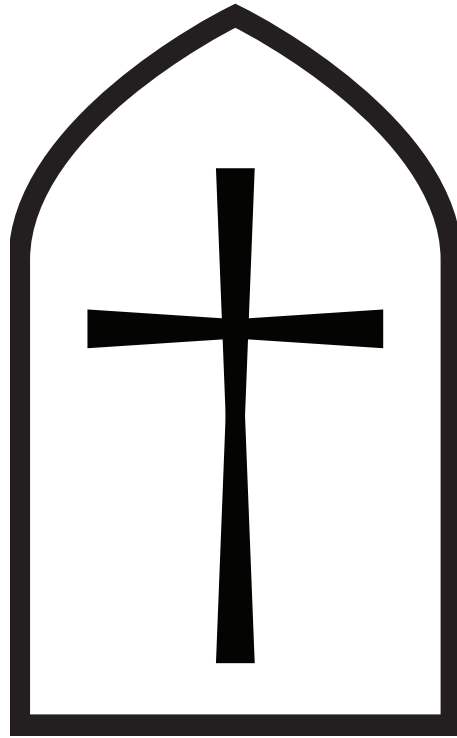


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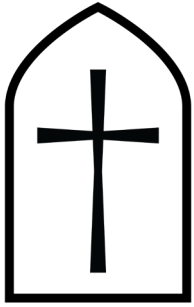


## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 4, 2025  
10:00 AM, RITE I

LIVE FAITHFULLY.





# The Holy Eucharist

The Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025 • 10 AM

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Waco, TX

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••• 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.*

*In the Christian tradition, there are a few dates in the liturgical calendar that are especially appropriate for baptism. These days are The Baptism of Our Lord, The Easter Vigil, The Day of Pentecost, and All Saints' Day. If you or a member of your family would like to receive the rite of baptism, please contact the church office.*

*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.*

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*The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the marriage of Sophia Vick and Jake Sevier.*

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PRELUDE: *Simple Gifts*

J. Wayne Kerr  
(b. 1958)

## THE ENTRANCE RITE


PROCESSIONAL HYMN • Alleluia! sing to Jesus • 460



1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
 \*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the  
 \*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the



1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of  
 5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the



1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -  
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the



1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,  
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our  
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his  
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the  
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and  
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

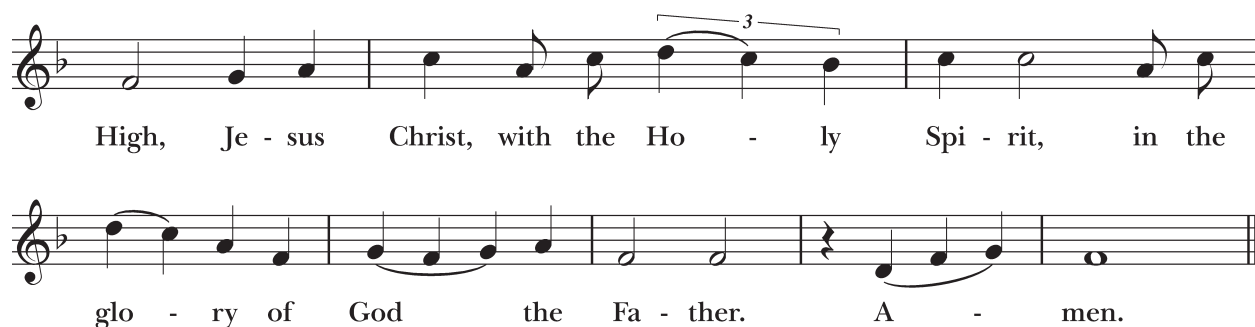
## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*This prayer is an English rendering of a Latin prayer that began the liturgy in the medieval church before the Reformation. It remains a distinctive part of Episcopal worship to this day.*

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

# THE GLORIA • S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



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## 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 with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 9:1-6

*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.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do

you persecute me?” He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSE • Psalm 30

*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.*

*Chanted by the choir.*

- 1 I will exalt you, O Lord,  
because you have lifted me up \*  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you, \*  
and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; \*  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; \*  
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*  
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, \*  
but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said,  
“I shall never be disturbed. \*  
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”
- 8 Then you hid your face, \*  
and I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O Lord; \*  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \*  
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?



