



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons*

**Easter Day  
April 4, 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**

*Jesus Christ is risen today  
Hymnal 207*

**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.

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 Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9**

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

## **The Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24**

- 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 Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43**

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

## **The Sequence Hymn**

*Alleluia! The strife is o'er battle won*  
Hymnal 208

## **The Holy Gospel: John 20:1-18**

*Celebrant*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*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.

*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, especially: Nancy.

We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially: Michael, Anne Ivey, Lily, Keith, Joanna.

*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**

*Hallelujah Chorus*  
G.F. Handel

#### **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.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**The Fraction Anthem**

Hymnal S 154

## The Communion Anthem

*This is the Day*  
Natalie Sleeth (Sung by the St. Cecilia Choir)

*This is the day that the Lord hath made! Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!  
This is the day that the Lord hath made! Rejoice! Rejoice, Hallelujah!  
Christ has conquered death at last, left the tomb that held Him fast!  
Gone the sorrow, gone the night, Dawns the morning clear and bright!  
Jesus lives who once was dead! Crown of glory on His head.  
Risen now our Lord and King, songs of gladness let us sing!*

## The Communion Hymn

*Come, risen lord, and deign to be our guest*  
Hymnal 305

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name. *Amen.*

## The Closing Hymn

*He is risen, he is risen!*  
Hymnal 180

## The Blessing

## 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, Britney, Mary, 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: Michael Polley, Anne Stanier, Ivey Isbell, Lily Mattera, Keith Denner, Joanna Thomasson.

***The Easter Flowers and Music are given to the glory of God by:***

*Caroline Abbey, in memory of her sister, Mary Louise Trahan (1951-2021).*

*Judy Aycock, in memory of Dale Aycock, Vince & Hazel Hayman and Woody Hayman.*

*Kasey Yarbrough Fabrizi, in memory of her aunt, Carolyn Yarbrough Glass.*

*Irene Ferris, in thanksgiving for St. Paul's and its people.*

*The Rev. Hazel Smith Glover, in thanksgiving for the ministry of the staff, vestry and people of St. Paul's during this year of pandemic.*

*Dawn and Bill Harrison, in memory of Louise and Arthur Harrison; Edith and John Clements and Jack Max.*

*Mark and Wendy LeVan, in memory of Glenn W., LaVaughn and Jacqueline Eaton and Donald K. LeVan; in thanksgiving for Nicholas, Megan, Ryan, Eathon, Gabrielle and Joan LeVan and Glenn L. And Diane Eaton; and in appreciation to Hazel and all the staff and volunteers for keeping the church family connected during the pandemic.*

*Delores Parris, in memory of Robert Rollins.*

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