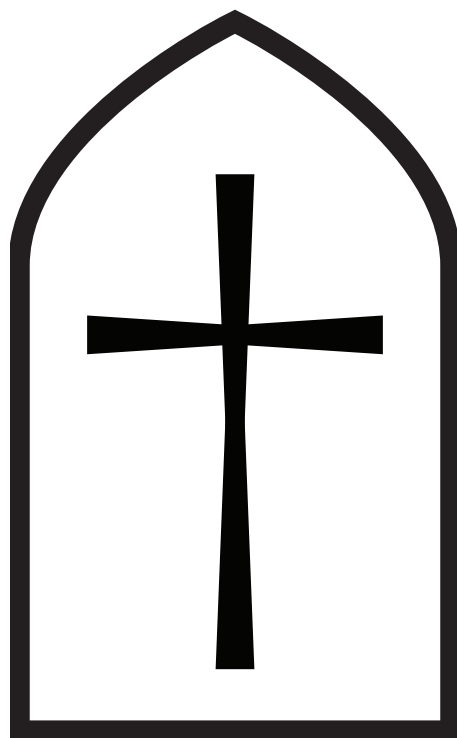


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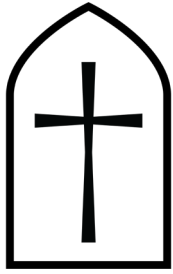


DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 19, 2024

10:00 AM, RITE II

LIVE FAITHFULLY.



The Holy Eucharist

Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024 • 10 AM

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Waco, TX

••• Live Faithfully

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

The people's responses are in bold.

When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship.

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for Susie Brown and in memory of Cullen Smith.

PRELUDE: *Komm Gott Schoepfer, heiliger Geist*

Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

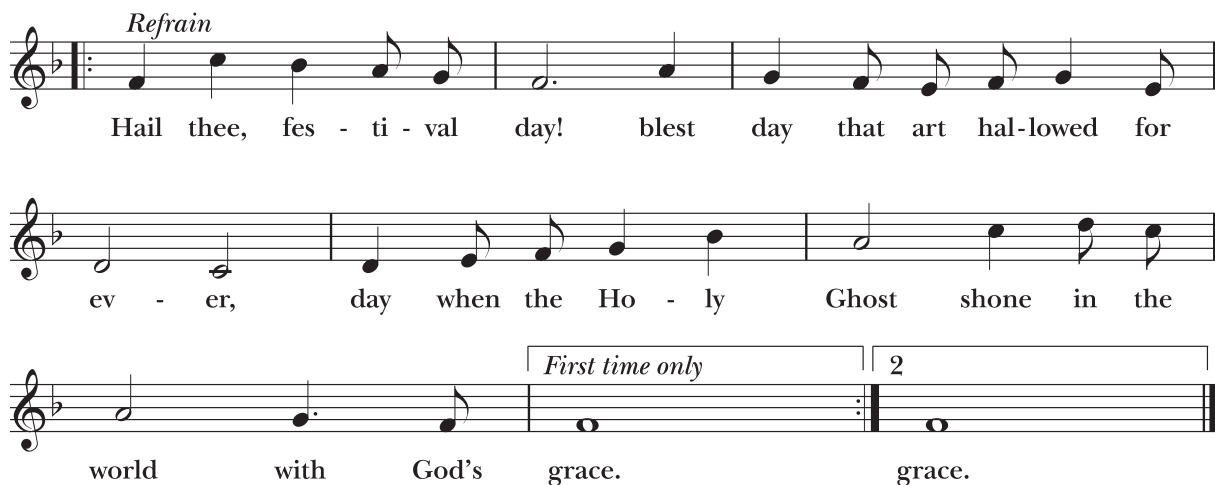
THE ENTRANCE RITE

We begin our worship as a gathered community by praising God in song.

The people stand as able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN • *Hail thee, festival day!* • 2 2 5

Refrain



Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal-lowed for
ev - er, day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the
world with God's grace. *First time only* 2 grace.

1 Lo, in the like - ness of fire, on those who a -
 3 Hark! for in myr - i - ad tongues Christ's own, his

wait his ap - pear - ing, he whom the
 cho - sen a - pos - tles, preach to the

Repeat Refrain
 Lord fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly, de - scends:
 ends of the earth Christ and his won - der - ful works:

2 Forth from the Fa - ther he comes with seven - fold
 4 Praise to the Spi - rit of Life, all praise to the

my - sti - cal of - fering, pou - ring on all hu - man
 fount of our be - ing, light that dost light - en

Repeat Refrain
 souls in - fin - ite rich - es of God:
 all, life that in all dost a - bide:

The refrain may be sung once by choir alone and repeated by all. The stanzas may be sung by choir alone, alternately by contrasted groups, or by all.

