

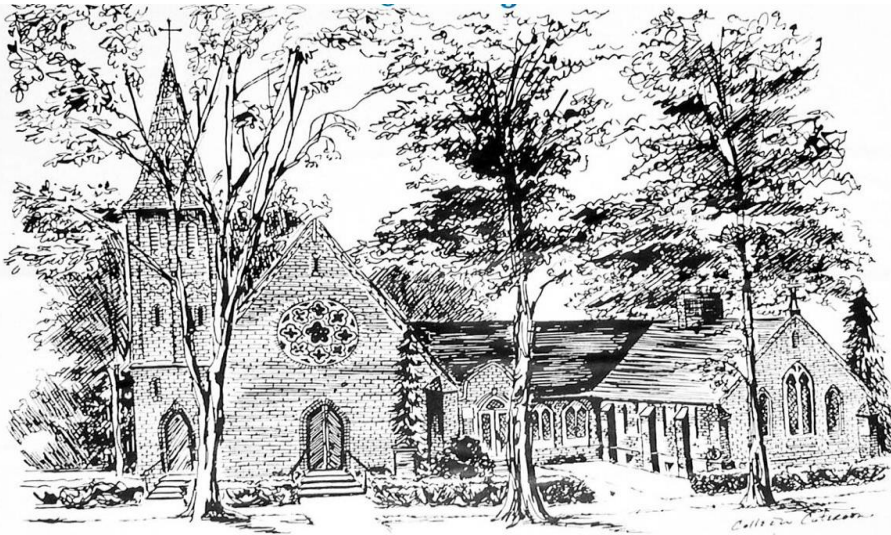
# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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## Service of Morning Prayer

The Second Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, April 11, 2021

Sunday Worship: 10:00AM - Online  
Office Hours: 8:15am until 1:00pm Monday – Thursday

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# SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

## RINGING OF THE BELL BY ORGAN

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Voluntary on "Come Down, O Love Divine"* Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. John Barr

## OPENING SENTENCE

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

**GATHERING HYMN**      *Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face*      Hymn # 318 v 1,3&4

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

***Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:***

***You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us. We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom, while building walls between ourselves and others. We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are, while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience. We have tried to love our neighbors individually while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.***

***Forgive us, Holy God.***

***Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people. Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love. Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity, even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.***

*Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.*

## THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Lord, open our lips.

***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

**THE JUBILATE** Psalm 100

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands:\***

**serve the Lord with gladness**

**and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God:\***  
**he himself has made us, and we are his;**  
**we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**  
**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;**  
**go into his courts with praise;\***  
**give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**  
**For the Lord is good;**  
**his mercy is everlasting;\***  
**and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

### **Psalm 133**

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
**when brethren live together in unity!**
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
**that runs down upon the beard,**
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
**and runs down upon the collar of his robe.**
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
**that falls upon the hills of Zion.**
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \*  
**life for evermore.**

*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 forever. Amen**

## **THE LESSONS**

### **THE FIRST READING - Acts 4:32-35**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

### **THE THIRD SONG OF ISAIAH** Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

**Arise, shine, for your light has come,\***  
**and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.**  
**For behold, darkness covers the land;\***  
**deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.**  
**But over you the Lord will rise,\***  
**and his glory will appear upon you.**  
**Nations will stream to your light,\***

and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open,\*  
by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord,\*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land,\*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation,\*  
and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day,\*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light,\*  
and your God will be your glory.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:\*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### **THE EPISTLE READING - 1 John 1:1-2:2**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* Thanks be to God

**The Song of the Redeemed Revelation 15:3-4**  
***O ruler of the universe, Lord God,***  
***great deeds are they that you have done,\****  
***surpassing human understanding.***  
***Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth,\****  
***O King of all the ages.***  
***Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,***

*and sing the praises of your Name?\**  
*for you only are the Holy One.*  
*All nations will draw near and fall down before you,\**  
*because your just and holy works have been revealed.*  
*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:\**  
*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

**ORGAN MEDITATION**

*Prelude in Remembrance*

Lani Smith

### **THE GOSPEL - John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **THE HOMILY**

#### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
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.  
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. Amen.***

### **THE PRAYERS**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

***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.***

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Gathered as believers who are one in heart and soul, let us pray through Jesus the Son of God, gloriously risen from the dead, saying: *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the Church, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our bishop, and the local clergy who support us, Charles and Melinda, that through the gift of the Spirit, we may recognize God's presence with us. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For this parish family, and those of Christ Church and St Marks, that we who have not seen the Risen Lord, and yet have come to believe, may be blessed in sharing the peace, and forgiveness we have received. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who are wounded in any way, that we may see Christ in the wounds of those around us, and be instruments of healing and peace in their lives. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the gift of peace, that Christ's gift may abide with us, and sustain us, through all the challenges of life. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all those in need, especially those who suffer violence, are recovering from natural disasters, or lack resources for daily living, that the Risen Christ will visit them with healing, power, and new hope. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those in need of our prayers, remembering especially . . . . . that the Spirit will renew in them the gift of life. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those suffering from addiction and for those who love and support them, that we share God's healing love through our unity in witness and action. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, remembering especially, . . . . . that they may now rejoice and be glad in fellowship with the Risen Christ. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, and all those 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 gives us the Easter word of peace through Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers, which we offer in the hope of glory, and breath upon us with your Holy Spirit. Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. ***Amen.***

**THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

***Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.***

**PARTING HYMN**

*Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done*

Hymn # 208

**THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

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

**POSTLUDE**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

OLIVET, arr. Paul Karvonen

**Officiant: Karen Blye-McAbee**

**Announcements & Lector: Lynne Graham**

**Organist: Catherine Hammons**