11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; \*  
O Lord, be my helper.”

12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; \*  
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \*  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

## THE SECOND LESSON • Revelation 5:11-14

*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 Revelation.

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as able at the introduction of the Sequence Hymn.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN • *Now the green blade riseth* • 204



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,  
 2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,  
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,  
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,  
 he that for three days in the grave had lain,  
 thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:  
 quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:  
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

*Refrain*  
 Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

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## THE GOSPEL • John 21:1-19

*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 Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was

Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

THE SERMON • The Rev. Preston G. Yancey, Interim Associate 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.*

*The word “creed” comes from the Latin word “credo” which means “I believe.” First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed is said at service of Holy Eucharist and reflects the Christian belief in the Holy Trinity and the relationship between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

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.

*We pray for ourselves and on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church — the Body of Christ. A brief silence is kept between each bidding.*

*The people kneel or sit.*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; to the whole order of the baptized; our lay pastors, musicians, vestry, school board, and all the faculty and staff of Saint Paul's School; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

Bless, O Lord, the milestones of our lives, that, in the course of our mortal pilgrimage, we may know that thou art ever walking beside us. We offer particular thanks for the life and occasion we celebrate with our altar flowers.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those persons who have requested our prayers, those we remember in our hearts, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of blessed Paul and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

*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](http://saintpaulswaco.org/give), or by scanning the QR code on the card titled "Giving" on the back of the pew in front of you.*

*If you give online, mail checks, or use other methods to give but still want to participate when the plate is passed, you are welcome to pick up a giving coin at the Welcome Center and place it in the offering plate as it is passed.*

### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But to do good and to distribute, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

*The altar is prepared for Holy Communion. The people stand as able.*

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

Christus Paradox  
Fedak

### 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 II      BCP 340

*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 with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

# SANCTUS • S130

*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 power and

might, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, \_\_\_\_\_ hea - ven and earth are

full, \_\_\_\_\_ full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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



in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

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

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*The people kneel or stand.*

*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.*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is

shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

## 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.*

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

BCP 336

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 keep the feast. Alleluia.

## FRACTION ANTHEM • S164

The musical score is written for a vocal part (treble clef) and piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), indicating G major. The time signature is not explicitly shown but appears to be 4/4 based on the note values. The score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your 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 • Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands • 186

1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for  
2 It was a strange and dread - ful strife when  
3 So let us keep the fes - ti - val to  
4 Then let us feast this ho - ly day on

our of - fens - es giv - en; but now at God's right  
life and death con - tend - ed; the vic - to - ry re -  
which the Lord in - vites us; Christ is him - self the  
the true bread of hea - ven; the word of grace hath

hand he stands and brings us life from hea - ven;  
mained with life, the reign of death was end - ed;  
joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us;  
purged a - way the old and wick - ed lea - ven;

The musical score is written for four-part harmony (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) on two staves. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, corresponding to the four parts of the harmony. The first line of lyrics is for the Soprano part, the second for the Alto part, the third for the Tenor part, and the fourth for the Bass part. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and accidentals.