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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

This collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that "collects" or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE WORD OF GOD

The propers of the service are the scriptural texts that change with the liturgical calendar. The collect, lessons, psalm, Gospel, and preface to the communion liturgy are propers. Our lessons come from the Revised Common Lectionary, which is a three year cycle of readings shared by many mainline denominations. Each year we retell the Christian story from Advent through Pentecost.

THE FIRST LESSON • Acts 2:1-21

Our first lesson is usually from the Old Testament, also known as the Hebrew Scriptures. The exception to this is in the Easter season, when we read lessons from the life of the early church in the Acts of the Apostles.

A Reading from Acts.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

 ` In the last days it will be, God declares,
 that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
 and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
 and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
 in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
 and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
 and signs on the earth below,
 blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

 The sun shall be turned to darkness
 and the moon to blood,
 before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE • Psalm 104:25-35, 37

The psalms are sung or spoken prayers that cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. The psalm is a response to hearing the Old Testament lesson and often it relates to the themes read in the lesson.

Read responsively by whole verse.

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the Lord.

37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON • Romans 8:22-27

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

A Reading from Romans.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

We invite your child to join our Children's Chapel program this morning! Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to follow our Director of Children's & Family Ministry, Lisa St. Romain, to the Children's Chapel. After the exchange of the peace, children are directed back to their seats.

The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN • O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God (vs. 1-3) • 505

1 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, in
 2 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, in -
 3 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, make
 4 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, en -

ev - ery need thou bring - est aid; thou com - est
 crease our faith in our dear Lord; un - less thy
 us to love thy sa - cred word; the ho - ly
 light - en us by that same word; teach us to

forth from God's great throne, from God, the Fa - ther and the
 grace the power should give, none can be - lieve in Christ and
 flame of love im - part, that char - i - ty may warm each
 know the Fa - ther's love, and his dear Son, who reigns a -

Son; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.
 live; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.
 heart; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.
 bove; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.

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THE GOSPEL • John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON • The Rev. Samantha R.E. Smith, Rector

The sermon directly follows the Gospel and helps illuminate the scriptural readings and relate them to daily life.

The people stand as able at the invitation of the celebrant to recite the Nicene Creed.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The people remain seated. The candidate and sponsors stand as able.

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present William Ridley Burgess and Hackett Llewellyn Burgess to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

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

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Will you by your prayers and witness help these children 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 parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infant.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents

I renounce them.

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

Parents and Godparents

I renounce them.

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

Parents and Godparents

I renounce them.

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

Parents and Godparents

I do.

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

Parents and Godparents

I do.

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

Parents and Godparents

I do.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in their life in Christ?

We will.

Let us join with those who are being committed to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

The people stand as able.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

The Celebrant blesses the water.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

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

Amen.

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

Amen.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them 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.

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and materially in the money we give.

All are invited to support Saint Paul's mission to Live Faithfully as the plate is passed, at saintpaulswaco.org/give, or by scanning the QR code on the card titled "Giving" on the back of the pew in front of you.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Come Down, O Love Divine
Ralph Vaughan Williams
arr. Phillip Dietterich

The people stand as able.

THE DOXOLOGY • *From all that dwell below the skies (verse 3)* • 380

**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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING • Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum Corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

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 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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

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The Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
 Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
 - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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We recall God's acts of salvation history. The presider says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper. At the Memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age. During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.

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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

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.

THE GREAT AMEN

The Great Amen is when the congregation with a unified great voice concurs with all that the presider has prayed. It is the only "Amen" in all capitals found in The Book of Common Prayer, signifying the greatness of the congregation's response.

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.
AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us celebrate the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM

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O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

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THE PRESENTATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion will be distributed at the altar rail. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion at the acolyte's direction. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. If you would prefer to receive communion from your pew, you may remain seated during altar rail distribution. A priest will come to the congregation for anyone wishing to remain in the pew. You may raise your hand to get their attention.

