

Welcome to St. Paul's!

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. On this Third Sunday of Easter, the Gospel reading directs our attention to the Eucharist as our ongoing experience of the resurrection. On the first Easter afternoon Jesus met two of his followers, and as they walked to the village of Emmaus he explained the scriptures concerning his death and resurrection to them. At table with them he said the blessing and broke the bread and they recognized him.

Today's Gospel reading carries that story to its conclusion. Those two disciples are in the midst of telling the others that Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread when he appears in their midst. He again explains the scriptures and shares food with them. Thus from the very beginning of the Church's life in the risen Lord, the meal has been the most common way Jesus' resurrection is revealed to his people.

Our reading from Acts today is an account of the manifestation of Christ's presence in and through his followers. Peter and John heal a cripple in the name of Jesus and then Peter proclaims the Gospel of the dying and rising of Jesus. The second reading this Sunday speaks of the forgiveness of sins we have as a result of our life in Christ.

We are a people who through Baptism and Eucharist live in Christ's dying and rising. We meet him again and again in the Breaking of the Bread and acclaim him. "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!"

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10:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II

Please observe silence as we prepare ourselves for worship.

Prelude

Scenes of Childhood No. 12

Robert Schumann (c. 1838)

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn

(Please see page 2 in bulletin)

Hymnal 209

We Walk By Faith

The Celebrant says

Celebrant + Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

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

Christ Our Passover

(Please see page 4 & 5 in the bulletin)

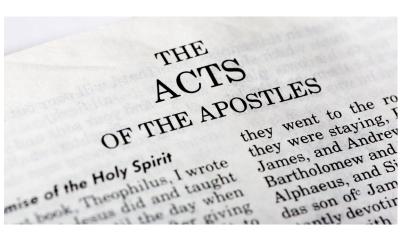
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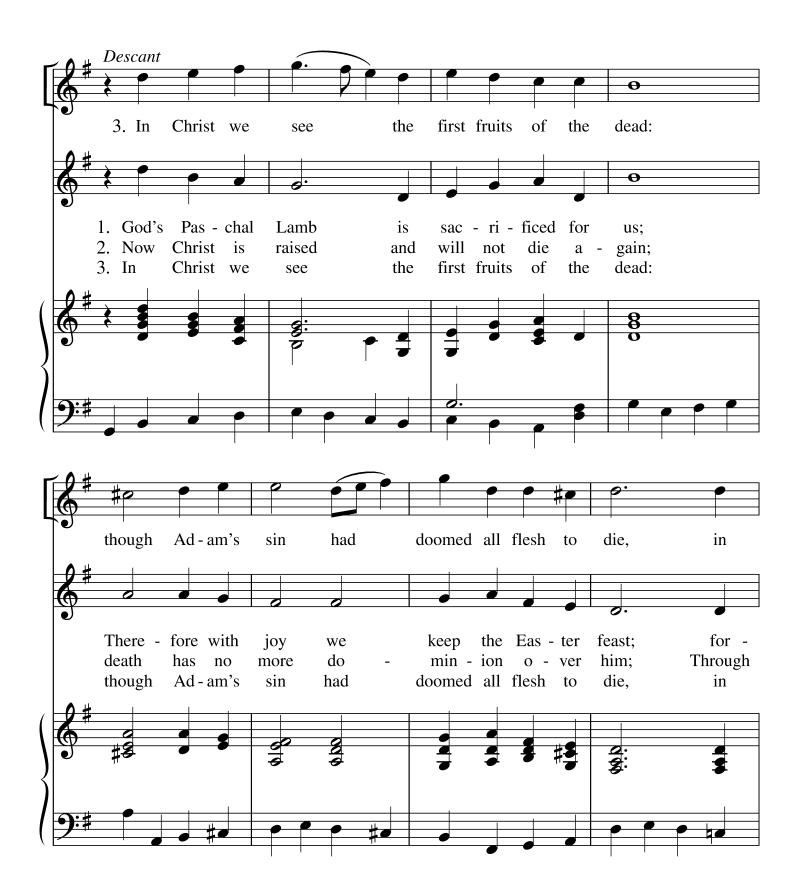
Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter

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

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.







