

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 21, 2023



Mission Statement

We are a worshipping, inquiring and inclusive community united in Jesus' name to change the world.

Welcoming Statement

We invite everyone to join in the communal life of the body of Christ, through participation and leadership in this congregation, and by fully sharing in the life and sacraments of this church. We affirm that each person is a child of God, and that those of every race, ethnicity, creed, age, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation and gender identity are called to be one with us.

The Entrance Rite

Prelude

Chuck Sheaffer

Processional Hymn #214 Hail the day that sees him rise

Celebrant: Alleluia, Alleluia, the Lord is Risen!

All: The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gloria

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 High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us Pray.

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The First Lesson

Acts 1:1-11

¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.

⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was

lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

- ¹ Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- ² For the Lord Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.
- ³ He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
- ⁴ He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- ⁵ God has gone up with a shout, *
the Lord with the sound of the ram’s-horn.
- ⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- ⁷ For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.
- ⁸ God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.
- ⁹ The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- ¹⁰ The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I re-

member you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn #495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

⁴⁴Then 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.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Rev. Kathie Galicia

The Nicene Creed

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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 worshipped 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

The Prayers of the People

The Rite of Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Blessings and Celebrations

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your *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 your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Wedding Anniversary Prayer

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 forever. Amen.

Prayer for the Anniversary of Baptism

O God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Holy Spirit through the teaching of your Son, Jesus Christ, who was first baptized by John in the Jordan River. Bless this *child* of yours on the anniversary of Baptism, that the gifts of the Holy Spirit may ever remain with *them*, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer for the Sick

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness

with your servant *N.*, that *his* weakness may be banished and *his* strength restored; and that *his* health being renewed, *he* may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Offertory Hymn Levas #96 He is king of kings

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The lyrics are: "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."

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP page 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

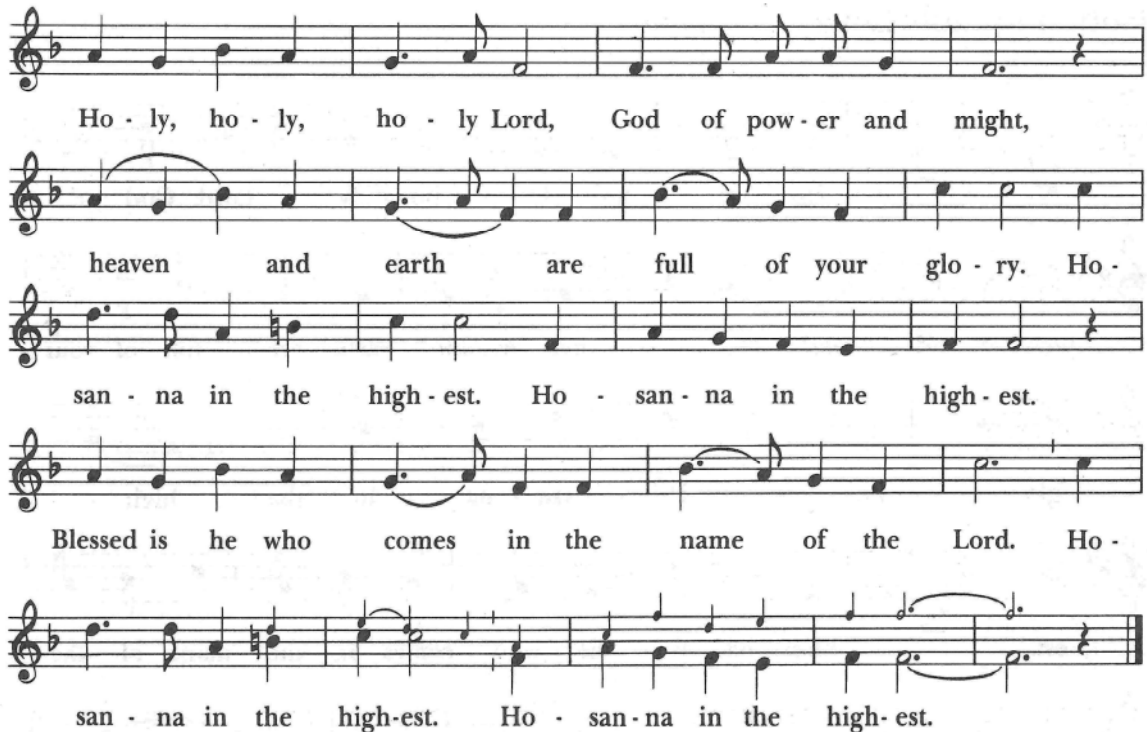
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archan-

gels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father, in your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of us all.

