

# Welcome to St. Paul's!

# The Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Today we begin the second of the seven weeks of our celebration of Christ's resurrection. This Sunday is always the time we hear the story of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on Easter Day and then again on the following Sunday when Thomas (who had been absent the previous week) refused to believe them unless he saw the Lord with his own eyes and touched the scars from his crucifixion.

This account is packed with the signs of resurrection that still find expression in the liturgy and the life of the church. The Lord's greeting, "Peace be with you," is characteristic of most of his risen appearances. The gospel writers' care in noting that these appearances were on the first day of the week reflects the early Church's decision to move the day of worship to Sunday. Not only do the apostles see the risen Lord but also he gives the Holy Spirit to them, marking Sunday as the Spirit's day. Above all, he passes on to them the power he received from his Father: the authority to forgive sins.

The other readings today are two different sorts of witness to the meaning of the resurrection: the first, from Acts, is Peter's sermon about the resurrection when he is on trial before the council after being arrested for the very same sort of preaching he does here. John's vision of the last days, in the Book of Revelation, begins with the salutation from the risen Lord who has made us his royal priesthood and the servants of God.

Our celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death has only begun. Week after week, we will explore more deeply our new life as the baptized people of God. Week after week, the Lord will reveal himself to us in the breaking of the bread.

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

Please observe silence as we prepare ourselves for worship.

#### Prelude

#### A Prayer for the Transition and Search Ministry

**Chris Pupke** 

Almighty and ever-loving God, you have always been with your people in times of transition, revealing your nature, and showing forth your faithfulness: In this time, grant to us patient endurance, wise discernment, and joyful hope, as we seek and wait on you for our next rector; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn (Please see page 2 in bulletin)

Hymnal 179

Welcome, Happy Morning! (vs 1-4)

*The Celebrant says* 

Celebrant + Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

All Join 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.

Song of Praise (Please see page 4 in the bulletin)

Hymnal 178

Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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

People: Amen.



The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

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First Reading Acts 5:27-32

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

#### Psalm 150

#### Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah!

Praise God in his holy temple; \* praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; \*

praise him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*

praise him with lyre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; \*

praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*

praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath \* *praise the LORD. Hallelujah!* 

Second Reading Revelation 1:4-8

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

Sequence Hymn Hymnal 719

America the Beautiful



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Holy Gospel John 20:19-31

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

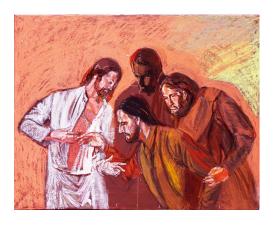
But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Sermon The Reverend Allen Spicer



#### 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. Let us give thanks to the God of Life. We pray for Madison Jasick, David Cooper, Randa Murphy, William Patton, Barb Ackermann, and Miranda Burak who are celebrating their birthdays the past few weeks. We pray for Coleman and Jessica Sellers who are celebrating their anniversary.

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.

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** 

Lead Me, Lord Robert J. Powell

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. Amen.

# 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.

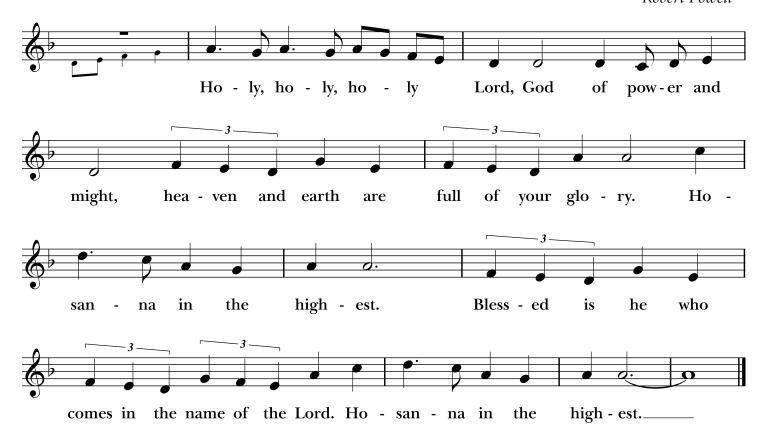
People We lift them to the Lord.

