



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons*

## **The Third Sunday of Easter**

**April 18, 2021**

## **Holy Eucharist, Rite Two**

*The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer. The service is printed here in its entirety.*

### **The Opening Hymn**

*Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!*  
Hymnal 205

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*The People say together*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Gloria**

Hymnal S 280

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord 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. *Amen.*

### **The 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.”

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

### **The 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.

### **The Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

## The Sequence Hymn

*Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*  
Hymnal 343

### The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

*Celebrant*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*         Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Hannah Anderson

*A period of silence is kept.*

### The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

*All say together*

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 — Form III**

*Intercessor*    Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People*            *That we all may be one.*

*Intercessor*    Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*People*            *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

*Intercessor*    We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People*            *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

*Intercessor*    We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*People*            *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

*Intercessor*    Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People*            *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

*Intercessor*    Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*People*            *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

*Intercessor*    Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*People*            *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

*Intercessor*    We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*People*            *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

*Intercessor*    Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray for those on our prayer list. We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially: Lanie Mae, Anne, Sophie, Julia, Hank, Gina, Leah, Dean, Dawn, John, Kathy, Tim.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

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. Amen.

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            And also with you.

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **The Offertory**

*I Will Be a Child of Peace*  
Elaine Hagenburg

*The people remain standing, as able.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* *We lift them to the Lord.*

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

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:

**The Sanctus**

Hymnal S 125

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 for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**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 for ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

*People and Celebrant*

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**

*A period of silence is kept.*

### **The Fraction Anthem**

Hymnal S 154

### **The Communion Anthem**

*The Lord Bless you and Keep you*  
John Rutter

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Blessing**

### **The Closing Hymn**

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing*  
Hymnal 182

### **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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### ***Remember in your prayers:***

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Roxanne Wallis, Malcolm Velasca, Kiran Force, Alice Magnan, Annie Bulford, Margaret Crary, Trina Hall, Tyler Chapman, Anna Endres, Kimberly Leitch, Candy Waldron, Peter Funnell, Kirk Goodell, Bo Warren, Brittany Jones, Ralph Hajosy, Judy Causey, Amanda Howell Eber, Jeff Lawhead, Billy Newman, Phil Watkiss.

We pray for those with timely concerns: Joan Kelley, Mary Tatnall, Daniel Webb, Linda Waskan, Megan LeVan, Nancy Croy.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Jennifer, Nicole, Philip, Frankey, Mark, Geoff, Renee, Heather, Virginia, Jennifer; the Clergy and Staff: Hazel, Mason, Lesley, Dawn, Elisabeth, Mary Margaret, Kimberly, Cole.

We pray for members of our armed services and their families: Phil Kearney, Kevin Bradley, Joe Clay, Tom Choate, Linda Boyce, Dariel Johnson, Sean McGraw, Steven Puckett, Bill Tudor, Jr., Scott Woodward, Luke White, Tommy White, Zach Simkins, Jacob Britt, Morgen Davis, Luke Eason, Michael Rafferty, David Norwood, Arron Essex, Adam Harrison, Sam Vermilyea, Charles Mathews, Nick Watts, Cameron Everett, Lanier Sealy, Beau Massenburg.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Lanie Mae Henderson, Anne Graner, Sophie Widdowson, Julia Howley, Hank Powell, Gina Watkiss, Leah Herman, Dean Eelman, Dawn Harrison, John Teal, Kathy Dean, Tim Young.

### ***Parish Announcements***

**St. Paul's Tornado Relief Fund** -- St. Paul's has set up a Newnan Tornado Relief Fund. This fund will be focused on helping those in affected neighborhoods who are particularly vulnerable. You can [donate online here](#). Select "Special Offerings" from the drop-down fund options, and put "tornado relief fund" in the memo line. You may also mail a check to the church, made out to St. Paul's with "tornado relief" in the memo line. All funds donated will go towards helping individuals most in need. We ask you to join us in continuing to prayer for our community as we recover from this devastating storm.

