



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons*

**The Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 14, 2024 • 10:30 AM**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite II & Holy Baptism**

*The service begins on page 299 of The Book of Common Prayer and is printed here in its entirety.*

## **The Opening Voluntary**

*Be Still, My Soul*  
Jean Sibelius  
Arr. Rhett Barnwell

## **The Opening Hymn**

*At the Lamb's high feast we sing*  
Hymnal 174

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* *There is one hope in God's call to us;*  
*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* *One God and Father of all.*

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* *And also with you.*  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **The First Reading ~ Acts 3: 12 - 19**

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."

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

### **The Psalm ~ 4**

*Sung by the choir*

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
    you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my  
    prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
    how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \*  
    when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
    speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*

and put your trust in the LORD.

6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \*

Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*

more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*

for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

### **The Second Reading ~ 1 John 3: 1 - 7**

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.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

### **The Sequence Hymn**

*Jesus lives!*  
Hymnal 195

### **The Holy Gospel ~ Luke 24: 36b - 48**

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

*People*        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.

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

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Canon John Thompson-Quartey

*A period of silent prayer.*

### **The Baptismal Hymn**

*Like the murmur of the dove's song*  
Hymnal 513

### **The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate**

**Candidate for Baptism:**  
*Lindsay Charlotte Groover*

*The Celebrant says*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The parents and godparents say in unison*

I present Lindsay Charlotte Groover to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant* Do you desire to be baptized?  
*Charlotte* I do

*The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidate.*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that Rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*After the candidate has been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

*Celebrant* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Charlotte in her life in Christ?

*People* We will.

*The Celebrant continues*

Let us join with Charlotte who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* I will, with God's help.

## **The Prayers for the Candidate**

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for Charlotte who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Intercessor* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*The Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in

Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The Baptism**

Charlotte, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Charlotte, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

*Celebrant continues*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon Charlotte the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.



## **The Peace**

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

## **The Announcements**

## **The Blessings and Thanksgivings**

## **The Offertory Sentence**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory Anthem**

*I Will Arise and Go to Jesus*  
Alice Parker/Robert Shaw

### **The Presentation Hymn**

*Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!*  
Hymnal 205, vs 1, 3 - 5

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer B

*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.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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 129

*The Celebrant 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,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant 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.

### **The Great Amen**

Hymnal S 146



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.*

*Holy Communion is offered via the common cup for sipping or intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine). Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. A mobility-impaired individual can receive communion at your seat by raising your hand.*

### **The Fraction Anthem**

Hymnal S 154

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation.*

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **The Communion Anthem**

*Peace I Leave You*  
Anon

### **The Communion Hymn**

*Please stand at the last verse*

*Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest*  
Hymnal 306

### **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.

### **Prayer for those Not Receiving the Blessed Sacrament**

*[Adapted from Saint Augustine's Prayer Book. For those not present in the Nave.]*

Blessed Jesus, in union with the faithful of every place and people and nation, I join in offering the sacrifice of my praise and thanksgiving to you. I believe that you are truly

present in the Bread that has been blessed, broken and given. Since I cannot now receive this holy sacrament, I pray that you will come spiritually into my heart. Abide with me, that I may embrace you entirely, and submit myself to your love and mercy. Let me never be separated from you, that in my waking and in my sleeping I may know the comfort of your presence. I ask this for the sake of your love. *Amen.*

### **The Blessing**

### **The Closing Hymn**

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing*  
Hymnal 182

### **The Dismissal**

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

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

### **The Closing Voluntary**

*The Rejoicing*  
George Frideric Handel

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### ***Remember in your Prayers***

O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may learn to serve thee with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We pray for those with timely concerns: Roger Hines, Bo Warren, Gloria Crook, Ernie Williams, Andrew Davis, Saralyn Singletary, Connie Edge, Sue Woodward, Kathryn Martin, Bill Garrett, Karen Mosley, Barbara Marshall, Seth Hart, George Abbott-Maze, Holly DeSimone, Emily Benjamin, Amy Jones, Billie Harper, Mary Ellyn Booth, Bill Henry, Dianne Teer.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Greg Parsons, Annie Bulford, Kelsey Crow, Anne Murphy, Jim Myrick, Ashton Hughes, Lamar Toole, Elizabeth Briscoe, William 'Parker' Johnson, Paul Sherman, Robert Hicks, Buddy Sullivan, Larry Maze.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Marianne, Tony, Marge, Anne, Mary Frances, Polly, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Roy, and for the Staff: Canon John, Nicole, Rev. Deandre, Rhett, Dawn, Geoff, Cole, Nicole, Kimberly.