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,





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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, Thomas 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

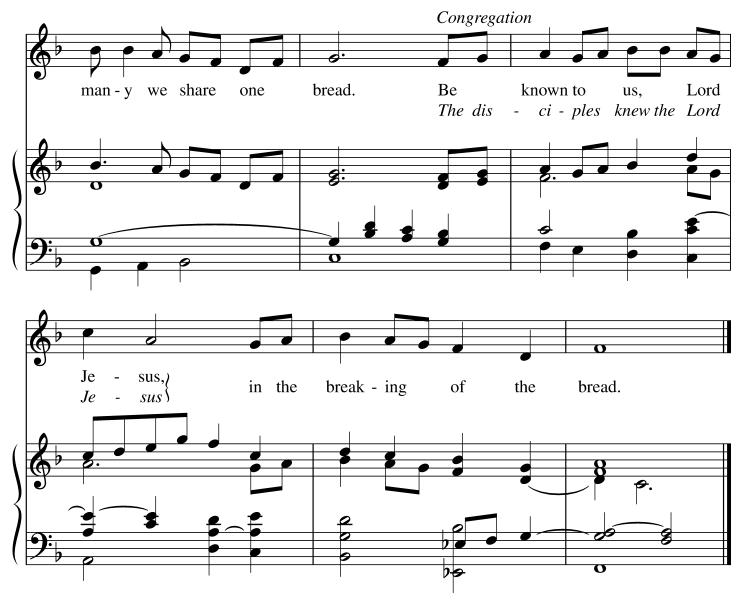
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the 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**







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The Celebrant says

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

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.** 

**Recessional Hymn** 

(Please see page 16 in the bulletin)

Hymnal 182

Christ Is Alive!

#### **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





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#### ST. PAUL'S PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS April 27, 2025

## 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	Lynn Anstatt	Jennifer Hutcherson
Sally Clark	Richards Tillman	Dot Abbott	Audra Ashley
Ben Heilman	Iris Hager	Phil Kavasilios	Klaus Liebig
Susan Mesnard	Kathryn Marchi	Abbey Rapoport	Karen Endley
Charley Johnson	Pete Caesar	Dan Rugg	Whitney Wealing
Gary Isaacson	Wyatt Ewing	Kaylene Kovach	Carolyn Lee Crouse
Elaine Catchings	Trixie Seaton	Brian Feeley	Thelma Emerson
Melissa Quimper	John Stanger	Jeff Little	Marta Caravacca
Bryan Booberg	Liz Glass	Laura Fisher	Cynthia Klingler Isaacson
Rev. Elizabeth Felicetti	Sarah Thornhill	Caleb Brown	Susan Sylvester
Ted Wooten	Phil Meyers	Eleanor Strietman	Thomas DiLullo
The Rev. Peggy Samuels	Lynn Johnson	Jane Stanton	Mark Onstaugh
Ginny Schuman	Ed Ritchey	Will and Jessica Oe	sterling Carla
The Rev. Frank Crumbaug	gh KAB & JTB	Darrell Schuman	Betty Clark
Lillian Kirby	Coleman Sellers	Shane McCarthy	The Rev. Nathaniel Pierce
Carol Weller	Audie Ashley	Miranda Burak	

This Week at St. Paul's

The parish office will be closed until Tuesday, April 29th. If you have a pastoral emergency please call the parish office at 410-758-1553 and leave a message.

**Sunday:** Stef Scaggiari concert at 4:00pm. Page 18 for details.

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

Choir practices at 5:15pm. The Choir rehearses at 7:00pm.

