THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Rev. Alice Graham Grant, Celebrant The Rev. George Adamik, Homilist 9:00 A.M. SERVICE MAY 7, 2023

Prelude

Processional

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Hymn 518

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

The Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

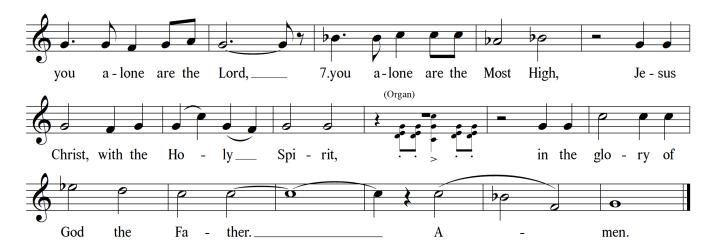
The following is sung.

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.*

Gloria Glory to God Hymnal S 278 (Organ) 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 wor - ship you, we praise___ you Fa - ther, give you thanks, we we for your glo 3.Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, ry. of the world: Lamb of God, 4.you take a - way the have mer sin cy on us; seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive you are our prayer. (Organ)

6.For you

a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Children's Processional

All Things Bright and Beautiful Verse 1 Hymn 405

Children's Chapel is for children ages 3 to 5th grade.

First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

A Reading from Acts.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

- In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; * deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; * make haste to deliver me.
- Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; * for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, * for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, * for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
 and from those who persecute me.
- Make your face to shine upon your servant, * and in your loving-kindness save me."

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

A Reading from First Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very head of the corner",

and

"A stone that makes them stumble,

and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,

but now you are God's people;

once you had not received mercy,

but now you have received mercy.

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Gradual Father, We Praise Thee, Now the Night is Over Verses 1and 2 Hymn 1

Gospel

John 14:1-14

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily The Rev. George Adamik

Nicene Creed

All who are able, stand.

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

People's Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Peace BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory God Be in My Head Philip Wilby

St. Paul's Choir Jon Douglas, solo

Offertory Response All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367

The people remain standing.

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.

The Celebrant proceeds.

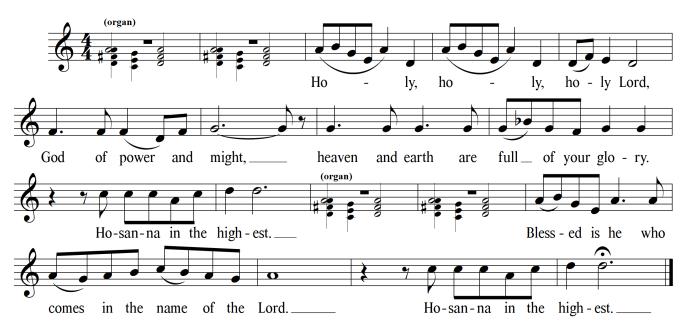
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 sins 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 Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Hymnal S 128



The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the

world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory:

The Celebrant then continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray to you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. *AMEN*.

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Lord's Prayer BCP 364

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.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem Christ Our Passover Hymnal S 154 le - lu al - le - lu ia, ia, - le - lu ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast. le - lu al - le - lu - le - lu ia. ia, ia,

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

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 are welcome to come forward for communion. Please follow the ushers' guidance as you come to the rail.

If you would like to receive the wine by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup), keep the bread in your hands and wait for the communion server to come to you.

If you would like to receive from the common cup (drinking from the cup directly), please consume the bread first and then make your way to the steps at the end of the rail. A communion server will be there with the common cup.

If it is not your custom to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest and the minister will offer a prayer. A priest is also available to provide prayers for healing in the back southwest corner of the church. Simply head to the back during communion distribution and wait for your turn.

Communion Music

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life O Love of God, How Strong and True Hymn 487 Hymn 455

If you are not receiving communion, you may say the following prayer.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Final Prayer

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food as we hear your Word proclaimed and gather at your holy Table. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional The Church's One Foundation Hymn 525

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude Carol Yeargin, Guest Organist

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Pierre Faucher by his wife, JoAnn Faucher.

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New to St. Paul's? Please let us know you are here by filling out a visitor card in the pew. Stop by our Welcome Station in the narthex (lobby) to chat with Greeters and find materials that might help if you are new to the Episcopal Church. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org to learn more.



Coffee Hour (Parish Hall): Hosted this week by ONE Wake at St. Paul's. Join us after the

9:00 a.m. service for coffee and conversation.

