



*Christ is risen!
He has risen indeed! Alleluia!*

St Paul's Episcopal Church
Key West, Florida
Sunday, April 4, 2021

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Historic Key West's Church"

April 04, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

Easter Day

The Episcopal Church &
We, here at St. Paul's, Welcome You!

Our Vision and Mission...

St. Paul's Church is a magnet drawing all people to the spiritual, cultural and re-creational heart of the community. We aspire to this vision by our mission to know that we are Christ's body in the world, revealing the love of God.

We remind ourselves of the words in scripture wherein God said,
"... my house shall be a house of prayer for all people."

So today we pray that when you come through the doors of the sanctuary you will be greeted by the love of God abiding in our hearts and minds. Your presence is a blessing to us today. Together let us bless the Lord in prayer, hymns, and dining with Christ at the Holy Table.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Organ Prelude

Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing!

Setting by Jane Holstein

Liturgy of the Word

Choir Easter Hymn

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Easter Hymn

The congregation is asked not to sing, but to listen to the text.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Collect for Purity

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

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Salutation

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People : And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of 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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
 his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
 "His mercy endures for ever."

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *
 and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
 in the tents of the righteous:

16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
 the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
 the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

17 I shall not die, but live, *
 and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *
 but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
 I will enter them;
 I will offer thanks to the Lord.

20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
 he who is righteous may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
 and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
 has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing, *
 and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
 we will rejoice and be glad in it.

A Reading from I Corinthians

(15:1-11)

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Sequence Hymn-#208 The Strife is O'er, the Battle Won
The congregation is asked not to sing.

Victory

The strife is o'er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped,
he rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!

All standing



***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John**

(20:1-18)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings

lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Fr. Lenworth Haughton

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

Celebrant: Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered his people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Let us lift our voices and pray,

Leader: Risen Lord,

People: Hear our Prayer.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings he showers upon us:

For our lives and for those whom we love,

For the beauty of this home God has created for us,

For our families and our friendships,
Let us give thanks to the God of Life.

Risen Lord,
People: Hear our Prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God:

For our clergy and our bishops,
For the many lay people who serve the church,
And serve the world through the church.
For those gather here in worship and prayer.

Risen Lord,
People: Hear our Prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for the newly baptized, that the joy of Easter may ever grow within them, and that the Spirit may guide them in lives of active faith.

Risen Lord,
People: Hear our Prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, And that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.

Risen Lord,
People: Hear our Prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who struggle: and who have died:

That the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, And that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores.

Risen Lord,
People: Hear our Prayer.

Celebrant

Blessed are you, God of power and wisdom, for you gave us Christ crucified, Christ raised from the dead. Receive the prayers we offer this day for us in our weakness and for all peoples everywhere. Glory to you for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Silence

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Leader and People:

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.*

Celebrant

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

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always be with you.
People: *And also with you.*

Let us share the Peace of Christ with one another. Reach out beyond yourselves and be encouraged and empowered by God's grace to perhaps share this Peace with someone that you've not met yet. Stay in place, smile and wave and let us delight in being children of God in the House of the Lord.

Please be seated

Announcements

Solo Rejoice Now, My Spirit
sung by Dean Warden

Johann Ludwig Bach

Rejoice now, my spirit, put sorrow away,
Your Savior, Christ Jesus, is risen today.

Now death is defeated and Satan o'erthrown.
The sting of destruction forever is gone.
Rejoice now in triumph, the battle is won!

Holy Communion

All standing

Eucharist Prayer B

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
People: Lift up your hearts.
Celebrant: *We lift them to the Lord.*
People: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Celebrant: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Then the Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly we are 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 Lord 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 he 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 his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 St Peter, St Paul, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, 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.*

The Breaking of the Bread

*Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Prayers when we cannot receive Holy Communion

In union, O Lord Jesus Christ, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I join in offering the sacrifice of my praise and thanksgiving to you. I present to you myself, my soul, and my body, with the earnest longing that I may ever be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you in this Holy Sacrament, come spiritually, I pray you, into my heart. I unite myself to you, and love you with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength. Let nothing ever separate me from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

All standing

Post-communion prayer

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself: We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your Name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours for ever. Amen.

Easter Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Dismissal

Choir Easter Hymn

Christ the Lord is Ris'n Today

The congregation is asked not to sing, but to listen to the text.

Llanfair

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Organ Postlude

Lift High the Cross

setting by Sydney H. Nicholson

Remember in Your Prayers Today: Brittany (Sherri Hodies' daughter), Beth and Jon Peterson (sister-in-law and brother of Tim), Al (Kitty Robert's partner), Peter Nanos, Joseph Lyles, Danny Sweeting, Cari Varela, Ed Hinkle

Remember those who have died: Chuck Hammond

We Celebrate these April Anniversaries:

Sheila & Ron Barker	04/01	Bob & Sylvia Hicks	04/23
Bryant & Jennifer Badry Jones	04/11	Chimo & Linda Acevedo	04/30
Carol & Jeffrey Burnham	04/21	Tom & Greta Ford	04/30
Bill & Jan Malpass	04/22		

