

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31, 2024 • 10:45am

Celebrating: The Rev. Laura Di Panfilo

Preaching: The Rev. Noah H. Evans

Assisting: The Rev. Erin Morey

God loves you, no exceptions.

You are always welcome at God's table at St. Paul's.

St. Paul's is a spiritual home and welcoming community to people of all ages, generations, educational backgrounds, financial means, abilities and disabilities, races, ethnicities, and nationalities, without regard to sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity/expression, and with many different family and religious backgrounds. Some of us are lifelong Episcopalians; some were raised in other Protestant denominations or in the Roman Catholic Church; some are new to the Christian faith; some are not sure what they believe. There is a place here for you.

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Thank you!

Prelude: The Phoenix Processional

Dan Locklair

Welcome and Greetings

Opening Hymn: Welcome Happy Morning

Hymnal 179

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.*

Song of Praise: He is Risen

Hymnal 180

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

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."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 (Please join in singing)

Setting, Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)



- 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.

Hallelujah!
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth!
Hallelujah!
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord
And of His Christ, and of His Christ
And He shall reign for ever and ever
King of kings (Forever and ever! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!)
And Lord of lords (Forever and ever! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!)
And He shall reign... Hallelujah!

The Gospel
Mark 16:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

Children are welcome to gather in the rear of the church to go to the Undercroft for Children's Chapel and will return at the Peace. Children may also remain in their pews.

The Sermon
The Rev. Noah H. Evans

The Creed

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

The Prayers of the People are written by Jon Delano. Respond to "Risen Lord, receive these our prayers" with "Open our hearts to your will."

During the Easter Season, the Confession and Absolution are omitted.

The Peace

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

Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: Hymn of Promise
Emily Hastings-Keene, conductor

Natalie Sleeth

Presentation Hymn: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, vs. 1

Hymnal 460

The Great Thanksgiving, EOW Prayer 1
The people may stand or kneel.

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hymnal S 128

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

Amen

Hymnal S 146



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

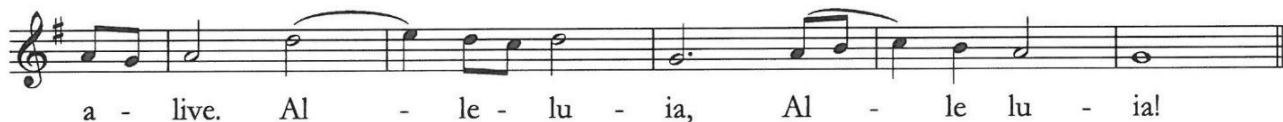
The Lord's Prayer

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Everyone is welcome to receive communion. Please come forward to receive through the center aisle, returning through the side aisles. You are welcome to receive just the bread, or the bread and the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please take the bread in your hand and sip the wine from the chalice. For sanitary reasons, we ask you not to dip the host in the wine. If you would like communion brought to you, please let a greeter know.

Communion Hymn: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Hymnal 174

Post Communion Prayer—*said together*

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen today

Hymnal 207

Dismissal

The worship is ended, the service begins.

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude: Toccata, from *Symphony for Organ No. 5*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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Easter Season Announcements

Newcomer Reception

If you are new to St. Paul's over the last year or so, or even just came for the first time this week, you are invited to come to a Newcomer Reception April 7 at noon in the Lounge. Come learn about what makes our church such a special community. Children are welcome! If you'd like more information, please contact The Rev. Noah Evans at noah@stpaulspgh.org or (412) 531-7153 x11.

St. Paul's 101: Easter Season – beginning April 10

Are you new to St. Paul's, and trying to figure out the parish? Do you want to get connected or reconnected with the church during this time? Have you been here for a while, and want to learn more about the Episcopal Church or still find yourself wondering what's going on? Do you have questions you want to talk about? Join us for St. Paul's 101, an overview of our parish and the Episcopal Church. This class also would serve as preparation for adults who are interested in being formally confirmed or received in the Episcopal Church. To register or for more information, contact the Rev. Noah Evans at noah@stpaulspgh.org or at (412) 531- 7153 x11.

April 10 Nooks and Crannies tour of St. Paul's Building

April 17 Episcopal History: It's not just about a king's divorce! and Theology Close to the Ground: Scripture, Tradition and Reason

April 24 Worship: The Way of Prayer is the Way of Belief

May 8 Practicing our Faith: Lay leadership in the church and the world

Sacred Ground: Easter Season – beginning April 8

St. Paul's will be convening Sacred Ground Circles on Monday nights at 7pm beginning on April 8, and due to the signup response, are also adding a second Wednesday evening circle! Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. Participants learn to explore our conscious and unconscious biases, and think about the history of our country in new ways. All sessions are private, so participants have an opportunity to speak honestly and openly. Over 100 people have participated in Sacred Ground at St. Paul's.

Sacred Ground consists of 10 sessions, held every two weeks, with video and written material to be covered in the off weeks at your leisure (provided by the Episcopal Church exclusively for Sacred Ground participants). The sessions will be offered in a hybrid (Zoom and live) format. Please email the Rev. Erin Morey at erin@stpaulspgh.org to sign up, with any questions, or if this time does not work for you and you would like to do Sacred Ground.

Iftar Dinner with our Turkish Friends at St. Paul's

Our Turkish friends are generously sharing an Iftar meal with the St. Paul's community on Sunday, April 7 at 7pm in the Undercroft! Please come, share a meal, and celebrate! Please register for the event at the St. Paul's website, and you can also visit the website to sign up to volunteer to help with cleanup. Contact the Rev. Erin Morey at erin@stpaulspgh.org with any questions.

Easter Season Small Groups – beginning the week of April 7

Join St. Paul's parishioners as we reflect on the book *Living Into God's Dream* this Easter season. This collection of nine essays is honest, pragmatic, and courageous in its real-world view of racism and how people of faith and conscience can work together to “dismantle racism.” Groups start the week of April 7th and continue through Pentecost (May 19). Here are the times and leaders:

Tuesday at 7:00am on Zoom – Led by Noah Evans Email: noah@stpaulspgh.org

Tuesday at 6:00pm at St. Paul's

Wednesday at 7pm on Zoom – Led by Eileen Sharbaugh Email: sharbaugh@verizon.net

Thursday at 11:30am on Zoom – Led by Erin Morey Email: erin@stpaulspgh.org