

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 9, 2023

10:00AM PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

10:30AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

*OPEN DOORS. OPEN HEARTS. OPEN HANDS.
WE WILL WELCOME ALL TO LIVE GOD'S MISSION, TEACH CHRIST'S LOVE AND
TRANSFORM OUR COMMUNITY BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.*

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, celebrating 164 years of service and worship in Wilmington.

10:30AM CHORAL EUCHARIST ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Our worship service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). The hymns can be found in the blue 1982 Hymnal. Other hymns will be marked accordingly. Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.

Choral Prelude

Kyrie
Entrata Festiva
Now the Green Blade Riseth
Thine Be The Glory
Alleluia

Palestrina transcribed by Brown
Flor Peeters
arr. Allan Bullard
arr. Robert Hobby
Mozart arr. Scaruffi-Klispie

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

Processional Hymn 175

Hail thee, festival day!

Salve festa dies

1 Lo, the fair beauty of earth,
from the death of the winter arising!
Every good gift of the year
now with its Master returns:

[Refrain]
Hail thee, festival day!
blest day that art hallowed forever,
day whereon Christ arose,

2 He who was nailed to the cross
is Lord and the ruler of nature;
all things created on earth
sing to the glory of God: *[Refrain]*

3 Daily the loveliness grows,
adorned with glory of blossom;
heaven her gates unbars,
flinging her increase of light: *[Refrain]*

4 Rise from the grave now, O Lord,
who art author of life and creation.
Treading the pathway of death,
life thou bestowest on all: *[Refrain]*

5 God the Creator, the Lord,
who rulest the earth and the heavens,
guard us from harm without;
cleanse us from evil within: *[Refrain]*

The Station Collect at the Baptismal Font

O God, who made this most holy day to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

6 Jesus the health of the world,
enlighten our minds, thou Redeemer,
Son of the Father supreme,
only-begotten of God: *[Refrain]*

7 Spirit of life and of power,
now flow in us, fount of our being,
light that dost enlighten all,
life that in all dost abide: *[Refrain]*

8 Praise to the giver of good!
Thou Love who art author of concord,
pour out thy balm on our souls,
order our ways in thy peace: *[Refrain]*

THE WORD OF GOD

Easter Acclamation and Response

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Celebrant: This is the day which the Lord has made. Alleluia!
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

Glory be to God in heaven, songs of joy and peace we bring, thankful hearts and voices raising, to creation's Lord we sing: Lord, we bless you, Lord we thank you, glory be to God our King.	Lamb of God, who on your shoulders bore the load of this world's sin, only Son of God the Father, you have brought us peace within: Lord have mercy, Christ, have mercy, now your glorious reign begin.	You, O Son of God, are holy, you we praise with one accord; none in heav'n nor earth is like you, only you are Christ the Lord with the Father, and the Spirit, ever worshipped and adored.
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The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading: Acts 10: 34-43

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24*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

The Epistle Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4

Reader: A Reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 180

He is risen

Unser Herrscher

1 He is risen, he is risen!
Tell it out with joyful voice:
he has burst his three days' prison;
let the whole wide earth rejoice:
death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.

2 Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,
with glad smile and radiant brow!
Death's long shadows have departed;
Jesus' woes are over now,
and the passion that he bore—
sin and pain can vex no more.

3 Come, with high and holy hymning,
hail our Lord's triumphant day;
not one darksome cloud is dimming
yonder glorious morning ray,
breaking o'er the purple east,
symbol of our Easter feast.

4 He is risen, he is risen!
He hath opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison,
risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam
on our longing eyes shall stream.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to John 20: 1-18

People: 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.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

The Apostles Creed

Hyfrydol

1 We believe in God the Father, God almighty, by whose plan earth and heaven sprang to being all created things began. We believe in Christ the Savior, Son of God in human frame, virgin-born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came.	2 Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led, suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead. We believe in Jesus risen, Heaven's king to rule and reign, to the Father's side ascended till as judge he comes again.	3 We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above: saints of God in one communion, One in holiness and love. So by faith, our sins forgiven, Christ our Savior, Lord and friend, we shall rise with him in glory to the life that knows no end.
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The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Filled with joy on this royal feast of feasts, let us offer prayers to God who leads his children through the Red Sea water, saying: glory and praise to you, O living God.

