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Welcome



St. Paul's
Episcopal Church

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18, 2025

MORNING PRAYER: RITE II

8:00 & 9:30 AM

Music notations for 9:30 service only.

**In the name of Christ,
we are truly delighted to worship together.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Gathering

Whether worshiping in person, online or tv, we are One in Christ. *Please place your offering in the basket as it is passed during the offertory, or give [online](#). You may also scan the QR CODE located on the back page of the bulletin to make a donation.*

Hymn 192

This joyful Eastertide

Vreuchten

Words of Welcome

Opening Sentence

BCP, p. 77

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witness in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. *Acts 1:8*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

BCP, p. 80

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER *Pascha nostrum*BCP, p. 83

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

PSALM 148 *Sung by the cantor at the 9:30*

- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

- 12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

Officiant and People: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were

silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 8 *The Song of Moses*

BCP, p. 85

At 8:00: Spoken

At 9:30: S 208 in the 1982 Hymnal

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been
drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness,
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to
your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 21

You are God

BCP, p. 95

You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,

your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

THIRD READING

John 13:31-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Homily

The Rev. Molly Cooke

The Apostles' Creed

BCP, p. 96

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

BCP, p. 97

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People

**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.**

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS**BCP, p. 98**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR MISSION**BCP, p. 101**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Offertory

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Please STAND as you are able as the gifts are brought forward in procession to the altar.

Offertory Sentence**BCP, p. 377**

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Anthem**A Gaelic Blessing****John Rutter****Text: Adapted from an old Gaelic rune**

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you
Deep peace of Christ to you.

PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO INFLUENCE PUBLIC OPINION *Said in unison.* **BCP, p. 827**

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things.

Anthem**Sing to the Lord****Marianne Misetich***Sung by the choristers*

The Dismissal

BCP, p. 102

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Grace

BCP, p. 102

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*Romans 15:13***Hymn 174****At the Lamb's high feast***Salzburg*

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Life's Milestones

Announcements

Postlude**Postlude on "Vreuchten"****Alan Bullard**

THE ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

Today, we pray for St. Thomas', New Haven; Trinity, New Haven; St. James, New London; Clergy peer groups & the Clergy Family Assistance Program; The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East; for our Presiding Bishop Sean and our Bishops Jeffrey and Laura.

We pray for peace and justice in our world, especially places of war and conflict. We pray for peace in Gaza, Israel, Sudan, Yemen, Ukraine, Russia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Pakistan and India. We pray for grace to fully live the law of love as we discover how to love all our neighbors. We pray for other concerns mentioned silently or aloud...

We give thanks for many ways that the Holy Spirit surprises us with generosity beyond our expectations, and for other thanksgivings mentioned now silently or aloud...

We pray for those in any need or trouble, especially for those named now silently or aloud...

We pray for the departed: For those named now silently or aloud.....



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME – and thank you for your presence and prayers today. Thank you to Darlene James for volunteering to play the 8:00 Prelude: Praeludium II, Mendelssohn & 8:00 Offertory: Prelude on Vreuchten (This Joyful Eastertide) R. Proulx. Thank you to Patti Cullen (8:00 & 9:30 officiant) and to The Rev. Molly Cooke for preaching at both services today. Thank you to Stephanie Crump (8:00 crucifer), Charmaine Craggs (8:00 1st reading), Mary Liz Williamson (8:00 2nd reading), Maura Ryan (8:00 3rd reading), Gene Gervais (8:00 usher), Linda Liversidge-Daley (9:30 crucifer) Carol Gervais (9:30 1st reading), Denise Adamczyk (9:30 2nd reading), Sharon Turlis (9:30 3rd reading), Tammy Napoli (9:30 usher) and Samantha Martinez (cantor). Thank you to the Tech team for tech support.

