



# SUNDAY NOTES

APRIL 18, 2021

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO

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## WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!

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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

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### Holy Eucharist

Third Sunday of Easter

Join us for Holy Eucharist on the Third Sunday of Easter. The Rev. Jessie Gutgsell Dodson preaches, and we'll commission our newest Assistant Rector, the Rev. John Kennedy.

### Newcomer Coffee Hour

*Sunday, April 18, 10 a.m.*

Join us for a special Coffee Hour this Sunday as we welcome our newest St. Paul's members. We'll have break-out room conversations where we get to know each other and share our journeys of coming to this community. [Register on Zoom](#).

### Carillon Recital

*Sunday, April 18, 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.

## THIS WEEK @ ST. PAUL'S

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### Rite 13: A Rite of Passage Liturgy

*Sunday, April 25, 9 a.m.*

During the Sunday Worship Service on Sunday, April 25th, we will celebrate an important rite of passage with our 7th and 8th graders. This special liturgy, called Rite 13, is a way to show our young people encouragement that we have meant to convey all along – words like: “We stand with you as you make your way on your journey; we’re here when you need us; we think you’re terrific; and we love you.” Don’t miss this priceless opportunity to pray for our young people and to affirm everything they have to offer.

### Welcome Rev. John Kennedy

*Sunday, April 25, 10 a.m.*

Join us next Sunday at Coffee Hour as we welcome the Rev. John Kennedy, our newest Assistant Rector. Come introduce yourself to him and begin to get to know his journey to St. Paul's and to the priesthood. Read more about him [on our website](#) and be sure to [register on Zoom](#) for coffee hour if you haven't already.

## AUSTIN CHANNING BROWN

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St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount Presbyterian, Plymouth United Church of Christ, St. Mark's Presbyterian, and Church of The Saviour United Methodist Church are thrilled to partner together to host Austin Channing Brown for a virtual conversation on Sunday, May 23 at 4 p.m. To deepen our experience of her visit, we will be coordinating small groups to discuss her book *I'm Still Here*. [Learn more on our website](#).

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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## THE COMMISSIONING OF A NEW PRIEST

*Rector* Today we celebrate a new blessing as we welcome The Rev. John Kennedy as our Assistant Rector. We begin this journey with intention, with community, and with prayer.

Let us pray.

God of all new beginnings, we ask for your presence and blessing among us as we welcome John into our parish. Thank you for raising up among us faithful servants of your Word and Sacraments. We pray for John, that he may carry out his ministry among us with faithfulness and joy. We pray that he thrives here in his new role as he leads us in worship, formation, and pastoral care.

John, do you, in the presence of the faithful gathered here virtually, commit yourself to this new role and to this congregation?

*Assistant Rector* I, John, commit myself to you, the people of St. Paul's as your priest and pastor, bringing my strengths and weaknesses, my hopes and concerns, my gifts and talents bestowed on me by God's grace, and will endeavor, with the help of God, to share with you in the ministry of this parish, in the name of Christ, with the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

*Rector* Since we cannot be physically together to pray with you, I'll address the next question to our Senior Warden Liz Patterson, who will speak on behalf of the parish.

Do you, the people of St. Paul's, commit yourselves to share in ministry with John?

*Senior Warden* We the people of St. Paul's, commit ourselves to you as one of our priests and pastors, bringing our strengths and weaknesses, our hopes and concerns, our gifts and talents bestowed on us by God's grace, and will endeavor with the help of God, to share with you in the ministry of this parish, in the name of Christ, with the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

*Associate Rector* May God bless our ministry in the years to come. Grant that we who serve here together will always rejoice in your glory, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## HYMN NO. 440 Blessed Jesus, at thy word

*Liebster Jesu*

1 Bless-ed Je-sus, at thy word we are gath-ered all to  
 2 All our know-ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep-est dark-ness  
 3 Gra-cious Lord, thy self im-part! Light of Light, from God pro-

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred  
 shroud-ed, till thy Spi-rit breaks our night  
 ceed-ing, o-pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach-ings  
 with the beams of truth un-cloud-ed; thou a-lone to  
 help us by thy Spi-rit's plead-ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho-ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole-ly.  
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with-in us.  
 Church up-rais-es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais-es.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.*People* **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.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### FIRST LESSON

*Acts 3:12-19*

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

*Reader*      Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

*Psalm 4*

**1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \***  
**you set me free when I am hard-pressed;**  
**have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**

**2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \***  
**how long will you worship dumb idols**  
**and run after false gods?"**

**3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \***  
**when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.**

**4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \***  
**speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

**5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \***  
**and put your trust in the Lord.**

**6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \***  
**Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.**

**7 You have put gladness in my heart, \***  
**more than when grain and wine and oil increase.**

**8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \***  
**for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

### GOSPEL

*Luke 24:36b-48*

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

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Jessie Dodson

## 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* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* 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](http://onrealm.com/StPaulsCle/give/now)*

**ANTHEM** "Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say *Fortunatus*

## 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."

*Celebrant* Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**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.

*People* **AMEN.**

*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. 212 Awake, arise, lift up your voice

Richmond

1 A - wake, a - rise, lift up your voice, let  
 2 Oh, with what glad - ness and sur - prise the  
 3 those hands of lib - eral love in - deed in  
 4 His en - e - mies had sealed the stone as  
 5 O Dead a - rise! O Friend - less stand by

1 Eas - ter mu - sic swell; re - joice in Christ, a -  
 2 saints their Sa - vior greet; nor will they trust their  
 3 in - fi - nite de - gree, those feet still free to  
 4 Pi - late gave them leave, lest dead and friend - less  
 5 ser - a - phim a - dored! O Sol - i - tude a -

1 gain re - joice and on his prais - es dwell.  
 2 ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,  
 3 move and bleed for mil - lions and for me.  
 4 and a - lone he should their skill de - ceive.  
 5 gain com - mand your host from heaven re - stored!

## 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 bless the Lord.*People* Thanks be to God.

## WONDER, LOVE, &amp; PRAISE No. 738 Day of delight and beauty unbounded

*In dir ist Freude**Refrain*

Day of de - light and beau-ty un-bound - ed, tell the news, the Gos - pel



spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, tell Christ ris - en



1. Sing of the sun from dark-ness ap - pear - ing, sing of the  
from the dead! Sing of the stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the  
2. Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to danc - ing, sing now the  
Sing now of fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing, sing the Lord's



seed from bar - ren earth green - ing, sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia!  
saints in wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!  
mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry, sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!  
fa - vor last - ing for - ev - er; sing all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

*Refrain after each stanza*POSTLUDE Offertoire from *Mass for the Parishes*

François Couperin

*Celebrant*

Jeanne Leinbach

*Lector*

Pegah Zardoost

*Preacher*

Jessie Dodson

*Intercessors*

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*Assisting Priest*

John Kennedy

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