

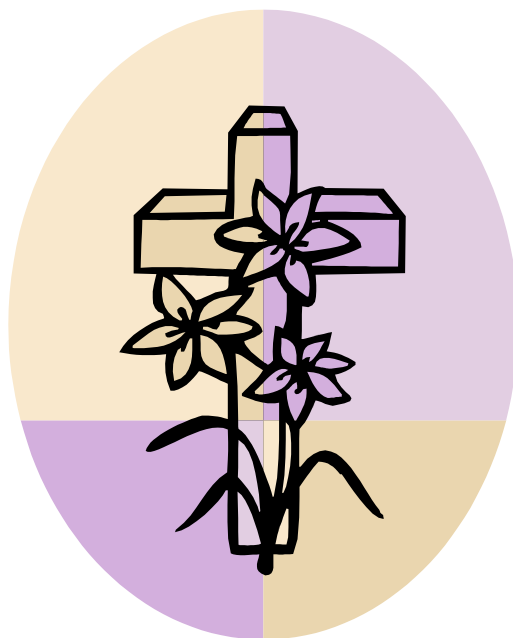
# **Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

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***Third Sunday of Easter***

***April 14, 2024***



## **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.

Prelude

Chuck Sheaffer

**Morning Prayer, Rite II, April 14 2024**

**The Opening:** Alleluia! Christ is risen. *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

**The Great Commandment** - pg. 324 Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

**Confession of Sin and Request for Forgiveness** - pg. 5-6 Large Print (LP), 77-80 BCP

**The Invitatory and Psalter** - pg. 6 LP, 80 BCP

**Antiphon:** *Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore Him. Alleluia!*

**Pascha nostrum** - pg. 10 LP, 83 BCP

**Psalm 148** - pg. 378 LP, 805 BCP

**A Lesson from Exodus 18:1-12:**

Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel his people, how the Lord had brought Israel out of Egypt. Now Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, had taken Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her away, and her two sons, of whom the name of one was Gershom (for he said, "I have been a sojourner in a foreign land"), and the name of the other, Eliezer (for he had said, "The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh"). And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses in the wilderness where he was encamped at the mountain of God. And when one told Moses, "Lo, your father-in-law Jethro is coming to you with your wife and her two sons with her," Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and did obeisance and kissed him; and they asked each other of their welfare, and went into the

tent. Then Moses told his father-in-law all that the Lord had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had come upon them in the way, and how the Lord had delivered them. And Jethro rejoiced for all the good which the Lord had done to Israel, in that he had delivered them out of the hand of the Egyptians.

And Jethro said, "Blessed be the Lord, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh. Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods, because he delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians, when they dealt arrogantly with them." And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, offered a burnt offering and sacrifices to God; and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.

Here ends the Lesson.

**Canticle 21, You are God** - pg. 22 LP, 95 BCP

**A Lesson from I John 2:7-17:**

Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment which you had from the beginning: the old commandment is the word which you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new commandment, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. He who says he is in the light and hates his brother is in the darkness still. He who loves his brother abides in the light, and in it there is no cause for stumbling. But he who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his sake. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young

men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If any one loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Here ends the Lesson.

### **A Lesson from the Gospel of Mark 16:9-20:**

Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went out and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they sat at table; and he upbraided them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the

message by the signs that attended it. Amen.

Here ends the Lesson.

**The Apostles Creed** - pg. 23 LP, 96 BCP

**The Lord's Prayer** - pg. 24 LP, 97 BCP

**Suffrages A** - pg. 24 LP, 97 BCP

**Collect for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter** – pg. 133 LP, 224 BCP

**Collect for Sundays** – pg. 25 LP, 98 BCP

**Collect for mission** – pg.27 LP, 100 BCP

**Prayer of St. Francis:**

**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.

*Our own petitions and thanksgivings, aloud or in silence.*

**The General Thanksgiving** - pg. 28 LP, BCP 101

**Prayer of St. Chrysostom** - pg. 29 LP, 102 BCP

Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia!*

**Closing**

Postlude

Chuck Sheaffer

## April Ministry Schedule

Dates	April 7th	April 14th	April 21st	April 28th
Clergy	Fr. Dondi	Morning Prayer- Nancy S.	Rev. Kathie	Rev. Lyn Dc. Greg
Acolytes	Judy T. Nancy S.		Judy T. Nancy S.	Jim P.
Eucha- ristic Minister	Rex A.		Stephanie G.	Judy T.
Lectors	Stephanie H-W Ann M.	Alex S. Barbara V.	Stephanie G. Christine J.	Linda L. Rex A.
Interces- sor	Judy T.	Lora B.	Nancy S.	Luis M.
Ushers	Claudine R.	Phil M. David L.	Carolyn L. Claudine R.	Phil M. David L.
Greeters	Claudine R.	Phil M. Christine J.	Carolyn L. Claudine R.	Phil M. Christine J.
Vestry Rep.	Judy T.	Lora B.	Nancy S.	Luis M.



**For Health, Peace and Comfort:**

Cherie Sheaffer; Ed Bearden-recovering from surgery; Claudine Romegialli; David West; Theresa Grieshaber; Pam & Mike Cox; Suzy Cano; Elaine Paradise; Deacon George; Ryan Anderson

Ann Mootz's sister-in-law; Mary Kinnaman; Michael Thorington;

Enrique Perez (student of Danielle V. is home now, please continue prayers);

Mary Su's mother; Ismael Huggins; Kristina & Rozy Frias; Ken & Trish Hart; Melanie Mayfield & husband John; Mary Griffin

**Praise God:**

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry is resuming his duties with limited travel.

Prayers and thanksgiving for our new priest, due to arrive in August.

**Please Pray For:**

Susan Sell's son Bryce for strength.

Kristina Frias, for success in her job search.

Please pray for those in war torn areas everywhere: Ukraine, Holy Land, Gaza, Palestine and Afghanistan.

Please pray for the people of Hawaii, especially the victims of the wildfires on Maui.

Pray for the leaders of all nations for wisdom.

Please pray for the American people to listen to God's will in their hearts and do unto others as they would want done to them and their families.

Please pray for all travelers as they journey to and from their destinations.

Please see the weekly email for the entire list.



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

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



The flowers at the altar today  
As symbols of Love, Faith, Hope and Charity  
are given to  
Celebrate Sharon and Dana Crum's  
Wedding Anniversary



# ***St. Paul's Episcopal Church***

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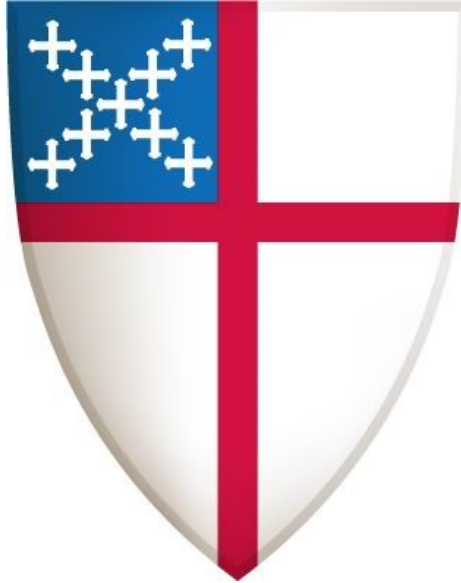
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