Intercessor: For the holy churches of God; for Rob our Bishop, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury and for peace in Jerusalem. Hear our prayer,
People: *Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

Intercessor: For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people, and for all who serve at home or overseas in the military, or mission or outreach work. Hear our prayer.
People: *Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

Intercessor: For all those in need, the homeless and the unemployed, travelers and prisoners, refugees and those displaced by war. Hear our prayer.
People: *Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

Intercessor: For ourselves, our families, and all those we love, for the sick: especially for *(the intercessor reads the names of those in our parish who need our prayers)*. Hear our prayer.
People: *Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

Intercessor: In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life; especially St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Hear our prayer.
People: *Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

Intercessor: That Christ may fill us with the joy of his holy resurrection. Hear our prayer.
People: *Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

Intercessor: For those who have died in the faith of Christ and for the promise of resurrection to be fulfilled; for all those for whom flowers and music have been given on page ** of this bulletin. Hear our prayer.
People: *Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

Intercessor: Remembering the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. Hear our prayer.
People: *Glory and praise to you, O living God.*

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for the victory over death of your Son, Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers we offer this holy day, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live forever in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister 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.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

arr. James Beiry

Text can be found on page 174 of the Hymnal.

*Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.
If you would like to give electronically, please turn to page 12 for the QR code.*

Presentation Hymn

Doxology

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP 361

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 God thanks and praise.

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 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:

Moderato *mf*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,

6 Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na

11 in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the

16 Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again;

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

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

Fraction Anthem

Christ our Passover

David Thorne (arr. Nigel Potts)

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

David Thorne

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.

The Communion of the People

Communion of both kinds is offered at the Altar Rail and the Baptistry. If you do not wish to receive communion please cross your arms for a blessing. Gluten free wafers are available at every station.

Communion Anthem

Alleluia, Christ is Risen

James Kirkby

Alleluia, alleluia!	Christ is risen, we are risen!	Alleluia, alleluia!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise:	Shed upon us heavenly grace,	Glory be to God on high;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,	rain and dew and gleams of glory	Alleluia! to the Savior
sing to God a hymn of praise.	from the brightness of thy face;	who has gained the victory;
He, who on the cross a victim,	that we, with our hearts in heaven,	Alleluia! to the Spirit,
for the world's salvation bled,	here on earth may fruitful be,	fount of love and sanctity:
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,	and by angel hands be gathered,	Alleluia, alleluia!
now is risen from the dead.	and be ever, Lord, with thee.	to the Triune Majesty.

The congregation is invited to join in singing the Communion Hymns.

Communion Hymn 210

The day of resurrection

Ellacombe

1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory.

2 Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heavens be joyful,
let earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.

Communion Hymn 335

I am the bread of life

I Am the Bread of Life

The Post Communion Prayer *(said together)*

The people stand or kneel.

God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

The Easter Blessing

Processional Hymn 207

Jesus Christ is risen today

Easter Hymn

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

The Easter Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia! Go forth in the name of the risen Christ.

People: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia!

Voluntary

This Easter Day With Joy Was Bright

David Johnson

All Easter Egg Hunt participants, please gather at the chancel steps immediately following the service.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant and Preacher

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Gospeller

The Reverend Catherine Powell

Assisting

The Reverend Michael Singer

Verger

Leon Tillery

Thurifer

Jeffrey Hughes

Crucifers

Cabe Lee

Zoë Frederiksen

Torchbearers

Katie Rose Sanders-Park

Bennett Sanders-Park

Altar Server

Dot Erway

Eucharistic Ministers

Dot Erway

Carolyn Demorest

Cheryl Wagoner

Lectors

Phillip Weiss

Allen Lee

Gospel Book Bearer

Carol Field

Intercessor

Elisabeth Sanders-Park

Ushers

Jeff Jones

Happy Jones

Doug Donald

Cynthia Smallwood

Don Bobo

Greeters

Luvette Hickey

Joan Rosko-Miller

The Flower Guild of St. Paul's

The Altar Guild of St. Paul's

The Choir of St. Paul's

The Reverend Dr. Bill Weisser, Interim Director of Music/Organist

Carlton Howard, Trumpet 1

David Rainville, Trumpet 2

Matt Boatright, Horn

Mike Lopez, Trombone

Dan Johnson, Tuba

Mitch Hebert, Timpani

In Our Parish

Earl Craig	Tammy Pollock
Judy Farri	Dale Curran
Joe Farri	JoAnn Summey
Alice Calder	Barbara O'Rourke
Larry Wright	Katherine Ramsey
Norman LaSalle	Karen DeJarld
Karen Smith	John Morton
Eileen Searle	Greg Thomas
Ron Miller	Tom Gerow

People Requesting Prayer

Tracy Calhoun Sorrenti	Mary Barto
Tammy Tilghman	Melodee Fraser
Richard O'Rourke	Alex Apostolou
Carroll Joines	Mary Barnhill
Linda Harris	Suzanne Rutledge
Lynne Vanstory	Rachael Silberman
David Hayes	Joe Halecki
Tonya Justice	Nathalie Rubin
Pat Noble	John Tinney
Bill Warren	Sherry Herman
Gina Lewis	Mark Vlahos
Geneva Thompson	Turner Rivenbark
Fr. Lloyd Olsen and family	Teresa Biddle
John Bakker	Deborah Pride
Jim Holliday	Rory Weig
David Walser	Trevor Babcock

About the Prayer List

Included in our prayers are the names of those for whom prayer has been requested by a parishioner or family member. Names are listed for one month. The reason for being listed is kept confidential. If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list please reach out to Fr. Caleb Lee or make a prayer request online at our website, www.spechurch.com.