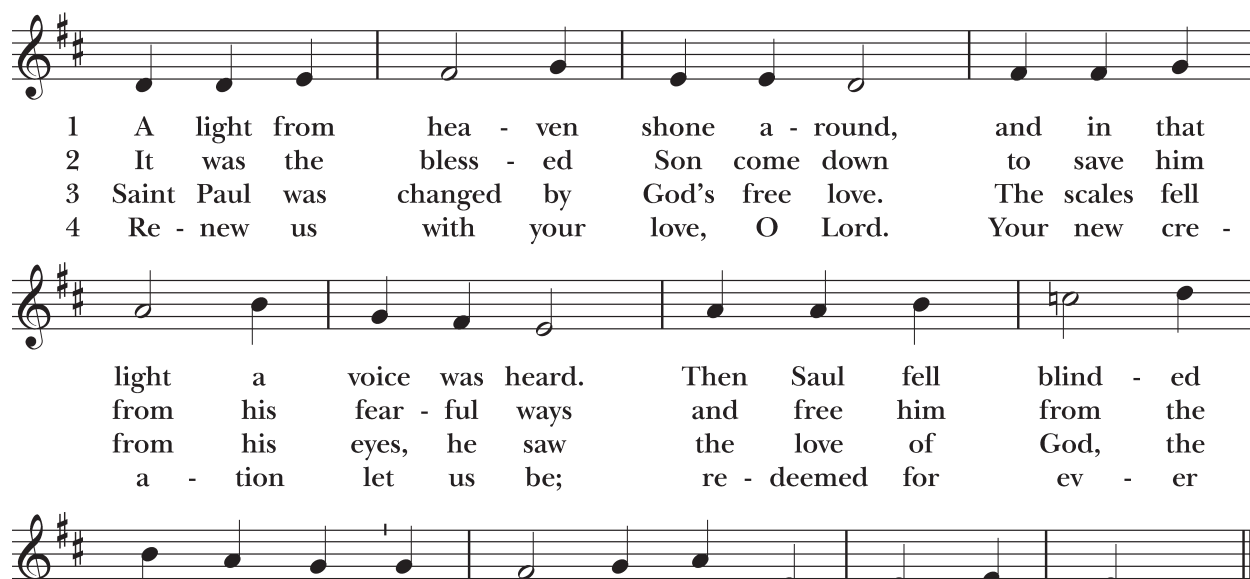
there - fore let us joy - ful be, and sing to  
stripped of power, no more he reigns, an emp - ty  
by his grace he doth im - part e - ter - nal  
Christ a - lone our souls will feed, he is our

God right thank - ful - ly loud songs of al - le -  
form a - lone re - mains; his sting is lost for  
sun - shine to the heart; the night of sin is  
meat and drink in - deed; faith lives up - on no

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
ev - er! Al - le - lu - ia!  
end - ed! Al - le - lu - ia!  
o - ther! Al - le - lu - ia!

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# COMMUNION HYMN • *A light from heaven shone around* • 256



1 A light from hea - ven shone a - round, and in that  
 2 It was the bless - ed Son come down to save him  
 3 Saint Paul was changed by God's free love. The scales fell  
 4 Re - new us with your love, O Lord. Your new cre -

light a voice was heard. Then Saul fell blind - ed  
 from his fear - ful ways and free him from the  
 from his eyes, he saw the love of God, the  
 a - tion let us be; re - deemed for ev - er

to the ground and cried a - loud, "Who are you, Lord?"  
 bonds of sin, a sin - ner saved by Je - sus' grace.  
 cos - mos move in time with grace, be - yond the law.  
 and re - stored, with Paul's new vi - sion, let us see.

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## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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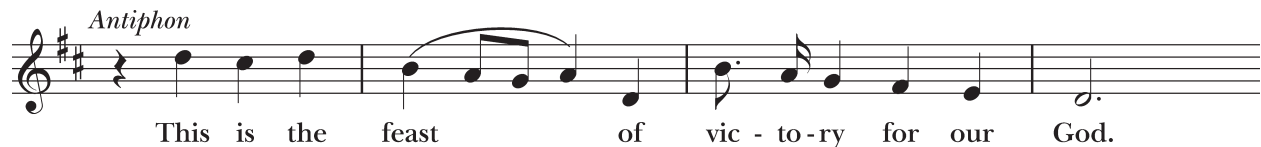
*The people kneel or sit.*