Adult Formation (Chapel, 10:15-11:00 a.m.): Our Easter Season Forums are on the Acts of the Apostles. Today, the Rev. Javier Almendárez-Bautista presents "Conversion (Acts 8-10)."

Children's Sunday School (ages 3-5th grade): Classes are meeting in the Education Building from 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Youth Sunday School (6th-12th grade): Classes are meeting in the Youth Wing from 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): Meets this evening from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Youth Wing.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newcomer Tour: Those new or newly returned to St. Paul's who wish to know more can join a tour of our campus the third Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m. Meet at the Welcome Station in the narthex (lobby) and we'll end at Coffee Hour.

ONE Wake Listening Sessions: ONE Wake at St. Paul's is conducting listening sessions as part of a county-wide campaign to surface the top pressures weighing on households in our region. Parents of our children and youth are welcome to join a peer session TODAY during Coffee Hour. Other open sessions are scheduled for Sunday, May 21 at the Adult Forum hour (10:15 a.m.) and Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Wing. We want to hear from you; your voice will be added to St. Paul's goal of reaching 125 people by June 8. Questions? Contact onewake@stpaulscary.org.

Acolyte Training Session: Meet us in the sanctuary today from 10:15-11:00 a.m. for a training session for new and existing acolytes. Minimum age is 4th grade, no maximum age. Come and see if you would enjoy this ministry. Can't make it today? Contact Ramsey McIntire at dingervb@gmail.com for more information.

Appalachia Service Project Trip Update: Mark your calendars for the ASP trip orientation on Sunday, May 21st from 12:30-2:00 p.m. in the Youth Wing. Those planning to join us the week of June 18-24 in Virginia should have already been receiving emails regarding \$100 downpayment to reserve your spot. If you are planning to go and have not responded with your payment, please contact Kevin Swann at swann.kev@gmail.com; scholarships are available, we just need to hear from you.

Vacation Bible Camp: Registration is open for "All Mixed Up and Upside Down," June 26-30, 9:00 a.m. til noon. Each day we will look at different "faces" of Jesus: how he went from an infant to a child, to a grown-up, and how the end of his life is really the beginning of everything. Campers must be age 3 (potty trained) through 5th grade. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to join the fun. Register online through the website by May 28; you can also find our link in the children's area of the narthex (lobby). Ouestions? Contact vbs@stpaulscary.org. Scholarships are available; contact Mother Alice at alice@stpaulscary.org.

High School Seniors: The Youth Ministry at St. Paul's is recognizing all of our high school seniors during Youth Sunday on May 21 and we want to hear from YOU. Whether we've watched you grow up or just caught occasional glimpses of you through the years, we want to recognize you as belonging to our community. We are preparing a list of brief bios for that day and would love to include you; please contact Mother Alice at alice@stpaulscary.org for more information.

Memorial Garden Columbarium Expansion: St. Paul's Memorial Garden is raising funds for an expansion of 90 additional niches to accommodate future needs; thank you to those who have generously responded. Please visit the information table after services today to learn how you can donate funds in memory of a loved one. Checks should be made to St. Paul's, noted for the Columbarium Expansion Project. Please remember to include the name of the person(s) your donation is in memory of along with your check. Questions? Contact Jackie Straub at jmpstraub@aol.com.

Arts and Crafts Festival Planning Committee: We are looking for help with planning to bring back the St. Paul's Arts and Crafts Festival. From 2013-2019, this fall event brought the community together for fun, food and shopping, with proceeds going to support our outreach ministries. Volunteers are needed in all areas, especially a vendor co-chair, logistics planner and raffle manager. For more information, please contact Sally Moller at sbm2@nc.rr.com.

Prayer List: Adelaide, Dave, Walt, Bob, Peggy, Lytvinenko family, Christa, Ann, Vickie, Ann, Melanie, Patricia, Wendy, M-K, Andy, Theresa, Clarence and Susan, Jodi, Lynn, Clint, Elizabeth, Laura, Margaret, Ava, Millie, Ruby, Mary Jo, Catherine, Randy, Bebian, Ronald, Sally, Bob, Thomas, Ann, Janet, Coby, Gayle, Sandra, Gretchen, Joe, Melissa, Kimberly, Ricardo, Mary, Terry, Myrna, Christy, Peggy, Billy, Bob, Edna, Nancy, Virginia, Daija and Dorothy.

In the prayer for the deceased, we pray for Hunter Murray, friend of Margie Best.

If you have a name you would like to include on the prayer list, or a ministry event that you would like to announce in this printed bulletin, please send information to announcements@stpaulscary.org. Please note that there is a 2 week lead time on printed announcements.