



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons*

## **The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**April 25, 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**

*Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing*  
Hymnal 334

### **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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **The First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12**

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?"

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

### **The Psalm: 23**

1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul \*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; \*

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### **The Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## The Sequence Hymn

*The King of love my shepherd is*  
Hymnal 645

## The Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18

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

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Hazel Smith Glover

*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: Rachel, Mikayla. April, Nola, Sydney, MacKenzie.

*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**

*The Lord is my Shepherd*  
Howard Goodall

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer A  
BCP 361

*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 Hymn**

*I come with joy to meet my Lord*  
Hymnal 304

### **The Communion Anthem**

*Who will keep God's lambs?*  
Children's Choir (arr. Gilpin/Parker)

Who will feed the little lambs for the Lord today?  
Lead them to green pastures or find them when they stray?  
Who will show them quiet streams with a loving hand?  
Who will protect the fold of God? Who will keep God's lambs?  
I will feed the little lambs for the Lord today?  
Lead them to green pastures or find them when they stray?  
I will show them quiet streams with a loving hand?  
I will protect the fold of God? I will keep God's lambs?  
Jesus said to feed His sheep while he is away.  
Will you take your rod and staff, guard His sheep today?  
Will you feed the little lambs for the Lord today?  
Lead them to green pastures or find them when they stray?  
Will you show them quiet streams with a loving hand?  
Will you protect the fold of God? Will you keep God's lambs?  
Who will keep God's lambs? I will keep God's lambs.

*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 made the sure foundation*  
Hymnal 518

## 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: Rachel Herman, Mikayla Pape, April Nall, Nola Anderson, Sydney Pape, MacKenzie Teal.

### ***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** -- 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. Registration for the in-person services will open the Monday prior to the service and links to register for either service may be found [here](#).

**Church Office Hours** -- The church office has resumed regular office hours on a limited basis. Hours are Monday through Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. To maintain the safety of staff and parishioners, appointments for visits are 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** -- Virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom begins 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.

**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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