**Worship Service Format & Schedule** -- In keeping with diocesan protocols, we will begin in-person inside worship on April 25 for both Sunday services. Services will be held with COVID-19 restrictions in place, such as the requirement of masks, no congregational singing, and communion in one kind only. In addition, the number of people in the congregation will be limited and preregistration will be required. The 10:30 service will also continue to be live streamed and viewable online. The Sunday schedule for the next several weeks, outlining virtual as well as hybrid in-person/virtual services, may be found [here](#). Registration for the in-person services will open the Monday prior to the service.

**Church Office Hours** -- The church office will resume regular office hours on a limited basis beginning April 19. Hours will be Monday through Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. To maintain the safety of staff and parishioners, appointments for visits will be required and can be made by contacting either [Lesley Williams](#) or the [Rev. Hazel Smith Glover](#) directly. Masks and social distancing will be required of any visitors. We appreciate your understanding.

**Virtual Coffee Hour** -- Thanks to host volunteers, we have resumed our virtual coffee hours via Zoom, beginning at approximately 11:15 a.m., following the morning service. Simply grab your own coffee and go to <https://tinyurl.com/stpcoffeehour>. We ask you to put yourself on mute when not speaking to help cut down on feedback.

**Men's "Early Risers" Virtual Coffee Meetup** -- All men of St. Paul's are invited to attend a virtual "Early Risers" Coffee Meetup via Zoom on Friday mornings beginning at 9:00 a.m. [Click here](#) to join at that time.

**VBS Save the Date** -- Vacation Bible School will take place June 21-24th. Details to follow.

**Godly Play: Sundays at 9:30 a.m.** -- Godly Play is a Montessori-based curriculum that includes storytelling, interaction, exploration, and creativity to teach and enliven Bible stories. In Godly Play, for ages 4 through 5th grade, marvelous things happen as children "work, play and wonder together at the awesomeness of God." Email Elisabeth Copeland at [elisabeth@stpaulsnewnan.org](mailto:elisabeth@stpaulsnewnan.org) for the Zoom meeting link.

**Adult Formation: Sundays at 9:00 a.m.** -- Please join us for a study of Barbara Brown Taylor's Holy Envy. The book's subtitle is, "Finding God in the Faith of Others," and one of the reviews says it "reminds us that God is bigger than any one religion. Prepare to be surprised and, best of all, to come to know God in a new way." Even if you don't have the book, we would love to include you in our discussion. Our meeting ID is 837 1763 1107, passcode is 097390. Email Lauren Gallagher at [laurengallagher77@gmail.com](mailto:laurengallagher77@gmail.com) with any questions.

**EYC-- EYC** (Episcopal Youth Community) meets online or in person weekly during the school year for fun, fellowship with other youth, and learning more about God's love. Friends from other churches are always welcome! Today we are celebrating Earth Day early at the home of the Hopkins family! Email Mary Margaret Stewart at [marymargaret@stpaulsnewnan.org](mailto:marymargaret@stpaulsnewnan.org) for the details.

**Virtual Children's Choir: Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.** -- Children in grades 2 and up are invited to join our St. Paul's Virtual Children's Choir. There is no upper grade/age limit. To register your child if you have not already done so, email Dawn Harrison at [dawnie.harrison@gmail.com](mailto:dawnie.harrison@gmail.com).

**Prayer Requests** -- Prayer requests for the parish prayer list or the confidential Daughters of the King prayer list may be submitted online at <https://tinyurl.com/stpprayers> or you may also contact Hazel+ directly.

**Financial Gifts** -- To continue to give financially to St. Paul's as well as contribute to the rector's discretionary fund or our Peace and Purpose campaign during this time, you may mail a check to the church, set up one-time or regular payments via your bank, or make an online payment via credit card. Please visit <http://www.stpaulsnewnan.org/give/> for detailed instructions.

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#### **CLERGY AND Staff**

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**Jennifer Thomasson**, Senior Warden; **Nicole Edwards**, **Philip Hand**, **Frankey Henderson**, **Mark LeVan**, **Geoff Mattered**, **Renee Powell**, **Heather Turner**, **Virginia Williams**, **Jennifer Jones**, Clerk of the Vestry; **Beth Gourley**, Treasurer.