Mid-week Service:	Next Week Readings:	Haven Ministries has a con-
Please join us on Wednesdays	Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)	tinual need for volunteers for
at 11:00am for an informal Eu-	Revelation 5:11-14	our Food Pantries as well as
charist service. You are invit-	John 21:1-19	our Furniture Warehouse.
ed to stay for meditation and	Psalm 30	Please reach out to Susie
healing prayer. This Wednes-		Reckord at
day we will honor Catherine		VolunteerCoordina-
of Siena.		tor@HavenMinistries.com or
		<b>410/493-3452</b> to discuss volun-
		teer opportunities.

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.

# Please Join Us



St. Paul's Presents

# Stefan Scaggiari

Chopin and All That Jazz

April 27, 2025 at 4:00pm

Freewill offering will be collected

# Easter Memorials and Thanksgivings

#### In Loving Memory of

James B White Virginia S. White Richard H. Roberts Helen S. Roberts

Sallie White-Bishton

## In Loving Memory of

Weston Thomas Beall
Louis and Virginia Frignito
Karen and Bruce Miller
Susan Schuman
Charles Ronald "Ronnie" Waddle

#### In Thanksgiving for

Tom and Vincent Miller Kelsie and Jeff Beall Ginny Schuman Darrell Schuman

Michele Miller

# In Loving Memory of

Steven Ackermann Joseph Ackermann Irene Ackermann Walter Michel Florence Michel

Charlie and Barb Ackermann

# In Loving Memory of

David A. Wiley Annalee Hand John Friel

# In Thanksgiving for

A Loving God

Nancy R. Wiley

# Easter Memorials and Thanksgivings

## In Loving Memory of

Marjorie Pierce Janice Shepherd Mark Pierce Jack Pierce

Thou you are gone, your spirit lives on in our hearts, especially on this Easter Day

John and Mary Shepherd

## In Loving Memory of

Frank W. Draper, III Katharine M. Draper

Franklin Draper

#### In Loving Memory of

Donna Roland

Julia Eaton

## In Loving Memory of

Bob Strietman
Bob Heffernan
Horton and Susan Hobbs, III
Jesse and Miriam Krantz
Herman and Erna Strietman