He stretched out His arms upon the cross, and offered Himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night He was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when He had given thanks to you, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is

given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, “Drink this all of you, this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By Him, and with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: Amen

Celebrant: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing

The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa- ther who art in hea- ven, Hal- lowed be thy Name, Thy king- dom
come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea ven. Give us_ this day our_
dai- ly bread. For- give us_ our tres- pas es, As we_ for- give those who tres pass a- gainst us,

as we for-give. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-ion, but de-li-ver us from
 e-vil. Thine is the king-dom and the pow-er and the
 glo-ry for ev-er. A-men

Celebrant: Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

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-dem-er, re-deem-er, of the
 world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

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

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn #314 Humbly, I adore thee

Closing Prayers

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

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Lord make us instruments of your peace.

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.**

**Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The blessing is bestowed.

Recessional Hymn #460 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

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

All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude:

Chuck Sheaffer



The flowers at the altar today are given to the
 Glory of God
 by Carolyn List
 in memory of her mother.

May Ministry Schedule

| | May 7 | May 14 | May 21 | May 28 |
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| Clergy Homily | Rev. Dondi Rev. Dondi | Rev. Lyn Dcn. Greg | Rev. Kathie Rev. Kathie | Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn |
| Acolytes | Judy T Claudine | Jim P Annamary | Judy T Claudine | Nancy S Judy T |
| Lectors | Judy T Ann M | Sarah H Christine J | Nancy S Steph HW | Steph G Barbara V |
| Intercessor | Judy T | Brandi A | Linda L | Carolyn L |
| Greeters & Ushers | Ishmael H Carolyn L | Christine J Claudine | Phil M Sarah H | Christine J Linda L |
| Vestry Rep | Judy T | Brandi A | Linda L | Carolyn L |



Prayer and Praise

as of 5-15-2023

- ◆ It is with sadness that we inform you that Rj Moriconi has gone to be with our Lord. Please keep Tony and his family and friends in your prayers.
- ◆ Please continue your prayers for the search committee.
- ◆ Pray for healing, comfort, strength, patience and guidance for The Rev. Deacon Nancy Key as she recovers from heart surgery.
- ◆ Leslie Littlefield (St. Francis's parishioner) that she receives the transplants she needs.
- ◆ Joan Miller (St. Francis's parishioner) healing, comfort, strength, courage and peace as she goes through her cancer treatment.
- ◆ **Update**, Christine Judd had a CT scan to determine if the infection in her body has cleared. Please continue to pray.
- ◆ **Update**, James Hines (Christine Jaynes's Son) has an optic nerve blood clot, treatment has begun. Please pray that the treatment is swift and successful.
- ◆ Please pray for the Christians in India, they are under attack of the enemy. 7,000 people have lost their homes and 45 churches have been destroyed.
- ◆ Please pray for Bishop Jerry Lamb and his family on the passing of his wife, Jane Mary Lamb.
- ◆ Please pray for Bonnie Palmer's brother Sam, for healing and recovery from his heart surgery last week.
- ◆ Please pray for Zach Statzer (Jeni's son) that his treatment will be successful.
- ◆ Please pray for healing, comfort, strength and guidance for Susan Sell. Susan is new to the St. Paul's Family.
- ◆ Prayers for healing, comfort and strength as Michael Thorington

continues to recover from surgery.

- ◆ Please pray for Ann Mootz's sister-in-law. Pray for strength to endure what is ahead and for her complete recovery. Also, for peace for her family and friends.
- ◆ Please pray for Sharon Andrews' son and daughter-in-law for healing, comfort, guidance and strength.
- ◆ Please pray for strength and healing for Elaine Paradis.
- ◆ Pray for healing and God's wisdom for Ralph (Linda Lowe's brother).
- ◆ Continue to pray for healing and comfort for the Munroe's.
- ◆ Continue to pray for relief from pain, healing, strength, courage and patience for Carol Collier.
- ◆ Please pray for those who may be alone or struggling in some way.
- ◆ Please pray for our Vestry.

