

# Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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**10:00 AM Bulletin**

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***Thank you for joining us today!***

*If you are new or visiting, please fill out a card from the pew and place it in the collection so that we may follow up.*



*There are three bathrooms located in the hallway between the church and the parish hall.*



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***Congregational responses are in bold type.***

## ***Serving Today***

Officiant	The Rev. Jason M. Miller
Organist	Rob Boccaccio
Cantor	Kerrykate Abel
Readers	Jean Keyes / Paul Mikulski
Acolytes	Fiona Abraham / Matthew McClain
Counters	Steve Anderson / Debbie George

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### **Organ Prelude**

### **Opening Hymn**

*Please rise in body or in spirit and join in singing.*

♪ Hymn 215 vv. 1 - 3 – **“See the Conquerer mounts in  
Triumph”**

### **Opening Acclamation**

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**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.**

## The Gloria

*Cantor*



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!

*Congregation*




Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!

*Cantor* *Congregation*




To God be glo-ry for-ev - er! To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!

*Cantor* *Cantor*




Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

*Congregation*




Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

*Cantor*




Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

*Congregation*



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

*Congregation*



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

*In Unison*



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! \_\_\_\_\_



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! \_\_\_\_\_

## ***The Collect of the Day***

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 1** – *Please remain seated and pray the Psalm responsively by whole verse.*

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

### **1 John 5:9-13**

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 178 – “Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord”**

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the  
ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give  
Praise to his Name. Name.

*1-4* *Final Ending*

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

*Repeat Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**John 17:6-19**

Jesus prayed for his disciples, “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received

them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

### **The 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.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly  
serve you;  
**That your name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the  
world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**



Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others we say silently  
or aloud:

#### Parishioners

**Michelle Andolina, Lu Ess, Mona Gaddis, Malinda Gay,  
Marje Hagberg, Barbara Harrison, Sue Petherick, Toni  
Spence, Joyce VanTine, Guy Walser, Kim Walser, Norman  
Zaccagnino, Marilyn Brady, Gail Michaels**

#### Family

**Rich, Bret, Bodhi, Silas, Bert, Mary, Linda, Anna,  
Leighton, Bruce, Danita, Donie, Scott, Catie and Barbara,  
Gayle, Mari, Jonathan, Tommy, Patsy, Danny, Patty,  
Suzanne, Gary and Jill, Phyllis**

#### Military

**Bill, Peter, Len, Kevin**

#### Friends

**Jennifer, Donny, Christina and Baby Jordan, Gladys,  
Nancy, Malcom, Kristan and family, Colleen, Larry,  
Danielle, Karen, Heather, James, Chris and Charlie,  
Barb and Dan, Stephanie**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

**Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with a visible sign of God's peace.*

## **Announcements**

*Please be seated for a brief list of announcements. You may wish to sign up for our weekly e-mail announcement list. (Instructions in the announcements at the end of this bulletin.)*

## **Offertory Sentence**

Let us with gladness offer our gifts to the Lord.

## **Offertory Music**

*Please rise in body or in spirit and join in singing.*

**♪ The Doxology – Hymn 380, verse 3**

## **The Great Thanksgiving (Enriching Our Worship Prayer #1)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our 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:

"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," an - gel hosts are sing - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
*"San - to, san - to, san - to," can - tan se - ra - fi - nes. "San - to, san - to,*

ho - ly is the Lord our God. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is God, the Lord of  
*san - to, Dios es el Se - ñor. San - to, san - to, san - to es fuer - te nue - stro*

might. Your glo - ry fills the heav - ens, your glo - ry fills the  
*Dios. Tu glo - ria lle - na los cie - los, la tie - rra lle - na es -*

earth." Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na is our song.  
*tá." Ho - sa - na en las al - tu - ras, ho - sa - na la can - ción.*

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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 children, that with 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.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Please come forward to receive communion one row at a time. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms when approached with the bread.*

### **Communion Music**

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

*The celebrant will close with a blessing.*

People: **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

♪ **Hymnal 494 vv. 1-4 – “Crown Him with Many Crowns”**

## **Dismissal**

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

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## **Organ Postlude**

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