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

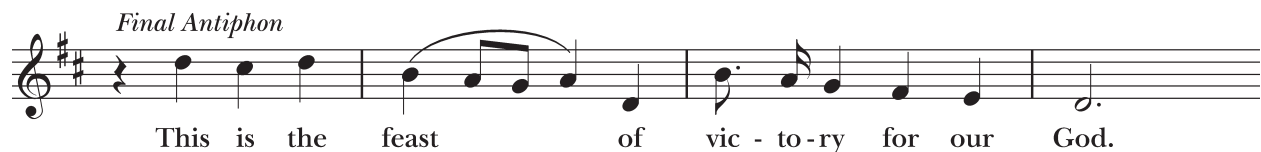
CLOSING HYMN • *Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain* • 417



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|---|--------------|------|------------|-----|------------|-----|-------|-----------|-------|
| 1 | Wor - thy    | is   | Christ,    | the | Lamb       | who | was   | slain,    | whose |
| 2 | Pow - er,    |      | rich - es, |     | wis - dom, |     | and   | strength, | and   |
| 3 | Sing         | with | all        | the | peo - ple  | of  | God,  |           | and   |
| 4 | Bless - ing, |      | hon - or,  |     | glo - ry,  |     | and   | might     | be to |
| 5 | For          | the  | Lamb       |     | who        | was | slain | has       | be -  |



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|---|-----------|-----|--------------|------|--------------|----------|-----------|-------|--------|--------|
| 1 | blood     | set | us           | free | to           | be       | peo - ple | of    | God.   | [Ant.] |
| 2 | hon - or, |     | bless - ing, |      | and          | glo - ry | are       | his.  | [Ant.] |        |
| 3 | join      | in  | the          | hymn | of           | all      | cre - a - | tion. | [Ant.] |        |
| 4 | God       | and | the          | Lamb | for          | ev - er. | A -       | men.  | [Ant.] |        |
| 5 | gun       | his | reign.       |      | Al - le - lu |          |           | ia!   | [Ant.] |        |



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## THE DISMISSAL

*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. In seasons of festive celebration, like the great 50 days of Easter, 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: *Llanfair*

Robert J. Powell  
(1932-2025)





## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Celebrant	The Rev. Gavin E. Tomlin, Associate Rector
Preacher	The Rev. Preston G. Yancey, Interim Associate Rector
Choir Director	Dr. Will McLean
Organist	Dr. Jeffrey Peterson
Lector & Intercessors	The Saint Paul's Youth
Vestry Hosts	Amy Grigsby and Hilary LaBorde
Ushers	The Saint Paul's Youth
Oblationer	The Saint Paul's Youth
Altar Guild	Team IV: Retha Tucker, Anne Barrett, Cyndie Burgess, JoAn Wade, Lea Ann Locke, Nancy McGovern, Donna Miller, Pati Milligan, Toni Riley, Ginger Strickland, Renee Yawn, Carl Ballew

## THE PRAYER LIST • May 4-10

*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

Lydia Smith, Annabelle Kuehl, Hayes Truitt, Caitlin Barber, Susan Cleveland, Cullan Britain, Duke Dizdar, Maggie Harkins, Suzanne Shelton

**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

Felicia and Somers Goodman, Michelle and Ray Marquez

**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

Jennie and Benjamin Sheppard; June Shipper; Pieter, Kathleen, and Petra Sigtenhorst; Ann Smith; Lydia Smith; The Rev. Sam, Austin, Ruth, and Bram Smith; Stuart and Elizabeth Smith; Jim and Cindy SoRelle; Debra Speckmear; Katherine Squires

## 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](mailto: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

Reese Beatty, Donald Bailey, Karen Bailey, Cindy SoRelle, Doris Strain, Carolyn Scheel, Scott Steinbach, Mary Anne Bashara, Alex Sigtenhorst, Betty Young, Peter Dailey, Jessica Attas, Gail Wade, James Rowe, Laura McNutt, Warner Barnes, Dorothy Fisher, Lorri Khoury, Rollin Khoury

## ONGOING

Lauretta Buchanan, Jack Compton, Samantha C., Sue Davis, Glenda Goehrs, Barbara Jensen, Julia Burgess, Sharon Morrow, Lisa Moon, Roger Yount, Brad Canon, Warner Barnes, Peter Bailey, Laura McNutt, Paxon Dove, Carolyn Berry, Marilyn Carden, Lezlie Hall, Eva Jackson, Shannon O'Brien, Dennis Ramsey, Suzie Wright, Rob Young

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*For more information on our events, our calendar, and to submit RSVPs, please visit our events page on our website [saintpaulswaco.org/events](http://saintpaulswaco.org/events).*

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## CELEBRATION OF STUDENTS

Today we are celebrating all of our students during the 10 AM worship service! Students are serving in the liturgy as ushers, oblationers, acolytes, and readers. After the service, we'll gather for light refreshments and a time to honor our students and their accomplishments from the past year.