If you have any prayers, praises or updates you would like added, please contact Jeni using the church phone number 209-522-3267.

Recycling at St. Paul's

Every Sunday, collection cans for recycled aluminum cans and CA redeemable plastic are in the church entrance. Please **rinse and drain** your recyclable plastic and aluminum cans before putting them in the bins. The money from recycling will go to fund "Creation Care" projects.



The chart to sign up for flowers for 2023 is in the narthex. There are still a few dates that have not been taken. Please check it out.



Meetings, News and Needs

- ☞ There will be a basket in the narthex for ***the Shower Shuttle***, they always need underwear and socks! We will also be putting together hygiene kits and need two-blade razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, travel Kleenex, combs and q-tips. Clothes soap and dryer sheets are also a big need.
- ☞ Please hold onto your paper and plastic bags for the Salvation Army Food Commodities Program. We have run out of room to store them so if you can please keep the bags you have at your home for a while, Judy Teter will let you know when they are needed again. Thanks!
- ☞ Tai Chi meets in the Parish Hall every Tues. and Thurs. from 9-10.
- ☞ Food Distribution continues in the Parish Hall the 1st Wednesday of every month from 11 to 12 noon.
- ☞ If you are interested in joining our choir, please contact Chuck Sheaffer. Contact info on page 19.
- ☞ If you are interested in playing hand bells, please contact Judy Teter. Contact info on page 19.
- ☞ Paint and Succulents Day - Want to create something beautiful for all seasons? Need help or encouragement with painting and planting? On June 10th come paint a flower pot guided by a local artist and fill it with lovely succulent plants while learning about them. All materials will be included to decorate the pot and finish it with a variety of plants. See the flyer on page 18.
- ☞ The first Sunday of the month there is a donation box for Interfaith Ministries (Now called The Stanislaus Food Initiative).
- ☞ There will be a clothing donation box for MoPride in the narthex. We will be collecting clothing year around. They are also in need of feminine hygiene products. Also, watch for upcoming events we will be sponsoring and consider attending to show our love.

- ☞ If you are interested in helping with the food giveaway, the first Wednesday of each month, please contact Judy Teter.
- ☞ If you are interested in helping with Salvation Army dinners, please contact Linda Lowe.
- ☞ If you are interested in helping Knit One, Pray Two, please contact Gayle Ivy.

If you have any pastoral needs, please contact the church office.

From the Book of Common Prayer

Special Prayers, Pg. 818



For the Election of a Minister

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for St. Paul's, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Friday Reflection of May 5, 2023 announced the passing of Jane Mary Lamb, beloved wife of The Rt. Rev'd Jerry A. Lamb, on the 25th of April 2023 in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

We are deeply saddened by the loss of such a special lady.

Condolences may be sent to Bishop Jerry A. Lamb

1065 Villita Loop, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007-6827.

Free Covid Tests

We have free Covid tests available in the Narthex or the church office.

- Jeni



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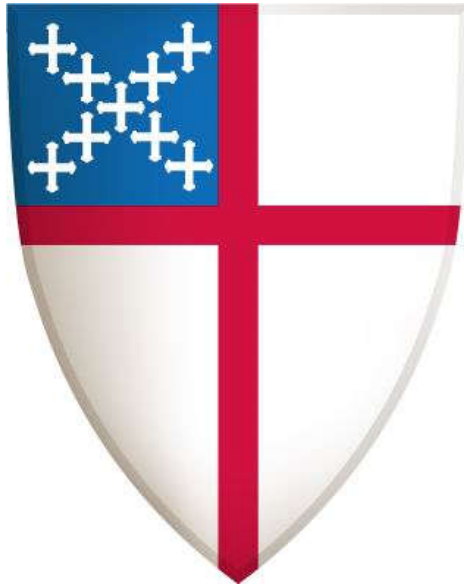
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Vestry Clerk: Carolyn List



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