

*Celebrating Christ's Presence
In a Changing World*

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



The Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

10:30 am

The Hymnal 1982 #208

The strife is o'er, the battle done

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Welcome to St. Paul's! *We are so happy you are here. If you are new or visiting, please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate so we can welcome you more personally.*

Children are very welcome, even or especially, when they make some joyful noises during today's service! Sunday school and childcare for young ones is available during this service in our nursery.

Preludes

Sonata No. 8 in A Minor (K310), ii: Andante cantabile
W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

As the tower bell rings, the People stand to sing

The Hymnal 1982 #208

The strife is o'er, the battle done

See left page for opening hymn.

The Easter Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Collect for Purity

The Presider welcomes the People and then prays

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 Hymnal 1982 #S-236

A Song of Praise

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you
for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be -

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; _____ in the high vault of

depths; _____ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, _____

you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! _____

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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 people sit for the readings.

First Lesson

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-12, 15-16

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Sung by cantor(s) and choir.

- 1 I love you, O God, because you have heard the voice of my supplication,
because you have inclined your ear to me whenever I called upon you.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon your holy Name:
“O God, I pray you, save my life.”
- 10 How shall I repay God
for all the good things done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the Name of God.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to God
in the presence of all people.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon your holy Name.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to you *
in the presence of all your people,

The Epistle

1 Peter 1:17-23

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

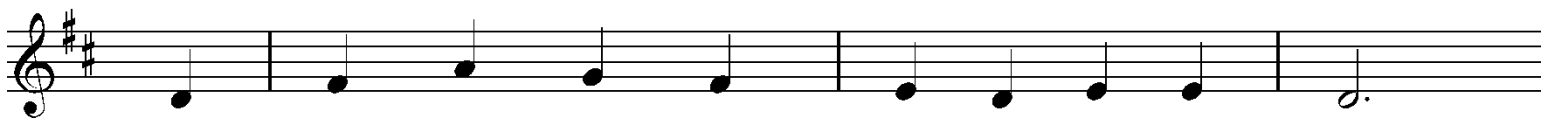
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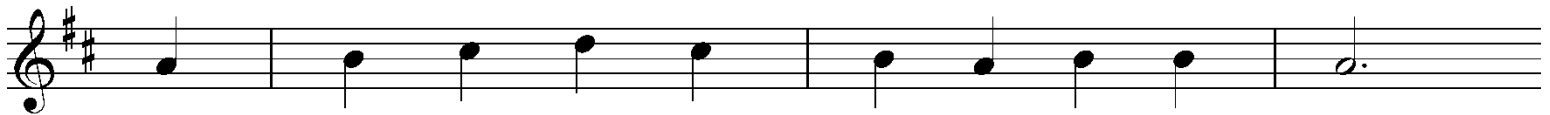
All stand as they are able to sing the sequence hymn.

The Hymnal 1982 #306

Come, risen Lord



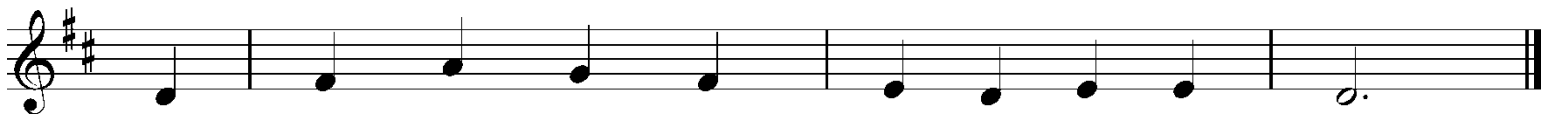
1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;
 2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met;
 3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take,
 4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,



nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
 thou at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:
 one Church u - ni - ted in com - mun - ion blest;
 who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;



thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet:
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;



in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
 faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
 with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
 be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.

Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Jadon Hartsuff

All stand as they are able and are invited to say,

Affirmation of Faith

New Zealand Prayer Book

You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The People respond to each petition saying, "Hear our prayer."

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to our Risen Lord.

That we may be filled with the joy and hope of your life-giving resurrection.
Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

That all who are isolated or persecuted for their faith may find strength and confidence in the good news of Easter. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

That we may embrace the humility of the cross and subject ourselves to one another in Christian love. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

That we may see your face in every neighbor and respond to your call to provide for those who are homeless or hungry and all who lack life's necessities. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

That by your power we may work to make war cease through all the world. Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

That the light of your presence may shine upon the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them especially [those parishioners on our prayer list] and those we name now, silently or aloud (the People name their own petitions) ...Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

That, according to your promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day, especially those we remember now, silently or aloud (the People name those they wish to remember)...
Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

The Presider prays a concluding collect.

The Peace

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

The People exchange greetings of peace with one another and are then invited to sit for announcements.

The Offertory

Allegretto comodo, Op. 45, No. 2
Stephen Heller (1813-1888)

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Doxology *all stand & sing*

Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #34, v. 3

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

The Holy Communion

Sursum corda, The Hymnal 1982 # S-120

The musical notation is arranged in four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the second for the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant and the fourth for the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise."