We Celebrate these April Birthdays:

Jerry Poole	04/02	Mitch Paternaud	04/12	Monica McLaughlin	04/22
Grace Highsmith	04/03	Thomas Reeder	04/12	Roger Sweeting	04/24
Ivan Stanke	04/04	Joyce Senney	04/13	Alona Marius	04/25
Brad Hahn	04/05	Richard Griffith	04/14	Damon Byrd	04/26
Ashley Cook	04/08	Glenda Hoffman	04/17	Laurence Marius	04/27
Carol Wilusz	04/09	Diane King	04/17	Stephanie Ford	04/28
Kay Holfinger	04/11	Sheila Barker	04/19	Angie Mendez	04/30
Derek Nelson	04/11	Chasity Wynter Cyrillien	04/19	Jim Schufreider	04/30
		Walter Schmida	04/19		

Celebrant: Fr. Lenworth Haughton

Organist: Tim Peterson

Cantor: Dean Warden

Reader: Wendy Niven

Ushers: Wendy Niven

Lilla Whiteside

St. Paul's Vestry

Senior Warden, Ray Warren (Class of 2022)

Junior Warden, Greta Philips-Ford (Class of 2023)

Class of 2022: Kim Grizzle-Malgrat, Samantha Hall

Class of 2023: Bruce Hagemann, Lilla Whiteside

Class of 2024: Holle Campbell, Perry Hodies, Dean Warden

Easter Choir:

Kate Reilly, Suzanne Woods, Kathleen Bratton, Brian Wagstaff, David Eyer, Dean Warden

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please consider buying a personalized brick for the brick paver portion of the Memorial Garden. The cost of a 4 x 8 brick is \$100. Each brick will accommodate up to 3 lines and up to 18 characters per line, including spaces. You may order a Donor Brick with an additional donation of \$35; this is a duplicate of the brick being placed in the garden. With an additional donation of \$12 you may purchase a Donor Certificate to frame or to present as a gift. You can order your brick(s) at <https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/stpaulskw>

SATURDAY MORNINGS, 9:00am– 11:00am. Help us beautify St Paul's with a list of projects that Jr. Warden Greta Ford has lined up. There is something for everyone to do, both inside and out. We wear our masks, social distance, and have a well-deserved time in fellowship with others.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER is being offered on Facebook Live at 7:30AM and 5:00PM on weekdays. Thanks to Bruce Hagemann, Lisa Laskow, Mary Simmons, Samantha Hall, and Sarah Hall for volunteering to officiate at these sacred moments.

To join in the prayers via Facebook, go to the church Facebook page at the appropriate time and look for the window showing that "St. Paul's Key West is now live." Then click on the window.

Please help us with a little housecleaning. As you leave worship this morning, please take your bulletin with you for recycling at home. There is also a small trash can at the end of the middle aisle in the narthex, as you leave the church.

Search Committee Update. Continue to pray for those on the committee at St Paul's Episcopal Church, as their work continues in earnest, during this search for a new Rector at St Paul's.

O God, giver of every good gift, look graciously upon your whole church and upon St. Paul's. Guide us to use the diverse gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us that we may increase our commitment to one another and to the mission of your Church, and may choose a faithful Rector to lead us to love, serve, and grow in our congregation, in our community, and in the wider church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christ sacrifice
REDEEMER

He is RISEN

He life rejoice joy

amazing grace

Jesus SAVIOR

hope crucifixion

LOVE mercy

HISTORY OF THE PIPE ORGAN AT ST PAUL'S

Borrowed by a history written by David Eyer

From completion of the current church in 1920 until about 1932 there was no organ in the church. At that time, early in the Great Depression, a contract was placed with the Frazee Organ Company of Boston to furnish an organ. Frazee specialized in smaller usually inexpensive organs frequently assembled from other organ installations being removed or modified. By the mid-1960s the organ had become largely unusable due to termite damage to the wind-chests and salt air induced corrosion of the electrical system. At that time Douglas Cable, an electronics technician at the Boca Chica Naval Air Station, took an interest in the organ in his spare time. During an assignment to Charleston, SC he learned several ranks of pipes were being removed from the Episcopal Cathedral organ. He packed them and had them shipped to St Paul's where they were installed. Organ enthusiast Don "Marshall" Stone (1930-2007) came to Key West in the mid-1970s and work began to expand the organ. Marshall installed ranks of pipes taken out of service from organs in Scranton, PA, San Antonio, TX, Cedar Rapids, IA, Beverly, MA among other locations. He opened the wall between the organ room and the choir and installed the five large pipes behind the choir. He opened the entire wall at the Military Chapel. The organ could now speak. He installed the ranks of pipes above the Duval St entrance (the gallery pipes) and finally in 2001 the state trumpet and flutes above the Lady Chapel. By 2000, the three manual consoles installed about 1955 was in poor condition. It was replaced in 2001 by the current four manual console built by the Schantz Organ Company of Orrville, OH in 1998 and first installed in the Church of St Vincent Ferrer in New York City. The pipes painted royal purple above the Lady Chapel are a flute stop (one of several). The pipes were brand new in 1895 when they were installed in a Masonic Temple in Louisiana. Marshall painted the exposed ranks of wooden pipes purple to match the deep purples in the windows. The pipes are unpainted in most organ installations where they are hidden from view. The metal pipes, the state trumpets, were built in Hagerstown, MD in 2001. There is little remaining from the Frazee installation. Many organs from across America still live in the St Paul's organ.