Hospitalization or Pastoral Issues

Please notify us if you or a family member is hospitalized and/or in need of a pastoral call or visit. Please speak with Fr. Caleb or call the church office at 910-762-4578.

Sharing Holy Communion

If illness prevents you or a loved one from joining us for regularly scheduled services, Fr. Caleb or a Lay Eucharistic Minister can share Holy Communion either in your home or at a health care facility. Please speak to Fr. Caleb or contact the church office at 910-762-4578.

Today, Sunday, April 9**The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday**

8:00am Holy Eucharist with hymns + *breakfast in parish hall*

9:15am-12pm Nursery open

No faith formation this morning.

10:00am Pre-service music + Flowering of the Cross

10:30am Choral Eucharist + *reception in parish hall*

Easter Egg Hunt to follow in the Rector's Garden. All Easter Egg Hunt participants, please gather at the chancel steps immediately following the service.

Monday, April 10

The church office will be closed

6:00pm Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, April 11

7:30am ¹Early Bird Book Group (*Zoom*)

9:00am Morning Prayer

6:15pm EfM weekly meeting (*library*)

Wednesday, April 12

12:10pm Holy Eucharist + *light lunch in parish hall*

7:00pm Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, April 13

8:30am GNP

9:00am Morning Prayer

11:00am No Rector's Bible Study this week

5:30pm ²Taizé

7:00pm Sacred Ground Series (*Zoom*)

Friday, April 14

8:00am Mensgroup

Saturday, April 15

No events have been scheduled

Next Sunday, April 16**The Second Sunday of Easter**

8:00am Holy Eucharist + *breakfast in parish hall*

9:15am-12pm Nursery open

9:30am Adult Faith Formation (*parish hall*)

9:30am Children's Sunday School (*upstairs*)

9:30am EYC (*library*)

10:30am Choral Eucharist + *reception in parish hall*

¹ "Eager to Love: The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi" by Richard Rhor. The Early Bird Book Group is for anyone yearning to be in a circle of trust in order to explore their faith together.

² This ecumenical sung and silent participatory prayer service is designed to achieve a contemplative state through music, song, and prayer. With St. Paul's Taizé quartet and organ



St. Paul's Early Bird Book Study

Starting Tuesday, April 11 | 7:30am | Zoom

Please note there will be no Early Bird Book Study this week (April 4). We will be starting a new book on Tuesday,

April 11. Join as we discuss "Eager to Love: The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi" by Richard Rohr. The Early Bird Book Study is for anyone yearning to be in a circle of trust in order to explore their faith together. For more information contact Julie Martin at itsjuliemartin@gmail.com

Taizé: Service of Prayer, Light & Music

Thursday, April 13 | 5:30pm

This ecumenical sung and silent participatory prayer service is designed to achieve a contemplative state through music, song, and prayer.

Confirmation, Reception, Renewal Service

Sunday, April 23 | 10:30am

The Right Reverend Robert S. Skirving will be celebrating Holy Eucharist with Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows on Sunday, April 23rd at the 10:30am Choral Eucharist at St. Paul's. If you desire to be confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church, reaffirm your baptismal vows, or simply want to know more about the process, please contact Fr. Caleb at rector@spechurch.com and register on the front page of our website.

Art Show & Sale

Friday, April 28 5-8pm | Saturday, April 29 11am-5pm

The art show and sale will benefit the St. Paul's music program. Art is priced to sell. All local artists.

