



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023 • 10:30 AM

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 Voluntary

The Opening Hymn

All People That on Earth Do Dwell
Hymnal 377

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 278

Children ages 4-10 are invited to gather at the rear of the church to attend Children's Chapel, returning during the Peace.

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 Reading ~ Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm ~ 23

The psalm is sung by the choir.

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 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Hymnal 708

The Holy Gospel ~ John 10:1-10

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

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Mark S. Johnson

A period of silence is kept.

The Nicene Creed

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, especially Gordon;

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 Susan. We give thanks for those who
celebrate birthdays this week, especially Sydney, Clara, Nola,
Mackenzie, Sara, Anne, Mike, Rusty, Mary Scott, and Sam.

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.

Blessings and Thanksgivings

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem *Ubi Caritas (Where love is, God is there)*
Maurice Durufle

The Presentation Hymn *The Shepherd Will Supply My Need*
Hymn 664

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

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:

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.

The Great Amen

Hymnal S146



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

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Holy Communion is offered via the common cup for sipping or intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine). Gluten-free wafers are available at the side altar.

The Communion Anthem

Agnus Dei
Greg Gilpin

The Communion Hymn

Before the Lord's Eternal Throne
Hymnal 391

The Post Communion Prayer

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

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!
Hymnal 495

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.

Remember in your Prayers

A Prayer for Love (From The Daughters of the King): Bless us with Love, O Merciful God; That we may love as you love. That we may show patience, tolerance, kindness, caring, and love to all. Bless us with your love.

We pray for those with timely concerns: Alice Jakubiak, Anne Petrey, Amaya Wills, Ramsey Hopkins, Vincent Cardinalli, Bob Kirk, David Waldron, Karen Dean, Tara Poindexter, Bob McKoon, Carol Costa, Brenda Daniel, Don Jones, David Sellers, Richard Dickson, Brittany Perry, David Boyd, Jr., Keith Williams, Grover Grendzinski, Randy Hendricks, Bob Anderson, Nan Fitts, Susan Roper.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Brink Howard, Wendy Llosa, Greg Parsons, Melanie Patton, Father Bruno, Ed Sergeant, Ernie Williams, David Sandlin, Mark Starr, Annie Bulford, Joan Doggrell, Marcy Brewer, Kelsey Crow, Jaron Smith, Al Williams.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Marianne, Mark, Frankey, Marge, Mary Frances, Polly, Tony, Roy, Virginia and for the Rector and Staff: Hazel, Mark, David, Dawn, Cynthia, Geoff, Cole, Nicole, Kimberly.

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,

Cameron Everett, Lanier Sealy, Beau Massenburg, Ryan Whitfield, Stephen Malcom.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Sydney Pape, Clara Haugen, Nola Daniel, Mackenzie Snyder, Sara Dewberry, Anne Murray, Mike Gallagher, Rusty Martin, Mary Scott Fabrizi, and Sam Candler.

We pray for those who have died, especially Gordon Ramsey. Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him. Amen.

Service Participants

Vestry Person of the Week	Tony King
Vergers	Frankey Henderson & Daryl Jones
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeff Lawhead, Marianne Lawhead, & Wendy LeVan
Acolytes	Jude Henderson (1st); Lanie Mae Henderson (2nd); Liam Bulford (Banner); Elijah & James Edwards (Torchbearers)
Readers	Marianne Lawhead & Rowan Mattera
Healing Intercessors	Nicole Walters & Frank West
Ushers	Virginia Williams, Danny Brown, Mike Colpoys, Taylor Josey, Mark LeVan, Justin Nieto, & John Tucker

Parish Notices

Adult Formation: Looking for a post-Easter discipline? Want to meet a fun group of parishioners who enjoy getting together to discuss current topics in Christianity as they relate to a book chosen by the group? Please meet us in Conference Room 2 off of the Parish Hall on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. as adult formation studies Madeline L'Engle's book *Walking on Water*. L'Engle is the author of *A Wrinkle in Time* and other well-known books. *Walking on Water* is available in paperback through Amazon.

Healing Service: Wednesday Healing Services are held at 11 a.m. in the Nave.

American Red Cross Blood Drive: Consider giving! The next St. Paul's American Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday, May 1, 2023.

Senior & Youth Sunday: Come join us as we celebrate our graduating Seniors and our Youth! You will see our graduating seniors in various ways throughout both the 8:30 am and 10:30 am services and are invited to join us in continuing to celebrate them during coffee hour following the 10:30 am service. Our seniors will have tables set up at coffee hour to show their favorite accomplishments thus far, as well as their plans for the future.

Starting at 4 pm, EYC will have its end-of-year celebration. 5th-12th graders are invited to come together in the youth room as we eat, play games, and celebrate a job well done this school year.

Senior Eucharist will follow this celebration at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to join us as we share a more intimate service with our graduating seniors and send them off with a special blessing.

Let's Dance: The Rutledge Center, a nearby non-profit providing person-centered services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Rutledge clients and staff will be in the Parish Hall on the third Tuesday of every month from 9:00 - 9:45 a.m., experiencing a joyful dance-centered time facilitated by Anne Graner. If you are available to assist Anne in setting up the space, interacting with our Rutledge friends, and dancing your heart out, please contact her at 404.444.6015 or anne.graner@gmail.com. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 16th.

Hazel's Retirement Celebration: Join us as we celebrate the service of The Rev. Hazel Smith Glover! To honor the work of Rev. Hazel prior to her retirement on May 28th, we will have a celebration on Saturday, May 20th, 5-7 p.m., in the St. Paul's Parish Hall.

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour will be available after the 10:30 a.m. service in the Parish Hall. For anyone who is interested in joining the Coffee Hour ministry please contact Nikki Henderson via email at Nikki.Henderson@cowetaschools.net for more information about how to get involved. Come for further fellowship with the St. Paul's family.

Prayer Requests: Prayer requests for the parish prayer list or the confidential Daughters of the King prayer list may be submitted online, via admin@stpaulsnewnan.org, or you may also contact Hazel+ directly.

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CLERGY AND Staff

The Rev. Hazel Smith Glover, Rector; **The Rev. Mark S. Johnson**, Deacon; **David Kinrade**, Interim Organist and Choirmaster; **Dawn Harrison**, Music Associate; **Cynthia Meisinger**, Children and Youth Director; **Geoff Mattera**, Communications Director; **Cole Hankins**, Multimedia Associate; **Nicole Edwards**, Parish Assistant; **Kimberly Stokes**, Financial Assistant.

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Marianne Lawhead, Senior Warden; **Mark LeVan**, Junior Warden; **Marge Bass**, Outreach; **Frankey Henderson**, Parish Life; **Mary Frances Honea**, Health & Healing; **Polly Hopkins**, Formation; **Tony King**, Worship; **Roy Reynolds**, Communications; **Virginia Williams**, Stewardship.