The St Paul's organ has 45 ranks of pipes and more than 2500 individual pipes. This is relatively small in comparison to many large cathedral organs. The Tabernacle organ in Temple Square in Salt Lake City has about 220 ranks and the relatively new Conference Hall organ has only slightly fewer, but organ sound and its impression on the listener is far more than the number of ranks of pipes. It is influenced by the size and shape of the church interior particularly the roof, whether or not the church is full of people since people and their clothing absorbs or reflects sound, seat padding, carpeting, etc. The St Paul's organ is very well matched to its structure. Few organ installations anywhere can match or equal the power, sound and tone in its effect on the listener in comparison to that produced by the St Paul's organ. Our organ would likely sound different if installed in another structure.

Salt air and termites if uncontrolled can again wreak havoc with the organ. It has been many years (perhaps 40) since the majority of the "leathers" were replaced. The church was "tent"ed in January 2017 to kill the termites, but they remain a constant threat. Holes in the windchests prevent air from being pressurized. The high humidity and temperature of the tropics make for a constant challenge in which to maintain an organ. Should we choose to close the doors and keep the air-conditioning on during the week would make it much better for the organ, piano, and altar flowers. We feel it more important to serve the community by having the doors open and welcoming and somehow pay the price for maintenance. Amazingly the organ goes out of tune during the week with the church doors and windows open and comes back in tune for the weekend when the air conditioning is on, at the temperature that it was last tuned.

Please consider a gift to St Paul's Episcopal Church to help maintain our great organ and keep it performing for the next generation of parishioners and visitors.

HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Paul's Church was formed by an official act of the City Council of Key West. In a petition to the bishop of New York, the City council requested a priest be sent and the Parish of St. Paul's be established. In 1831, the council gave notice of a public meeting to establish an Episcopal Church, and a committee was appointed.

The first rector was the Reverend Sanson K. Brunot, who arrived December 23, 1832. He held the first service on Christmas Day 1832 in the County Courthouse on Jackson Square. That same day the congregation signed an "Act of Association" of the Episcopal Congregation in Key West to be called St. Paul's Church. The first Vestry was elected April 8, 1833, and Rev. Brunot became a permanent house-guest of Vestryman William Whitehead, as there was no rectory or church building. Land for a church site was given by the widow of John William Charles Fleming in 1832 with the only stipulation that her husband's remains stay where they were. He is still buried on the grounds, but the actual site is unknown.

The original church made of coral rock, was built in 1838-39. The building, when completed, was 38 x 58 feet, and the total cost of construction was \$6,500. This first building was totally destroyed by a hurricane on October 11, 1846. The second church was a wooden structure measuring 28 x 66 feet. Services were held in this building on June 30, 1848, and the church was consecrated on January 4, 1851, by the Right Reverend C.E. Gadsden, Bishop of South Carolina.

In 1857 a Rectory was erected on the corner of Duval and Eaton Street, facing Eaton. The Rev. Osgood E. Herrick was the first in a long line of rectors to call it home. The church was growing steadily, and the seating capacity of 350 was becoming inadequate. This is when St. Peter's was established (1875), and the Spanish Mission of St. John's followed.

The second church was destroyed in the Great Fire of Key West in March 1886. By some good fortune the Rectory survived undamaged. Rebuilding the church began immediately, and the third church was completed in 1887. Constructed of wood, it stood in the center of the block facing Eaton Street. It measured approximately 58 x 98 feet.

In 1890, the Vestry voted to purchase a chime of bells. Once installed, the first chime of bells within Florida was inaugurated on Palm Sunday morning, March 22, 1891, at 10:00 a.m.

On October 11, 1909, another disaster struck, and the church was destroyed by a hurricane. The parish hall (completed in 1904) and the Rectory survived the storm and were used for services. Plans for a new church were approved in 1911, which would be constructed of concrete. The church would be located at the corner of Duval and Eaton Streets. This required the moving of the Rectory to its current location in 1914. The first service in the current building was held June 8, 1919. During this time, many of the beautiful stained glass windows were ordered, and installation began in 1920. The organ arrived in 1931 in time for Christmas services.

A major restoration of the church began in 1991 to save the building from collapse. The concrete used in the initial construction had been mixed with seawater and beach sand, causing the steel reinforcing within the walls and columns to split. Work was complete in 1993 at a cost of nearly one million dollars.

Today the church continues to stand as a beacon within the diverse cultural community of Key West. The church is open daily for prayer, meditation and visitation. Many concerts and other community events take place here, and St. Paul's plays a positive role in the community both artistically and spiritually. Thirty-four priests have served St. Paul's as rector and several others as interim priests. We have been without a full-time Rector or interim since July 2020. We are in the middle of a search for our new Rector, whom we hope that we can welcome into our community of faith in the very near future.

Christ
is
Risen!

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