempestuous wind, doing his will;**
9 Mountains and all hills, * **fruit trees and all cedars;**
10 Wild beasts and all cattle, * **creeping things and winged birds;**
11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, * **princes and all rulers of the world;**
12 Young men and maidens, * **old and young together.**
13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, * **for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.**
14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, * **the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!**

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 Second Lesson

Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Sequence Hymn

O Love, how deep, how broad, how high Hymn 449 v 1 & 2

The Gospel

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

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

John 13:31-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

Because God has been glorified in Jesus, let us pray for all those God loves in the name of Jesus saying: Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church: especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that strengthened by the Risen Christ, we may be strong in our faith and bear witness to his commandment of love.

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, that we may be known as disciples of Jesus by the love and care that we show one another.

Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.

For people of all faiths who are experiencing persecutions and hardships, that God will protect them, fill them with courage, and help them to love in the face of fear.

Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.

For all whose work points to a new heaven and new earth, especially those who fight poverty, homelessness and hunger, that God's light and love will shine through their service and be a sign of hope for all.

Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.

For the elderly and the homebound, the sick and the suffering, remembering especially Margaret, Brad, Kathy, Joe, Esther, Charlotte, Alice, Charlotte, Esther, Jeanette, Jeanne, Bart, Steve, Kristina, Richard, Jane, Martha, Andrew, Gaby, Carol; that God will renew them and give them a taste of the water of life.

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 find a place in the new and eternal Jerusalem where death is no more, let us pray to the Lord.

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, God of glory, who gave us your Son. Hear the prayers we offer on behalf of your whole creation and strengthen it in your love, that we may honor your Spirit which fills the whole earth, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution
The Peace

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HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory	<i>I want Jesus to walk with me</i>	LEVAS 70	Choir
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>Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life</i>		Hymn 487
The Post Communion Prayer			BCP page 365
The Blessing			
The Parting Hymn	<i>In Christ, there is no East or West</i>		Hymn 529
The Dismissal			
The Postlude			

Altar Flowers today are In Memory of Loved Ones.

Our Ministers Today:

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. John Wagner

Organist & Choir Director: Catherine Hammons

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Counters: Tom Undercoffler & David Calby

Chalice Bearer: Esther Welden

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