We pray for members of the Rector Nominating Committee: Philip Hand, Kasey Bulford,  
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Brother Massenburg, Katie McBride-Newman, J.J. Thomasson, Bill Tudor, and Fred Wagner.

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, Victoria Eversoll, Trey Bland.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Ron Wilson, Robert Massenburg, Elizabeth Massenburg, Lanie Mae Henderson, and Anne Graner.

We pray for those who have died, especially Joyce Tate and Monica Booker. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.

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### *Service Participants*

<b>Vestry Person of the Week</b>	Anne Graner
<b>Vergers</b>	Tony King & Brother Massenburg
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Wendy LeVan & Mike Scott
<b>Acolytes</b>	Caroline Hawes (1st); Mary Scott Fabrizi (2nd); Sydney Pape (Banner); David Pape & Pearl Borders (Torchbearer)
<b>Reader(s)</b>	Mary Frances Honea & Adele Bulford
<b>Prayer Intercessors</b>	Betsy Candler & Frank West
<b>Ushers</b>	Virginia Williams, Danny Brown, Mike Colpoys, Taylor Josey, Mark LeVan, Justin Nieto, & John Tucker
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Amanda Hand & Louise Howard
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Nikki Henderson

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### *Parish Notices*

**Everybody Dance:** Join in at the Parish Hall once every month on Tuesday from 9:00 - 9:45 am, experiencing a joyful dance-centered time facilitated by Anne Graner. For more details, visit Realm or review the Friday newsletter. The next session is **April 16th**.

**Centering Prayer:** Join us for a day of Contemplative Prayer and Meditation. Canon John and Seminarian, Nicole Walters, will lead this ancient prayer practice every third Tuesday of the month in the Transept Chapel at 5:30 pm for Centering Prayer. The next session is **April 16th**.

**Lay Pastoral Care Training:** We have our team for pastoral care providers training using the Community of Hope International (COHI) curriculum. The first session will be held on **Sunday, April 21st from 5 - 8 pm.**

**Vacation Bible School:** Save the date of July 8 - 12 for Vacation Bible School.

**Altar Flowers Dedication:** A lovely way to remember a loved one or celebrate an anniversary or birthday is to donate the altar flowers. The cost of the arrangements is \$60 per Sunday. Please remember to submit payment either via the collection plate or Realm. Please make sure to indicate in the memo line the contribution. Please make sure to submit the request by Tuesday at 12 pm to ensure that the announcement is placed in the bulletin on the correct Sunday. You can also use this QR code to sign up.



**The Daughters of the King:** Information pamphlets are available on the bulletin board outside of the parish hall for anyone interested in learning more about The Daughters of the King. We welcome any prospective members!



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**CLERGY AND Staff**

**Rev. Canon C. John Thompson-Quartey**, Interim Rector; **Nicole Walters**, Seminarian; **Rev. Deandre Bruton**, CYF Director; **Rhett Barnwell**, Organist/Choirmaster; **Dawn Harrison**, Music Associate; **Geoff Mattera**, Communications Director; **Cole Hankins**, Multimedia Associate; **Nicole Edwards**, Parish Administrator; **Kimberly Stokes**, Financial Administrator.

**VESTRY**

**Marianne Lawhead**, Senior Warden; **Tony King**, Junior Warden; **Marge Bass**, Health & Healing; **Anne Graner**, Outreach; **Mary Frances Honea**, Strategic Visioning; **Polly Hopkins**, Formation; **Sarah Huxford**, Stewardship; **Elizabeth Pape**, Parish Life; **Roy Reynolds**, Communications.

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