St. Paul's Parish Picnic

St. Paul's Parish Picnic

SUNDAY, MAY 7

5:30 PM

SHELTER #6 AT LONG LEAF PARK

Lawn Games. Plant Swap. Compline

BBQ & Drinks Provided

IF YOUR LAST NAME BEGINS WITH:

A-H: PLEASE BRING A LARGE SALAD

I-O: SIDE DISH

P-Z: DESSERT

Time to Register for Glory Ridge

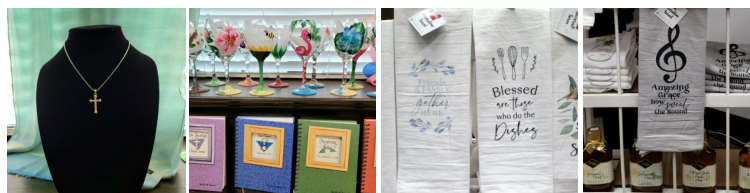
Our youth mission trip to Glory Ridge (Marshall, NC) will be Sunday, July 23 - Friday, July 28 this summer. Rising

7th graders thru graduating seniors are encouraged to register. If you have any questions please talk to Fr. Caleb, Allen, or Cabe. The registration link is <https://forms.gle/bP5CpsvUKjGRrjLZ9>



The Source

The Source is here for your Confirmation crosses, as well as your shopping pleasure and to participate in the March Madness Challenge! 100% of our proceeds in March will go to the March Madness Challenge Endowment Fund. Join us as we increase our Endowment Fund. Shopping opportunities will be available on Sundays after both services. Questions, see Peg Brunton.



Second Annual Plant Swap

Here is a sign of spring for all gardeners! Our Second Annual Plant Swap will be held at the parish picnic on Sunday, May 7th! Over these next months, as you work in your gardens, please look for plants that can be divided and shared. Also, please bring any pots that you can spare for those of us who do not have enough pots for the plants we hope to share. There will be a box on your right as you enter the parish hall (coming from the direction of The Source) for your spare pots. Any questions, please reach out to Maryelle Jones, jjimij@gmail.com.

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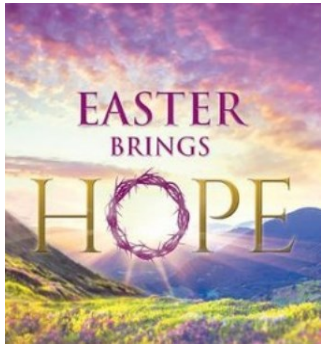
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An Easter Message from the Rector

'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' *Matthew 28:7*

Beloved of St. Paul's,

These are the words of the angel to the women at the empty tomb in the Gospel according to Matthew.

As we are reminded with our Easter Offering Envelopes this year, Easter brings HOPE. Hope of new life, hope of new dreams, hope of transformation; and the good news of Matthew's gospel is that new life doesn't start somewhere else far away. It starts in Galilee. It starts at home.

Galilee is the home region of the disciples. It is where they are called by Jesus to follow him. It is where they grew up. It is where their moms and dads live. It is home. I wonder what it means that Jesus has gone ahead of us to our home and that we shall see him there.

For me, it means that I do not need to look or go somewhere else to find new life. I can find it right here at home in the ups and downs, joys and sorrows of everyday life. St. Paul's is my spiritual home; my spiritual Galilee. We have had our ups and downs since last Easter. We have had great joys and great sorrows. But the risen Lord remains present and is actively transforming our lives and community through the power of the Holy Spirit. To me there is no doubt that we, who call St. Paul's our spiritual home, are seeing something holy and lifegiving happen before our very eyes.

I remain grateful and honored to serve as your rector. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity to our spiritual home.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

See you in Galilee,

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee
Rector

ST. PAUL'S WELCOMES YOU

We are glad you are with us today. If you are new to St. Paul's, please fill out a guest card and place it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter or an usher. Here are some quick facts that may be helpful.

Welcome: All are welcome to receive communion. If you prefer not to receive, you can remain seated, or come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. If you are allergic to wheat products, gluten-free communion bread is available. Please let your request be known to the priest as you approach the altar rail.

Help: Please see any of our ushers for assistance when you enter the worship area.

Handicapped Parking: Our facility is handicapped accessible with multiple handicapped parking spaces available in the lot off Market Street and the lot off Princess Street. Handicap ramps serve both parking lots.

Live-Streamed: Our service is live-streamed on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30am Please subscribe to St. Paul's on YouTube to view live-streamed services and concerts.

Masks: All may, none must, some should.

Worship: St. Paul's follows the services outlined in the Book of Common Prayer 1979. The services include Old and New Testament readings, a reading from the Gospel, a sermon and traditional communion.

Children: All children are welcome and encouraged to attend any of our services.

Worship Kits: Bags and boxes are located in the back of the church for different ages to use in the pew. Please return when church is over.

Nursery: The nursery is open most Sundays from 9:15am to Noon upstairs in the Children's wing. The nursery is for infants to age 5.

Sunday School: Most Sundays from 9:30-10:15am upstairs in the Children's Wing for ages 4-11.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): Most Sundays from 9:30-10:15am in the library for 6th grade and older.



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