

Third Sunday of Easter

Rite II, 10:15 AM

April 14, 2024



Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church! We are so glad that you have joined us in our celebration of worship today and hope that you feel at home here with us, regardless of who you are or where you are on your journey. All baptized persons are invited to the Lord's Table for Holy Communion.

*The time before worship is a time for prayer and reflection.
Please silence your phones or set alerts to vibrate only.*

Live stream can be accessed through our website (stpaulscolumbus.org)

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Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Michelle Farnsworth

Prayers printed in italics indicate the congregation's part

Entrance Hymn *He is Risen, He is Risen (please stand as able)*

Blue Hymnal 180

Liturgy of the Word

All standing as able, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Prayer for Open Hearts

Book of Common Prayer p. 323

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

The Gloria

Blue Hymnal S 280

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.*

Please sit for the First Reading, Psalms, and Second Reading

First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.”

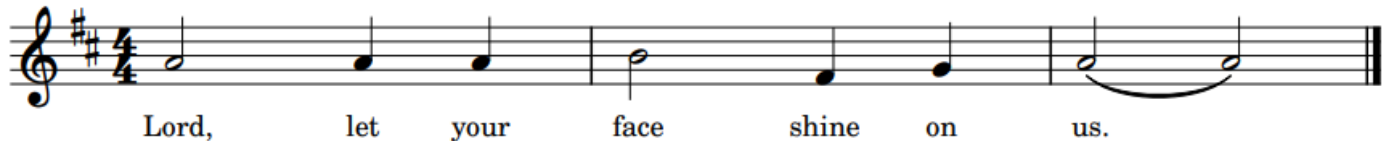
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

**Cantor introduces antiphon first.*

**Congregation will sing with cantor on the Antiphons only.*

**Cantor will sing verses.*



Cantor:

1 When I call, answer me, O my just God,
You who relieve me when I am in distress;
Have pity on my, and hear my prayer! (*antiphon*)

Cantor:

2 Know that the Lord does wonders for his faithful one;
The Lord will hear me when call upon him. (*antiphon*)

Cantor:

3 O Lord, let the light of your countenance shine upon us!
You put gladness into my heart. (*antiphon*)

Cantor:

3 O As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully to sleep.,
For you alone, O Lord, bring security to my dwelling. (*antiphon*)

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

A reading from the first letter of John.

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able, for the proclamation of the Gospel.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
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.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Br. Ælred Dean

Nicene Creed *(please stand as able)*

Book of Common Prayer p. 358

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.

Prayers of the People *(may stand or kneel)**

The leader and the people pray responsively.

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

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

- Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons: for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer, our Bishop, and Ælred, our Priest.
People *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*
- Leader In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the clergy and congregation of St. Mark's, Plainfield. We continue to pray for Bishop Mauricio and the people of our companion diocese of Brasilia in Brazil, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's, Mithon. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.
- Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; For Joe, our President; Eric, our Governor; and Mary, our Mayor.
People *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*
- Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People *That our works may find favor in your sight.*
- Leader In the Ecumenical Assembly cycle of prayer, we pray for Pastor Kristi Jones, and the congregation of Memorial Baptist Church, and for Hugh Daugherty, their Ecumenical Assembly Board representative; we pray for those volunteering with the Care Packages for Students program and for those continuing to battle COVID-19 and those grieving the losses of COVID-19.
- Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially for Bill Ardizone, Carl Christopher, Elizabeth Dean, Heather Gaffney, Lucy Hosterman, Rita Lynch, Brianna McFarland, Nancy McKinney, Elizabeth Monette, and Tom & Gertie Woods.
People *That they may be delivered from their distress.*
- Leader We give you thanks for Cheryl Christopher and Elizabeth Cvlbar who are celebrating their birthdays this week, we thank you for Bill & Nancy Ardizone who are celebrating their anniversary this week, and for all who are remembering special occasions in their lives. Lord, in your love,
People *Hear our prayer.*
- Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.
People *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*
- Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*
- Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

A moment of silence

The Presider adds a concluding Collect. (Prayer)

It is traditional, at least in Episcopalian churches, to omit the confession during the Easter Season. This is done to help remind us that Chris lived, died, and was raised again in order to achieve for us the forgiveness of sin.

The Peace

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

Announcements

Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn *Be Thou My Vision*

Blue Hymnal 488

Doxology

Blue Hymnal 380 v. 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

Book of Common Prayer p. 371

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic prayers continue:

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Blue Hymnal S 125

The Eucharistic prayers continue: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him . . .

. . . Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

The Eucharistic prayers continue:

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Book of Common Prayer 364

The presider breaks the consecrated bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Lamb of God

Blue Hymnal S 161

Presider The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Administration of Holy Communion

This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come you who have much faith and you who have little. Come, not because it is I who invites you - it is the invitation of the Lord. It is his will that those who want to should meet him here.

Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available upon request at the communion rail.

You may kneel or stand at the Communion kneelers as you are able. You may receive only the bread if you wish. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, please cross your hands over your chest and the Presider will bless you.

Communion Hymn *Come and Fill Our Hearts With Your Peace*

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Come and Fill Our Hearts With Your Peace'. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: 'come and fill our hearts with your peace you a-lone O Lord are Ho-ly' on the first staff, and 'come and fill our hearts with your peace al-le-lu - ia' on the second staff. The second staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Postcommunion Prayer

Book of Common Prayer 365

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Visitor

Presider In the name of St. Paul's, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body,

People *For we all share one Bread and one Cup.*

Prayer for Church Growth

God of Mission who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn *That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright*

Blue Hymnal 193

Dismissal

Presider The Eucharist has ended, and our service must now begin; go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

The Worship is Over, the Service Begins!

**"kneel or stand"/"stand or kneel" is a rubric in the 1979 edition of The Book of Common Prayer. We each can respond as is most worshipful for you, to stand or to kneel.*

Intersessions:

Our Parishioners: Bill Ardizone, Carl Christopher, Heather Gaffney, Lucy Hosterman, Rita Lynch, Nancy McKinney, Elizabeth Monette, and Tom & Gertie Woods.

Others for whom special prayers are requested:

Angela, Barb, Linda-Susan Beard, Vanessa Brooks, Dave Brown, Carl Christopher, Dee Craig, Cynthia, Debbie, Elizabeth Dean, Jerry Dell, John Dillworth, Don, Kathy Elliott, Heather Gaffney, Gloria, Pamela Hancock, Linda Harvey, Hayden, Ray Jeter, Robert Johnston, Karen L., Kaylee, Gretchen Kramer, Kristi, Lauren, Max, Stephen & Brianna McFarland, Melody, Michelle, John Murphy, Nancy, Barbara Philpot, Jenn Rice, Steve Reinhart, Riley, Arnold & Jean Riley, Lois S., Sandi, Dana Saunders, Yvonne Saunders, Shane, Anna Simonova, Nancy Smith, Mathew Squires, Zak Thomas, Brianna Vera, Kathrine Watkins, John Willis, David Wolterman, all who serve our country, and all people experiencing challenges of any kind, whether they be physical, mental, or spiritual.

Cycles of Prayer: In our Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Pastor Kristi Jones, and the congregation of Memorial Baptist Church, and for Hugh Daugherty, their Ecumenical Assembly Board representative; we pray for those volunteering with the Care Packages for Students program and for those continuing to battle COVID-19 and those grieving the losses of COVID-19. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the clergy and congregation of St. Mark's, Plainfield. We pray for Bishop Mauricio and the people of our companion diocese of Brasilia in Brazil, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's, Mithon. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

Thanksgivings: We give thanks for those who give the gifts of time and talent to the Finance Committee and Vestry especially the ministries of ongoing leadership, financial stewardship, and capital improvements.

Birthdays: We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week: for Cheryl Christopher and Elizabeth Cvlbar.

Anniversaries: We give thanks for those celebrating anniversaries this week: Bill & Nancy Ardizone.

Assisting in Today's Service:

Presider: The Rev. Br. Ælred Dean

Altar Guild: Deborah Elliott

Acolyte: Nancy Morris

Lectors: Cheryl Paranavitana and Nancy McKinney

Greeters/Ushers: Don Wools and Nick Firestone

Organist: Michelle Farnsworth

Tellers: Bill Garber and Nick Firestone

LEV: Roxie Garber

Live Stream: Lalith Paranavitana

This Week at St. Paul's

Today

10:15 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Rev. Br. Ælred Dean presiding

Monday: no activities scheduled

Tuesday: 9 am AA (Parish Hall)

2 pm Theological Tuesdays (common area)

Wednesday: 6 pm Choir Practice

(no Celtic Eucharist today)

Thursday: Nurse Family Partnership (Conf Rm)

1pm Bridge Club (Parish Hall)

Friday: 9 am AA

Saturday: no activities scheduled

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Bishop

The Rev. Br. Ælred Dean, Priest

Kathi Whipker, Parish Administrator

Michelle Farnsworth, Interim Organist

2024 Vestry

Nancy Ardizone – Parish Life

Jill Clotfelter - Worship

John DeLap - Formation

Andrew Goldsmid – Sr. Warden & Outreach

Frank Guthrie - Finance

Nancy McKinney - Welcoming

Kirk Parsons - Welcoming

Steve Talbert – Marketing &

Communications

Don Wools – Jr. Warden &

Buildings/Grounds

Announcements

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Book Buddies End-of-Year Pizza Party! The kids and book buddies had a great time and appreciated our hospitality.