## HOLY HIKES

Join us for Holy Hikes on Saturday, May 10, at 9 AM! Holy Hikes involves an easy-to-moderate hike with a service of Holy Eucharist celebrated in stations along the trail. This month, we are meeting at the Waco Wetlands.

## LADIES NIGHT OUT

The next Ladies Night Out will meet on Tuesday, May 6 at 5:30 PM at Jorge's Cantina.

## PARISH PICNIC AND PARISH PHOTO

Join in on the annual Parish Photo on Sunday, June 1 right after the 10 AM service! We will stay in the nave to take the photo. Those who attended the 8 AM service can wait in the narthex and will be ushered in right before the photo is taken. Then, join us in the courtyard for a delicious Parish Picnic!

## BAPTISM DATES

In the Christian tradition, there are a few days in the liturgical calendar that are especially appropriate for baptism. The next two dates for baptism are Pentecost (June 8) and All Saints' Day (November 2). If you or a member of your family is interested in receiving the rite of baptism, contact the church office.

## DISCIPLE CAMP

Registration is now open for Disciple Camp 2025! Join us June 23 to 27 9 AM to noon for an adventure with Knights of the North Castle! Visit our events page to register under the month of June.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

We have several open Altar Flower dates. If you would like to provide flowers for June 22 or July 13, please contact the church office.

## COMFORT MEALS

Know someone who could use a meal delivered to them while they recover from surgery, handle a major life event, or just need encouragement? Our Comfort Meals ministry is ready to help! Stop by the Parish Hall and head to the freezer to pick up a meal or two for those in need. Scan the QR code on the freezer to fill out a brief form online, and then take a meal to someone who needs it, or two for you to share. Special requests are welcome and we can always use more volunteers to cook! To learn more, email [lisa@saintpaulswaco.org](mailto:lisa@saintpaulswaco.org)

# SUNDAY FORMATION

## HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

Join the Rev. Preston Yancey in the Parish Hall at 9 AM each Sunday for an Adult Formation class covering How to Read the Bible.

## YOUTH FORMATION

The middle and high schoolers gather in the Parlor the third Sunday of each month for breakfast tacos, a lesson from the Gospel, and great conversation. We hope your youth will join us! On all other Sundays, youth are encouraged to join the adult Sunday School class in Parish Hall.

## CHILDREN'S FORMATION

Children 5 through 10 will experience the joy and wonder of God in Sunday School through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. With parables, we plan to experience the value and worth of God's Kingdom. Please join us in the Children's Chapel beginning at 9 AM through 9:50 AM.

## WEEKLY FORMATION



### BENEDICTINE STUDY GROUP

Benedictine Study Group meets on first and third Tuesdays at 12 PM in the church office library. Scan the QR code to visit their website. All are welcome to join.

### CENTERING PRAYER

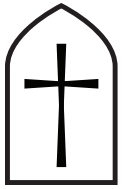
Centering Prayer meets on Thursdays at noon in the chapel. All are welcome, and attendance is not limited to Saint Paul's parishioners. For further information, please email [EbsSmith@yahoo.com](mailto:EbsSmith@yahoo.com).

### 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. For Lent, our group is studying "Seven Ways of Christian Formation Inspired by the Jewishness of Jesus" with Lauren F. Winner. This study is meant to challenge you to encounter the Jewish context of Jesus, explore spiritual practices, and use these lessons to deepen your faith. All are welcome, 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

### FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

10:00 AM Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite I

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