COMMUNION HYMN • *A mighty sound from heaven* • 230

1 A might - y sound from hea - ven at Pen - te - cost there came,
 2 In Sa - lem's street was gath - ered a crowd from man - y a land,
 3 Then come, all Chris - tian peo - ple, keep fes - ti - val to - day,

and filled the place of meet - ing with rush - ing wind and flame:
 and all in their own tongues did the Gos - pel un - der - stand:
 for God the Ho - ly Spi - rit dwells with the Church al - way:

what Christ had prom - ised now oc - curred as each A - pos - tle
 for by the tri - umph of the Son the curse of Bab - el
 and grieve him not, O Chris - tian soul, his grace with - in shall

spoke the word be - neath the Spi - rit's thun - der, and to the
 was un - done when God did send the Spi - rit; so to the
 make you whole in bo - dy, mind, and spi - rit, un - til you

ears of all who heard pro - claimed sal - va - tion's won - der.
 bless - ed Three in One be hon - or, praise, and mer - it.
 reach the prom - ised goal, a king - dom to in - her - it.

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COMMUNION HYMN • *Like the murmur of the dove's song* • 5 1 3

1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the

chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
 branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
 cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and

wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
 sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
 wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -

might: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 sign: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 pare: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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The people kneel or sit.

Let us pray.

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

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The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

The people stand as able.

CLOSING HYMN • *Hail this joyful day's return* • 224



1 Hail this joy - ful day's re - turn, hail the Pen - te -
 2 Like to clo - ven tongues of flame on the twelve the
 3 Lord, to you your peo - ple bend; un - to us your
 4 You who did our fore - bears guide, with their chil - dren



cos - tal morn, morn when our a - scend - ed Lord
 Spi - rit came— tongues, that earth may hear their call,
 Spi - rit send; bless - ings of this sa - cred day
 still a - bide; grant us par - don, grant us peace,



on his Church his Spi - rit poured! Al - le - lu - ia!
 fire, that love may burn in all. Al - le - lu - ia!
 grant us, dear - est Lord, we pray. Al - le - lu - ia!
 till our earth - ly wan - derings cease. Al - le - lu - ia!

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THE DISMISSAL

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The dismissal signals the end of worship but the beginning of our service. Now that we have been renewed at Christ's altar, we are sent into the world to continue spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. During the great 50 days of Easter, which runs from Easter Sunday through the Day of Pentecost, we add "Alleluia, Alleluia" to our dismissal.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

POSTLUDE: *Veni, Sancte Spiritus*

Colin Mawby
(1936-2019)

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Samantha R.E. Smith, Rector
Choir Director	Dr. Will McLean
Organist	Dr. Jeffrey Peterson
Lector & Intercessors	Eric O'Neill & Felicia Goodman
Vestry Hosts	Mike Indergard & Laura Swann
Ushers	Nancy Moore & Eliot Wickliff
Oblationer	Melli & Savannah Wickliff
Altar Guild	Team II: Cindie Lehr, Trisha Brindley, Ann Campbell, Lisa Clevenger, Judy Cofer, Pam Compton, Betty Flowers, Gina Ford, Pat Gilliam, Mandy Kuehl, Sara Richie, Carl Ballew

THE PRAYER LIST • May 19-25

At Saint Paul's, prayer is an important part of our vision to Live Faithfully. Every week, we pray for upcoming birthdays and anniversaries, ten of our families, and the ill and infirm. If your birthday or anniversary is in the next week, you are welcome to join us at the front for a prayer following the announcements.

BIRTHDAYS

Sharon Calvert, Jeff Miller, John Alexander, Christopher Grant, Libby Attas, Elizabeth Dietz, Terri Cox, Mary Stringer

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES

Lynette & Mark Geary, Laura & Mike Indergard, Debbie & Tom Haddad, Pat & Douglas Young, Vanessa & Jeff Castleberry, Anne & Marc Barrett, Jean Nixon-Telfer & Will Telfer

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

MEMBERS CYCLE

Jack & Patty Burgess; Robert, Aryn, Bill, & Hackett Burgess; Simon, Lori, Peter, Lucy, & Owen Burris; Ethel Buzze; Michael & Sandra Callan; Nancy Callan; Earle & Sharon Calvert; Jessica Calvert; Steve Calvert; Jay & Ann Campbell

ILL & INFIRM

Whether you are here for the first time or have been a member your whole life, we would love to pray for you. To send in a prayer request, you may call the church office at 254-753-4501 or email contactus@saintpaulswaco.org. You may also fill out the card titled "Prayer" on the back of the pew in front of you. If you are requesting prayer for someone else, please ensure you have their permission or the permission of an immediate family member before putting them on the public prayer list. We are happy to pray privately for those who do not wish to publish their names.

Do you see someone on this list who is doing better? Please let us know! We would love to celebrate with them.