Our building continues to get busier. **Beginning TODAY, April 14th, the Haitian community will hold their weekly St. Yves Service at 3pm in our sanctuary.** If you drive by and see cars in the lot, that's why.

Typically, **Bible Study** meets on Thursdays from 10am – 11am on Zoom (meeting ID: 291 212 0372, password: church). We study the Lectionary for the upcoming Sunday, which can be found at the end of this bulletin. *We will take a break for the month of April as several members have conflicts at this time. Watch for news of this group picking back up in May!!*

Our local bookstore, **Viewpoint Books**, has been a terrific partner with St. Paul's supporting our Book Buddies and helping us acquire books for studies here. If you would like to return some of that support, check out their website (viewpointbooks.com) and learn about their **plans to expand** to a second location during some upcoming construction. There is a fundraising campaign started and you can find the link to donate on the website.

The St. Paul's Craft and Bake Sale is coming up on Saturday, April 27th from 10 am to 4 pm. If you would like to participate by having a craft booth, baking, or helping with the event please contact Shelly Bell (812-371-9231) if you haven't already done so.

Our annual **spring yardwork day at Turning Point** will be May 14th. Specific details (time, etc) will be announced as the date gets closer, but for now, mark your calendar and dig out those gardening gloves!

Spend part of your afternoon with others seeking to learn more about their faith and theology with **Theological Tuesdays at 2pm in the common area of the church.** Bring your Bible as we start in the study of Mark's Gospel. Questions? Speak with Br. Ælred (812-657-4011) or better yet, bring the questions with you when you come!

Celtic Eucharist will be held weekly on Wednesday evenings at 5pm, in the Prayer Room/Chapel. If you have any questions, please speak with Br. Ælred. *There will be no Celtic Eucharist on Wednesday, April 24, as Br. Ælred will be attending the Columbus Areas Arts Council event: Flourishing Through Art Mocktail Mixer.*

Choir Practice is on Wednesday evenings from 6pm -7pm. The choir will sing one Sunday each month. New members are welcome; just come to practice and join us! Questions? Contact Interim Music Director Michelle Farnsworth (248-921-5314).

The **2024** sign-up poster for **Altar flowers** is available in the back of the sanctuary. Placing flowers on the Altar is a wonderful way to celebrate a special day such as a birthday or anniversary, or to acknowledge the memory of a special person(s). Simply sign up for the Sunday you desire. Instructions about the florist are in the envelope on the poster.

The year-round collection of food for **Love Chapel** continues. Cans, non-perishable food items, and clean plastic grocery bags can be left in the Office Area or Narthex.

Employee schedules:

The Rev. Br. Ælred Dean, our Priest, is normally **available in the church office Tuesday through Saturday each week**. He can be reached by email (stpaulscolumbuspriest@gmail.com) or phone (812-657-4011) and plans to be out of the office on pastoral visits twice a week. Bro. Ælred will keep a sabbath on Mondays – taking the day off and stepping away from email/phone.

Kathi Whipker, Parish Administrator, is doing her practicum this semester (similar to student-teaching, just student-interpreting). She will be in the office on Fridays and one other day which will vary with her interpreting schedule. She will be checking email daily and can always be reached on her cell phone if needed (812-603-5028).

Michelle Farnsworth, Interim Music Director can be contacted on her cell: 248-921-5314. She holds choir practice on Wednesday evenings from 6 – 7pm and all are welcome to join!

Financial Summary February: YTD Actual Revenue is \$60,991 as compared to the budget of \$28,817 for a favorable budget difference of \$32,174. YTD Actual Revenue is \$60,991 as compared to the previous year of \$34,544 for a favorable year-over-year difference of \$26,447. YTD Actual Expenditures are \$32,637 as compared to the budget of \$34,611 for a favorable budget difference of (\$1,974).

Lectionary: Lessons for Sunday April 21, Year B, Fourth Sunday of Easter – Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18. The readings for each week may also be accessed by going to www.lectionarypage.net, and clicking on the appropriate date.