# In Thanksgiving for

Michele Miller

Eleanor Strietman

## In Loving Memory of

Trenwith Ward
Priscilla Ward
Louis Earl Williams

Matt and Sherri Ward

#### In Loving Memory of

Laurence Jackson Webster

Judith Webster

# Easter Memorials and Thanksgivings

#### In Loving Memory of

Louis Bobovecz Irene Bobovecz Tony Loiacono

Patricia Jamison

## In Loving Memory of

Ann Young

Kent Young

# In Loving Memory of

Rebecca Caldwell Richardson

## In Thanksgiving for

Brooke Berry Bross Elise Berry Bill Berry Lisa Berry

Myron Richardson

## In Loving Memory of

Jeff D. Wolff Walter L. Wolff Stephen L. Hazuda Patricia L. Hazuda

# In Thanksgiving for

Caroline L. Hazuda Reed S. Hazuda

Scott and Kim Hazuda

## In Loving Memory of

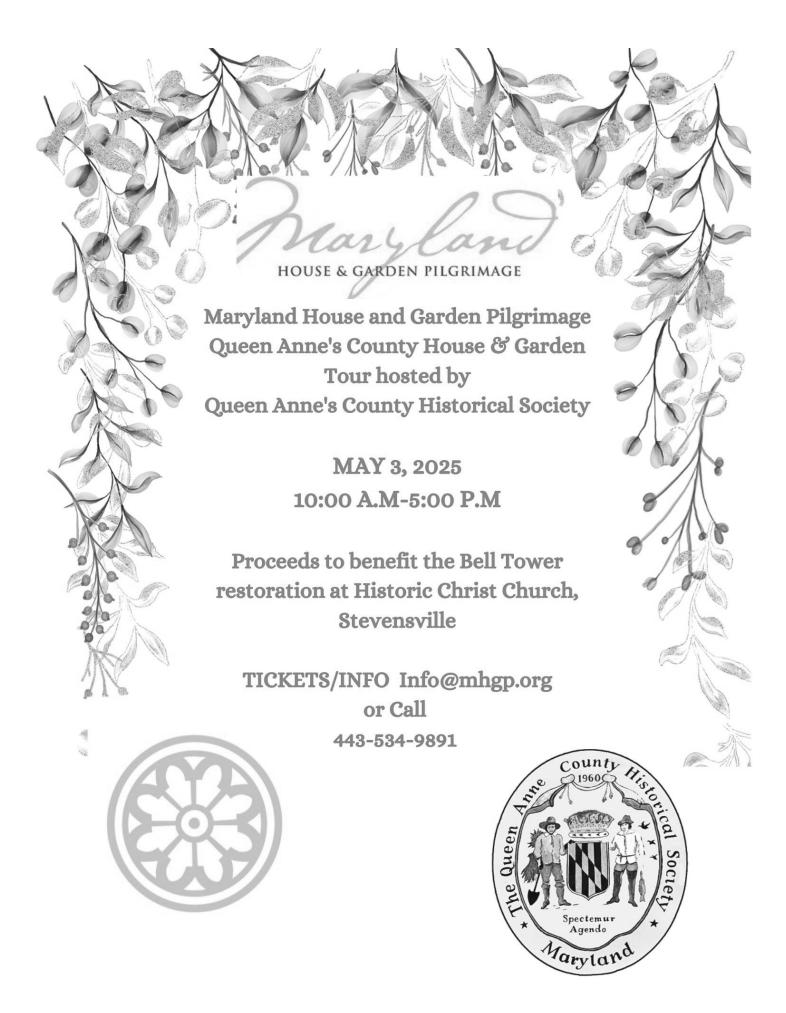
Spencer Ferguson Elizabeth Ferguson

Lea Brooks

# In Loving Memory of

Gerald "Jerry" Klingler

Jo Lou Klingler, Cynthia, Nancy, and Laura



The Queen Anne's County Garden Club

presents

Saturday, May 10, 2025 9 am - 2 pm













- Plant Sale
- Mother's Day Arrangements & **Baskets**
- Bake Sale

- Secret Garden Club Chicken Salad
- Green Elephant Sale Gently used Gardening Accessories

# Something for Everyone!

Rain or Shine!

# NEW!

# Location:

Centreville American Legion • Jeff Davis Post 18 2619 Centreville Road, Centreville, MD

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# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, Bishop Bob Ozinga, Senior Warden Charlie Ackermann, Jr. Warden Diane Freestate, Treasurer Carolyn Carney, Registrar

# The Vestry 2026

Wendy Emerson Judy Webster Bob Ozinga

#### 2027

Peggy Andrews Patricia Jamison Sherri Ward

#### 2028

Debra Donnelly-Barton David Larrabee Tad Stewart

	4/27	5/4
Ministry	10:00am	10:00am
Lector-Lessons	Mark Freestate	
Lector - Prayers	Peggy Andrews	
LEM	Kim Hazuda	
LEM	Bob Ozinga	
Ushers	Scott Hazuda	Sharon Burak
	Tom Andrews	Bill Clark
	Dan Rugg	Miranda Burak
Acolytes		
Server	Bob Ozinga	Dan Rugg
Crucifer	Mark Freestate	Jimmy Miller
Acolyte		
Vestry Rep	Tad Stewart	Sherri Ward
Counters	Myron Richardson	Barb Ackermann
Tuesdays	Patricia Jamison	Gail Brown
Altar Guild	Jessica Sellers	Sharon North
	Penny Lins	Dot Abbott
	Wendy Emerson	Kathie Moore
		Chrissy Aull



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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