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First Reading Acts 3:12-19

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

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

Psalm 4

Cum invocarem

- 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.

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-7

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

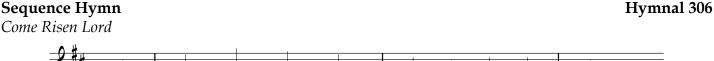
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand as they are able.





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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.

The Reverend Mary Friel

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

Sermon

Nicene Creed

The people stand as they are able. Celebrant and People together say,

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.

Prayers of the People

All remain standing.

Intercessor

Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered us from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us lift our voices and pray.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings showered upon us:

For our lives and for those whom we love,

For the beauty of this home God has created for us,

For our families and our friends.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray David Cooper, Randa Murphy, and William Patton who celebrated their birthdays this week.

Let us give thanks to the God of Life.

Risen Lord,

People: Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the church and the newly baptized, that the joy of Easter may ever grow within them, and that the Spirit may guide them in lives of active faith.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, and that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.

Risen Lord, Hear our prayer

Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who struggle, and those who have died. The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of John C. Youngblood and June K. Youngblood. That the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, and that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores.

Risen Lord, *Hear our prayer*

Celebrant.

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

O Lord of Life

Geo MacDonald/Barrie Cabena

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand as they are able and sing the Doxology while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

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.



The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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 God thanks and praise.*

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus and Benedictus (Please use your blue hymnal)

Hymnal S130

Schubert

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People
We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Paul and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. *AMEN*.

As now, 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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept. **Fraction Anthem** Hymnal S164 Schubert Je - sus, Lamb of God: have cy on mer us. \mathbf{of} our sins: have Je - sus, bear - er сy \mathbf{on} mer us. the world: re - deem - er, re - deem of Je - sus, er give your us your peace, give peace. us

An Invitation to Holy Communion

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion, including children. Please move at the direction of the ushers. You may stand or kneel at the Altar Rail. Please receive the wafer in open and outstretched hands and respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your request known to the minister. Receiving the bread only is full participation in the Eucharist. Wine is also available. Please refrain from intinction (dipping the bread) into the common chalice. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. Please exit the Altar Rail to your left. Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat are asked to notify an usher.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music

Post-communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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.

Blessing for the Easter Season

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

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*.

Recessional Hymn (Please see page 15 in the bulletin)

Hymnal 492

Sing Ye Faithful

Dismissal

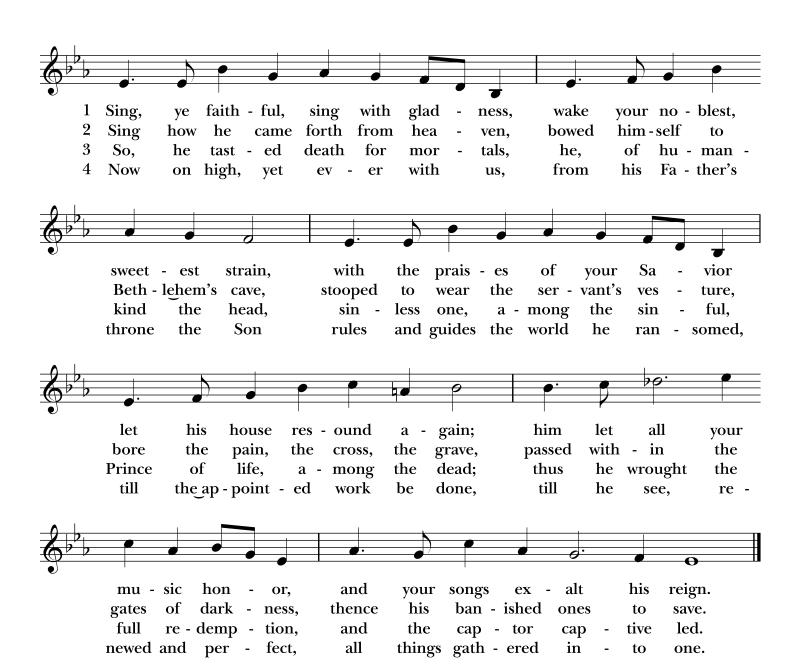
Celebrant Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