THIS WEEK

Tammy Houser, Roger Yount, Cindy SoRelle, Benita Louvier, Carolyn Berry, Jack Compton, Corrie Long, Cannon Long, Ryker Long, Travis Quast, Parker Quast, Mary Helen George, Mary Greaves, Ellen Thompson, Rob Young, Brad Canon, Kelly, Gail Wade, Glenda Goehrs, Foris Louvier, Paxton Dove, James Rowe, Laura McNutt, Beth Mayfield, Amanda Horner, Warner Barnes, Sue Davis, Dorothy Fisher, Jack Pierce, Shirley Williams, Khalida Javaid, Aidan Castro, Lily Williams, Lorri Khoury, Lisa Moon, Barbara Jensen, Anna Kessler, Suzie Wright, Rollin Khoury, David Janda

ONGOING

Tom Brothers, Laretta Buchanan, Samantha C., Marilyn Carden, Erin Clark, Clayton Felton, Janette Flanary, Tom Haddad, Lezlie Hall, Ben Hambleton, Nancy Hightower, Eva Jackson, Hannah Lessenger, Richard Mills III, Shannon O'Brien, Fred Rader, Dennis Ramsey, Carolyn Scheel, Wes Stafford, Adam Sattler III, Jan Sattler, Eric Stromme, Beverly Terrell, Bud Unell, Neela Vera, West Williams, Erin Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH PICNIC

We're celebrating the end of the program year with a Parish Picnic after the 10 AM service on Sunday, May 19! Come join us for some delicious food cooked by the Men's Prayer Breakfast group and a great time for fellowship with your fellow church members.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join us for a weekend of fellowship and fun led by #1 Best Selling Author and Illustrator of 9 books, Roger Hutchison. Roger is Director of Children's and Youth Ministries at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church in Houston, TX. Scan the QR code to register.



DISCIPLE CAMP REGISTRATION

It's time to register for Disciple Camp! Camp runs from June 23 to 27. Scan the QR code to register and to learn more about this year's theme, "Camp Firelight!"



MEN'S RETREAT

The venue for the Men's Retreat has changed and will now take place in Salado. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn and programming will happen at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church.

Each individual will need to make their own reservations at the Holiday Inn and register with the church. You can make the hotel reservation for a block of rooms under the name "Saint Paul Church Retreat" or "SPC". The block rate is \$149.99/day for a single king bed. Breakfast is included. Reservations must be made before May 21 at 11:59 PM to get the block rate. We will be staying at the hotel Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8. Check-in time on Friday is 3 PM. To make your reservation, you may call 254-947-4004.

The \$75 deposit will be used for programming materials, Saturday lunch, and refreshments. Attendees will be expected to cover Friday dinner and Saturday dinner

Anyone already registered may be refunded their \$75 deposit if they no longer wish to attend due to the change in venue. Some scholarships are available so please contact the church office if you would like to request one.

The new venue means more people can attend. **If you would like to attend please be sure to register with us and make your own hotel reservations.** Scan the QR code to register.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The members of Bishop's Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King invite you to our meeting on Sunday, May 19, at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 305 N. 30 St, Waco, TX 76710 at 1:30 PM.

Members of The Order of the Daughters of the King® are women and girls between the ages of seven and one hundred and seven who desire a closer walk with the Lord. We are Christian women, both lay and ordained, who are strengthened through the discipline of a Rule of Life and supported through the companionship of our sisters. We are all at different stages of our Christian journey – some have just begun, and some have been on this path for a long time. But no matter where we are on our sacred journeys, our primary goal is the same – to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others.

Membership in The Order is open to women at every stage of life. The diversity of ages strengthens and enriches our adult, or senior, chapters. Younger women benefit from the discipleship of experienced spiritual mentors, and older women are invigorated by the fresh faith and energy of youth. Many senior chapters help spread the Kingdom to the next generation by sponsoring and supporting a Junior Daughters chapter at their churches.

WEEKLY FORMATION



BENEDICTINE STUDY GROUP

Benedictine Study Group is taking a break for the summer. They will return to meeting on the first and third Tuesday of the month in September. Scan the QR code to visit their website.

CENTERING PRAYER

Centering Prayer is offered in the Chapel at noon every Thursday. If you are considering a new Lenten discipline, please come. For more information contact ebssmith@yahoo.com. There will be no Centering Prayer on Thursday, May 2.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Men's Prayer Breakfast meets weekly on Wednesday mornings in the Parish Hall. Breakfast begins at 6:30 AM and study begins at 7 AM.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible study group meets on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM in the office library. Our group is doing a twenty four-week video study from The Great Courses on the Old Testament by Amy-Jill Levine, a professor with the Vanderbilt University Divinity School. Please join us.



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WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 AM Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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10:00 AM Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite I

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