



Christ
is
Risen!

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Historic Key West's Church"

April 11, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

2nd Sunday in Easter

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

Liturgy of the Word

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

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.*

A Reading from the Book of 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

Ecce, quam bonum!

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- 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.

A Reading from I 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn-#194 Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now

The congregation is asked not to sing.

St. Albinus

Jesus lives! thy terrors now
can no longer, death, appall us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given:
may we go where he has gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia!

All standing

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

(20:19-31)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.



The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Fr. Lenworth Haughton

All standing

The Nicene Creed

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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

Through resurrection from the dead, God has given us new birth. Let us offer prayers to God for the living hope of all the world.

Reader

For peace from on high and for our salvation. Lord, hear us.

People:Lord, graciously hear us.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God,
and for the unity of all. Lord, hear us.

People:Lord, graciously hear us.

For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.
Lord, hear us.

People:Lord, graciously hear us.

For Peter our bishop, Lenworth our priest, the deacons and all who minister in Christ,
and for all the holy people of God. Lord, hear us.

People:Lord, graciously hear us.

Today, in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the bishops, clergy, and laity of the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; All Saints, Nassau; All Angels, Miami Springs; Atonement Episcopal Church, Lauderdale Lakes. Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

For those in our congregation celebrating birthdays this week..... And those celebrating their anniversaries... Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, those who are sick and hospitalized Lord, here us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

For all who rest in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially Chuck. Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed St. Paul, the Apostle Thomas, St. Peter, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People: To you, O Lord.

Celebrant

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you give us eternal peace through Jesus Christ: Hear our prayers which we offer in the hope of glory, and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit. 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	Cry No More	Dan Forrest
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sung by Dean Warden

In the shadow where we linger,
In this darkness we call home,
Where the sighs are deep and doubtful
And our aspirations groan,
All is not in vain, Beloved,
Our travail is no unknown.

Christ within us, Christ among us,
Christ the first and Christ the last;
Love incarnate, hold Your children
Till the storm of life is past.

Though we have not faith to seek Him,
Christ Himself will draw us near,
Deep, abiding rays of mercy
Cast their light on lonely fear.
Cry no more, yea poor and weary,
Our redeeming Lord is here.

Christ within us, Christ among us,
Christ the first and Christ the last;
Love incarnate, hold Your children
Till the storm of life is past.

Sure defender, never failing
Radiant Savior, Holy Friend
Gift of glory, Hope of heaven,
Call us now to faith again!
Alleluia! Blest compassion,
Grace is shining without end!

Christ within us, Christ among us,
Christ the first and Christ the last;
Love incarnate, hold Your children
Till the storm of life is past.

Holy Communion

All standing

Eucharist Prayer B

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: *We lift them to the Lord.*
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: *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 crea-

tion, 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

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Organ Postlude

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, Carolyn Sangston, 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: Lilla Whiteside
Ushers: Brian Wagstaff
Susanne Woods

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

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. The search committee continues to move forward with its work of selecting a new rector. One candidate visited Key West for several days and met with the committee and parish leaders this past week. Another candidate will be arriving this coming week for a similar visit. The committee also continues to review other resumes. The process is moving forward well and we are all hoping for more news from the committee in the near future.



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.

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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.