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

Presider,

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:



Sanctus, The Hymnal 1982 #S-125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.




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



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Presider continues,

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. 

On the night before he died for us, 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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." 🛎️🛎️🛎️

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Presider continues,

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

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People

A - men. A - men. A - men.

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of three measures: the first measure has a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note Bb4; the second measure has a quarter note C5, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note A4; the third measure has a half note G4. The word 'Amen' is written below the staff, with a hyphen between 'A' and 'men' in each of the three measures. To the left of the staff, the word 'People' is written in a cursive font, and above it are three bell icons.

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

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

The Hymnal 1982 #S -154

The Bread is broken in silence,

Presider: God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

People: **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Everyone is invited to Holy Communion. Please receive the Bread in your open palm; please ask for gluten free if you require it. Please drink from the chalice by helping guide it to your lips, or give the wafer to the chalice minister and they will dip it in the wine for you. If you prefer not to receive wine, please simply pass by the chalice minister. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead, please cross your hands over your chest as you come forward.

Communion Music
St. Paul's Choir

"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"
Jay Althouse (1951-)

After Communion, the Presider prays,

O Lord Jesus Christ, in this wonderful Sacrament you have given us a memorial of your Passion: be with those who are worshipping with us online, that as they meditate upon the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood they may perceive within themselves the fruit of your redemption and be nourished by your holy presence in their lives. **Amen.**

Presider and People,

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.

If Eucharistic Visitors are Being Sent,

Presider: In the name of this congregation, 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.

People: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Presider *The Presider offers a blessing...*

People **Amen.**

The Hymnal 1982 #194

Jesus lives!

1 Je - sus lives! thy ter - rors now can no long - er, death, ap -
2 Je - sus lives! for us he died; then, a - lone to Je - sus
3 Je - sus lives! our hearts know well nought from us his love shall
4 Je - sus lives! to him the throne o - ver all the world is

pall us; Je - sus lives! by this we know thou, O
liv - ing, pure in heart may we a - bide, glo - ry
sev - er; life, nor death, nor powers of hell tear us
giv - en: may we go where he has gone, rest and

grave, canst not en - thrall us. Al - le - lu - ia!
to our Sa - vior giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
from his keep - ing ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
reign with him in hea - ven. Al - le - lu - ia!

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Postlude

He is King of Kings
arr. Douglas E. Wagner (b.1952)
Recorded by Jackie Livesay for St. Paul's

Dedications

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our father Bob Reynolds by Robby, Terri and Jack; and in loving memory of my wife Cynthia Spencer Davey, our daughter Gwen, Cynthia's parents Herbert & Margaret and her grandmother Maude Spencer by Robert Davey.

The Aumbry Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and is given by Rita Yates in loving memory of her sister Gail and parents Dick and Alice Manning.

Worship Ministers

The Rev. Jadon Hartsuff, Presider
Brian Ketner, Pianist; Jeff Wilkinson, Choir Director & Cantor
Barb Duke, Greeter; Kyle King, Bob Duke, Jan Osborn, Ushers
Barney Rudolph, 1st Reader; Julie Bloomfield, 2nd Reader;
Joe Lathrop, Intercessor, LEM & Acolyte, Cam Belden LEM & Acolyte
Heidi Lathrop, Tech Team

Announcements

- **Upcoming Meetings: All are welcome to attend!**
 - Vestry Meeting, Today at 12:15pm in the Library
 - All Parish Forum, Sunday, April 26, 9:15am in Holy Spirit Hall
- **Wonderful Wednesdays – This Wednesday, April 22nd**
 - Bible Cats Bible Study meets in the St. Paul's library at 10:30 am.
 - **No Noonday service this week, Fr. Jadon is away for Navy duties.**
- **St. Paul's Mercy & Justice team** is collecting supplies for the the Jackson Baby Pantry. Please start collecting new or used baby clothes, children's socks, baby wipes, and size 6 diapers (only that size, please).
- **Caring for Creation: An all- ages Earth Day celebration with the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan!** Leslie Science & Nature Center in Ann Arbor on Saturday, April 25 th from 10 am-1 pm. For more info go to: www.edomi.org/event/2026-caring-for-creation-earth-day-celebration.
- **Save the Date for the next St. Paul's Movie night on Wednesday, April 29th at 6 pm.** We will be showing Walt Disney's Mary Poppins. A springtime celebration of a woman who returns, as promised, to save a whole family. It's a "practically perfect" Easter movie! BYOB, a comfy chair and a snack.
- **The next Episcopal Church Women (ECW) meeting will be a social gathering on Saturday, May 9 at Knight's restaurant at 11 am.** Look for a sign-up sheet in the glass narthex with more details. This will be the last meeting until the fall.
- **Altar Flower & Aumbry Candle Sign-Up:** If you would like to make a dedication in memory or thanksgiving of a loved one in our Sunday worship leaflet, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. The cost is \$45 per vase of flowers, or \$15 for the aumbry candle. Or you can contact the church office.



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