Email Scam Alert - From time to time, con artists use email to trick people into giving gift cards or other cash payments by posing as an employee of the church. Please know that I will never ask any of you for a special favor or an emergency transfer of money. Also, please be aware that we have no ability to stop emails from false accounts. Please check any emails you receive carefully. Any emails from the rector will always come from the churches account. – Greg

Adult Forum - A Study of Galatians - This spring the Adult Forum will read and discuss Paul's Letter to the Galatians. During this six-week session we will explore the context and content of the letter and consider ways in which it might speak to us today. The Forum meets on Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. This session began on May 7 and runs through June 11. If you would like to participate or have questions, please contact Amy Foster (foster9092@gmail.com). The Zoom link is below:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84046492740?pwd=eWlWZ0tuZGVZeM5Rng1ekZvV0hSZz0>

St. Paul's T-Shirts and Windbreakers - Order forms are available at both entrances of the church and are due by **June 8th**. Forms with payments (cash or checks payable to **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**) can be placed in the offertory basket or in the folder outside the office.

On Monday, May 19th at 7:00 PM, Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet in Wilkinson Hall to talk about upcoming projects for this year.

Hygiene for Haiti - Thank you for all your donations thus far. I will continue collecting until the beginning of June. Specific items still needed: Deodorant, Bar Soap, Washcloths, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes. Helen - 203-848-7113

The church is open Wednesdays from 10:00am to 1:00pm for prayer & reflection. Prayer requests and prayers will be offered from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

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Lawn Mowing- The St. Paul's lawn mowing brigade is looking for additional volunteers. Please call/text Curt Griesing at 203-213-9120 if you are interested in being added to the schedule. The lawn takes about an hour to mow, and each person on the team usually only has 2-3 weeks assigned throughout the entire summer. Equipment is provided!

NURSERY COVERAGE NEEDED - Thanks to all of you who have stepped up to hang out with our little ones on Sunday mornings. We have a few open slots between now and the middle of June. Please sign up on the sheet outside the Nursery door, leaving your contact information. Thank you-Helen Stowe, 203-848-7113

Altar Flowers for Sundays: A nice way to remember a loved one is to place a bouquet of spring or summer flowers on the altar. A \$45.00 donation is requested for ordering flowers. Or you may even have beautiful flowers in your garden that you would like to offer. To reserve a Sunday, please submit the names of those to be remembered and the date of the Sunday on which you wish the flowers to be on the altar. Forms are on the tables at the side and front entrances. Checks for flowers ordered should be made payable to "St. Paul's Memorial Flower Fund" and submitted to the church office along with the form. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Rogalski at sroga156@comcast.net or 203-678-4824.

Safe Church Training Information - All parishioners who work with children, elderly or disabled individuals are required to take Safe Church Training. All vestry members are required as well. Training must be renewed every three years. Once you have received your certificate of completion, a copy is to be submitted to the Church office. Information on online training as well as if you should take the training, will be posted on the bulletin board in the back of church.

The feast of Pentecost, on Sunday, June 8 - Help us read the gospel in many languages. You can find the gospel printed in many languages on the front pew in the sanctuary. Polish and Portuguese have been added!

Honoraria for post-secondary education - All St. Paul's parishioners who are headed to college this fall or already enrolled are eligible for an honoraria to support their post-secondary education. Please complete the application [using this form](#) and return it to the church office by June 30th for consideration.

Contact information for the Rev. Greg Welin - You may reach me in the office on most Wednesdays and Thursdays. It would be best to make an appointment to see me if you can. My email is rector@stpaulswallingford.org. In the event of an emergency, you may call my cell phone at 203 206 4802. Please add my number to your contact list!

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The Parish Office Hours – The parish office is open to the public on Wednesdays and Fridays from 11AM-2:00PM. Please email or call the office at (203) 269-5050 to arrange any additional times to meet during the week. Calls, emails and other matters will generally be addressed during business hours of 9:00-3:00 Tuesday-Friday.

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Food Drive for Master Manna - SATURDAY, MAY 17TH . . . St. Paul's May Food Drive for Master's Manna at the Wallingford Stop & Shop, 9:00 – 12:00. Come join us – it will be fun; it will be rewarding, it will be helping feed our community. And we really could use your help – and maybe your vehicle. Questions? Please contact Sharon Rogalski or Art Sousa.

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