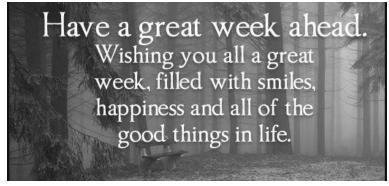
Postlude

Gavotte (from the Third English Suite)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)



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ST. PAUL'S PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS April 14, 2024

Prayer List

Please call the parish office to place a person on the prayer list, they will be on the list for four weeks. We will bold the names of the people who are coming off the list after this week so you can call if you want them to stay on.

Please keep the following members and friends of St. Paul's in your prayers:

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Thomas Miller	Caleb Schneck	Sandra Burlock	Lynn Anstatt		
Jennifer Hutcherson	Sally Clark	Marlyn Siegel	Richards Tillman		
Jane Mashburn	Jeff Little	Dot Abbott	Myron Richardson		
The Rev. Kevin Cross	Ben Heilman	Chelsea Ward	Kathy Myers		
Sandy Northern	Iris Hager	Kevin Sullivan	Marcie Taylor Thoma		
Kathryn Marchi	Elizabeth Lepre'	Abbey Rapoport	Irene Kaufmann		
Allison Kelly	Trish Reynolds	Juanita Wooten	Marilynn Olsen		
Charley Johnson	Pete Caesar	Lisa Simon	Frederick McMillian		
Whitney Wealing	Pastor Luc	John Friel	Carolyn Lee Crouse		
Wyatt Ewing	Anne Wendell	Margaret Putnick	Amy Moore Fountain		
Philip Morgan	Maureen Whaley	Elaine Catchings	Trixie Seaton		
Brian Feeley	JoLou Klingler	Thelma Emerson	Michael Chamberlain		
Melissa Quimper	John Stanger	Ted Wooten	The Rev. Pat Drost Kuhns		
Becky Sloan	Sam Stanton	Bryan Booberg	Cynthia Klingler Isaacson		
Janet Palmatary	Rev. Elizabeth Felicetti	Sarah Thornhill	The Rev. Paul Winters		
Lynn Johnson	Donna Hutcherson	Mal Peterson	Karen Endley		
Caleb Brown	Tom Todd	Fannie Harris	Paul and Linda Fleetwood		
Michael Kavasilios	Laura Fisher	Carla	Jeffrey & Danielle Simms		
William Krempasky, Jr.	PFC Michael Hudson	Liz Glass	April Gordon		
Eleanor Strietman	The Rev. Peggy Samuels	Cathy Norris	Will and Jessica Oesterling		
Bernie White	Nancy Blum	Bonnie Feeley	Elese Murdoch		
Phil Kavasilios	Klaus Liebig	Sarah Tankoos	David Slaughter		
Charlie Bonucelli	Jeff Wolff				

This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday: Lecture "Making Shalom with Creation" at 4:00pm

Tuesday: Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting at 2:00pm in the Richardson Room.

Wednesday: Holy Eucharist at 11:00am, followed by Healing Prayer and Meditation. Choir rehearses at

7:00pm.

Mid-week Service:	and healing prayer. This	Next Week Readings:
Please join us on Wednesdays	week we will honor Juana	Acts 4:5-12
at 11:00am for an informal	Inés de la Cruz.	1 John 3:16-24
Eucharist service. You are		John 10:11-18
invited to stay for meditation		Psalm 23
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St. Paul's Parish is now streaming and recording our 10:00 Sunday services which are uploaded to the St. Paul's site on YouTube. Our videographers make every effort to avoid facial close-ups of worshipers. Your attendance indicates your understanding of our filming protocol.



