

MAY 2, 2021

SUNDAY NOTES

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!

Wherever you are in the world or on your life's journey, we are glad you chose to worship with us today. If you are new to St. Paul's, please [fill out our welcome card](#). A member of the clergy will reach out, and we look forward to getting to know you!

Our prayer list is still active. Call the Parish Office (216) 238-4001 if you have an addition to the list. To view this week's prayer list, [use this link](#).

TODAY

Holy Eucharist

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Join us for the Celebration of Holy Eucharist on the Fifth Sunday of Easter.

Workshop Adventures Coffee Hour

Sunday, May 2, 10 a.m.

So what exactly did Jesus do? That's what Workshop Adventures, our church school class of kids in grades 4 through 6, have been trying to figure out. After several weeks of Bible study, they've honed on a few of their favorite tales from Jesus' ministry and they're excited to tell you all about it! Join the Workshop Adventures class at coffee hour to hear more about What Jesus Did and what it means to them! [Register on Zoom if you haven't already](#).

Carillon Recital

Sunday, May 2, 11 a.m.

Join us out on the grounds for some seasonal light music. Our resident carillonneur, David Osburn, will be playing. Robin and Story will be dancing in their costumes, weather permitting.

Austin Channing Brown

Last day to register is today, May 2nd

St. Paul's is thrilled to partner with several local churches to host Austin Channing Brown for a virtual conversation on Sunday, May 23rd at 4 p.m. To deepen our experience of her visit, we will have small groups to discuss her book *I'm Still Here* on Zoom. [Learn more on our website](#).

FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

We had great participation in our survey – thank you! In terms of worship, 70% of you are very likely to attend an outdoor service and another 22% are somewhat likely. Overwhelmingly, you prefer Sunday morning for an outdoor service. Another 22% would like a 5:00 pm service. 48% of you are likely or very likely to participate in personal prayer time in the Nave during the week. 99% of you are either fully vaccinated or scheduled for a vaccination.

Our streaming equipment is installed, and we started practicing this week. Beginning Sunday, May 9th, we will stream a worship service at 8:30 am. The link to the service will be in the Thursday e-newsletter and will be available on our website. Streaming means you will be watching the clergy and the lectors in real time. (We will no longer be recording services ahead of time.) Since we are still not allowed to sing indoors, we will continue to record music ahead of time, which will be inserted during the streamed service (precisely why this new form of providing worship requires practice!). If you are not able to watch the service at 8:30 am, the service will be recorded while it is streaming and will be available on YouTube and Facebook immediately following the service.

Beginning May 23rd, we will add two outdoor worship services, one at 10:00 am (followed by the Bells at 11:00 am) and one at 5:00 pm. We can accommodate 70 at each service – registration is required. The registration link will be in the Thursday e-newsletter and will be available on our website. We will be masked and social distanced. You are welcome to bring your own comfy, outdoor chairs. Folding chairs will be available. The Bishop is now allowing up to 4 singers at outdoor services. Plans for instrumental and choral music are underway.

We are finishing protocols for in-person events and meetings and will be able to share more information next week. Please let me know if you have any questions. I'm so looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Yours in Christ,

Jeanne+



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE Praeambulum in D

Heinrich Scheidernmann

HYMN No. 492 Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness

Finnian



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to
3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -
4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior
Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,
kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your
bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the
Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the
till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant
People

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant

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.

People

Amen.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 22:24-30

**24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**

**25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"**

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

THE GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Gospeller The Gospel of our Savior.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. John Kennedy

THE NICENE CREED

All **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

Leader In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Risen Christ, hear our prayer."

For the holy Church of God, that it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth and witness to the hope of resurrection. We pray to you, O Lord.

People **Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

Leader For all bishops and other ministers, that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth. We pray to you, O Lord.

People **Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

Leader For those in positions of public trust, that they would be filled with the love of truth and righteousness, and remain mindful of their calling to serve the common good. We pray to you, O Lord.

People **Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

Leader For those working to deliver us from the pandemic and those striving to hasten our recovery, that they may receive wisdom and a spirit of perseverance. We pray to you, O Lord.

People **Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

Leader For the human family throughout the world, that you would break down the walls that separate us and unite us in bonds of love. We pray to you, O Lord.

People **Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

Leader For the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison; and for those in need of comfort who have been commended to our prayers. We pray to you, O Lord.

People **Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

Leader For all who have died, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. We pray to you, O Lord.

People **Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month, that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives. We pray to you, O Lord.

People **Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. Mercifully hear the prayers of your people and direct us in all we do by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Rector The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

All are invited to make a gift to support the mission and ministry of St. Paul's by texting "StPaulsCle" to 73256 or by visiting our online portal: onRealm.com/StPaulsCle/give/now

ANTHEM Christ is alive! Let Christians sing *Truro*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B*

Celebrant God 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 our thanks and praise.**

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

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 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:

All **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant 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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 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 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,

All **We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.
AMEN.

People

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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 FRACTION

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

The Celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by all.

All **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN NO. 304 I come with joy to meet my Lord *Land of Rest*

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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 Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

HYMN No. 296 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Engelberg



1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no
2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing
3. The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with
4. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and



more. Em - braced by death, he broke its
death. Re - born, we share with him an
life. The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the
grows As Christ's new bod - y takes on



fear - ful hold, And our de - spair he turned to
East - er life As liv - ing mem - bers of our
Church of God. Bap - tized, we live with God the
flesh and blood. The u - ni - verse re - stored and



blaz - ing joy. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sav - ior Christ. Al - le - lu - ia!
Three in One. Al - le - lu - ia!
whole will sing: Al - le - lu - ia!

POSTLUDE Prelude & Fugue in F Major from *Eight Little Preludes & Fugues*
J.S. Bach

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Brandon Ashcraft	<i>Lector</i>	Dennis Coughlin
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. John Kennedy	<i>Intercessors</i>	Monica, Keith, and Fletcher Jochum
<i>Assisting Priest</i>	The Rev. Jeanne Leinbach	<i>Musicians</i>	Karel Paukert, Lizzy Frey, Brian Skoog

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