Our parishioner, David Larrabee, will be giving a lecture in Donaldson Hall titled "Making Shalom with Creation". David will discuss how ecology and social justice are related, how the burden of environmental

degradation is borne disproportionately by the poor and how the Scriptures speak to these issues.





Great Encores May 19th at 4:00pm Followed by a Reception in Donaldson Hall

Operation Christmas Child:

Preprinted Christmas Child shoeboxes along with a list of gift suggestions are available at the back of the church and in Donaldson Hall. You can also use any medium size shoebox. Just wrap the lid separately from the box. Collection will be in November, but you can shop throughout the year. During April, look for stuffed animals or sales on winter items. When in a store, always check the clearance area for a good deal. When filling a box, decide whether it will be for a boy or girl, and age 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. Age specific suggestions can be found at https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/

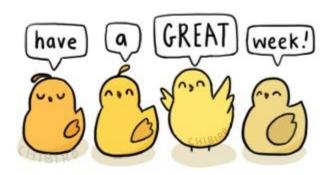
If you have any questions, please email or call me at <u>barbackermann@gmail.com</u> or 443-797-4569. Pray to spread the Good News! Barb Ackermann

Haven Ministries:

Our Shelter dinner schedule for April is covered. Thank you!

The Food Pantry located at 206 Del Rhodes Avenue in Queenstown is in desperate need of volunteers to accept, date, and shelve donations. A volunteer could work a shift from 8:30 -12:30 or 12:30 - 4:30 Monday through Friday. Please think about whether you might like to help once a week, or once a month, or whatever you can. Donations of food, paper products and personal care items are also always needed.

If you can donate your time, please call Susie Reckord 410-493-3452.



Attendance for Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday

Attended: 86

View online: 15

Stations of the Cross

Attended: 14

Tenebrae

Attended: 48

Maundy Thursday

Attended: 36

Good Friday

Attended: 38

Holy Saturday-Blessing of the Easter Baskets

Attended: 13

Easter Sunday

Attended: 138

Viewed Online: 27

The Second Sunday of Easter

Attended: 62

Viewed Online: 4

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Santosh Marray, Bishop
The Rev. Mary Friel, Rector
The Rev. Peggy Samuels, Deacon
Stefan Scaggiari, Director of Music
Nancy Cook, Bell Choir Director
Bob North, Senior Warden
Charlie Ackermann, Jr. Warden
Diane Freestate, Treasurer
Michele Miller, Parish Administrator/Assistant Treasurer
Elsie Ozinga, Registrar
Laura Bittinger, Parish Nurse
Matt Ward, Production Manager
Chris Pupke, Lay Reader Director
Dan Rugg, Head Usher and Acolyte Director
Coleman Sellers, Sexton



	4/14	4/21
Ministry	10:00am	10:00am
Lector-Lessons	Sharon Burak	Mark Freestate
Lector - Prayers	Mike Grace	Peggy Andrews
LEM	Doug Kaufmann	Carolyn Carney
Ushers	Sally Cooper	Steve Parkhurst
	Bill Clark	Mark Emerson
	David Cooper	Bob North
Acolytes		
Server	Haley Melton	John Friel
Crucifer	Doug Kaufmann	Stoney Duffey
Acolyte	Alex Lery	
Vestry Rep	Julia Eaton	Pat Jamison
Counters	Barb Ackermann	Bob Ozinga
Tuesdays	Gail Brown	Michele Miller
Altar Guild	Sally Cooper	Laura Kaufmann
	Diane Freestate	Haley Melton
	Ann Grace	Barb Ackermann
Flower Guild	Laura Roth	Pat Jamison

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of John C. Youngblood and June K. Youngblood.



The Vestry						
'25	Laura Bittinger					
	Julia Eaton					
	Kim Hazuda					
'26	Wendy Emerson					
	Dan McCreary					
	Bob Ozinga					
'27	Peggy Andrews					
	Pat Jamison					
	Sherri Ward					

The mission of St. Paul's Parish, Centreville, is to be a strong and caring community of faith, rooted in Christ, welcoming, serving, and loving all.

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