

St. Paul's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

The Rev. George Adamik, Celebrant
The Rev. Javier E. Almendárez-Bautista, Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
APRIL 21, 2024

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

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

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are 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.

The following is sung.

Gloria

Glory to God

Hymnal S278

(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
 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;
 you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
 (Organ)
 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.

Collect of the Day

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

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Children's Processional

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Hymn 405

Verse 1

Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.

First Reading

Acts 4:5-12

A Reading from Acts.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
 it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

The Psalm

Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24

A Reading from First John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Gradual

Jesus, Our Mighty Lord

Hymn 478

Gospel

John 10:11-18

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

Homily

The Rev. Javier E. Almendárez-Bautista

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

If you would like to donate online, follow the QR code found on the giving card in the back of the pews.

At the end of the announcements, you are also welcome to come forward to make a special donation to Heifer International, a non-profit organization whose mission is to end hunger and poverty, to mark an anniversary, blessing, or other event.

Liturgy of the Eucharist**Offertory**

If Ye Love Me
 St. Paul's Choir

Thomas Tallis

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 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 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 S128

(organ)

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

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

*Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.*

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 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 for ever. **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.

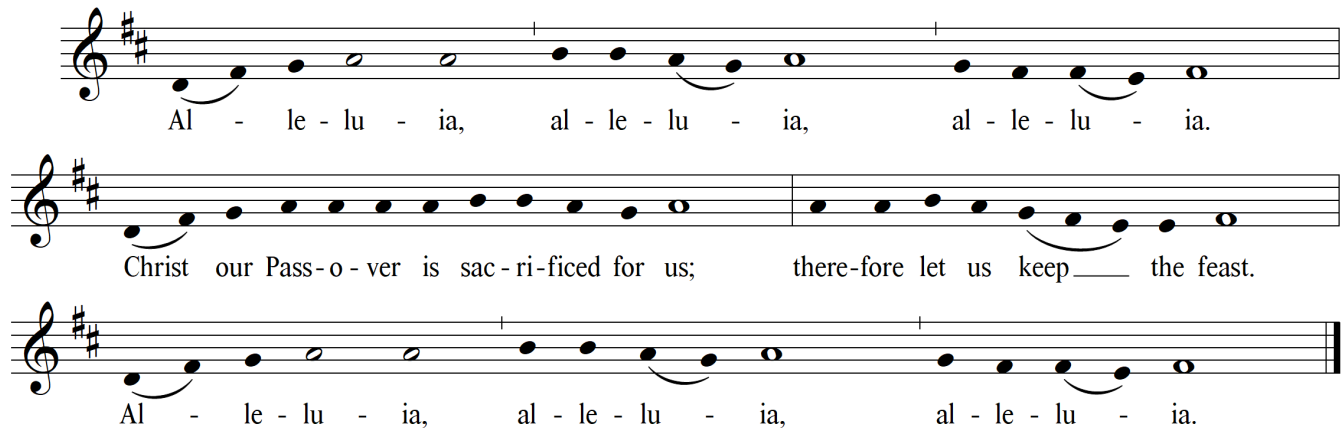
Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Christ Our Passover

Hymnal S154



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - 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, including children. 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.

If you are at home or otherwise unable to take communion, you may say the following prayer.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

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.

The Communion Music

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Hymn 343

Hymn 664

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 King of Love My Shepherd Is

Hymn 645

Dismissal

Deacon
People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

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New to St. Paul's? Welcome! 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 St. Paul's or the Episcopal Church. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org to learn more.

Children's Chapel: Children ages 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to process to Children's Chapel during the 9 a.m. service and return to their families during announcements.

Coffee Hour (Parish Hall): Hosted this week by the St. Paul's Endowment Board. Join us after the 9 a.m. service for coffee and conversation.

Adult Formation (Chapel, 10:15-11 a.m.): Our series *Sharing our Story* continues today with "Of Thine Own Have We Given Thee: Planned Giving at St. Paul's" with the St. Paul's Endowment Board.

Children's Sunday School (Education Building): Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m.

Youth Sunday School (Youth Wing): Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): Middle school students meet from 5-7 p.m.; high school students meet from 6-8 p.m. A shared meal and compline starts at 6:15 p.m. for both groups. Please join us for this time to hang out with friends!

Pre-EYC (4th and 5th graders): Meets this evening from 5-7 p.m. in the Parish Hall for dinner and games.

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 this morning at 10:15 a.m. No sign up is necessary; meet at the welcome area in the narthex (lobby).

April Movie Night: Movie lovers are invited to join us on Wednesday, April 24 at 7 p.m. at Fortnight Brewing Company in Cary for a discussion of the movie "Hidden Figures." Look for us in the picnic area if it's good weather and not too much pollen. For those new to movie night, we watch the movie at home and then meet at a pub or restaurant to discuss. No RSVP required; show up if you can. Contact Tad Richard at tadrichard@gmail.com for more info.

I Was A Stranger and You Welcomed Me: Please join us for the Easter forum on Sunday, April 28 at 10:15 a.m. in the Chapel to learn more about refugees and what it means to be a refugee, how resettlement agencies in North Carolina work and partner with faith organizations like St. Paul's. Hear directly from refugees supported by our Refuge for Refugees Ministry (R4R). The journey they walk is a difficult one and we are grateful to have them here with us. Contact refugeforrefugees@stpaulscary.org for more information on this St. Paul's ministry.

A Great Cloud of Witnesses - An Exhibition of Icons by Kelly Latimore: Mark your calendars for May 4-5 as St. Paul's hosts an exhibition of icons created by artist Kelly Latimore, whose work invites us into new ways of seeing God within others in our midst. The weekend will include a panel discussion and reception with Kelly and guests from the Pauli Murray Center for History and Social Justice and Episcopal Farmworker Ministry on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. (please register for this in advance). Kelly will also be the speaker at Sunday's adult formation. More details are available on the website.

Introduction to Icon Writing: A Workshop with Kelly Latimore: Join iconographer Kelly Latimore for an introductory icon-writing workshop on Saturday, May 4 from 2-3:30 p.m. in the Youth Wing. Watch and learn as Kelly shares ideas about how to "see" God in our midst and represent those images as icons. This workshop is suitable for adults and for young people who are comfortable participating in adult conversations and activities. Cost for the workshop is \$25 and includes icon-writing supplies. Pay in advance on the St. Paul's website or by check to reserve your space; indicate "Latimore Workshop" on your payment. Scholarships are available; contact Fr. Javier at javier@stpaulscary.org.

Men's Beach Week (April 21-28): Taxes are done, temperatures are warming up...sounds like it's time for some R&R at the beach! You're in luck as our Men's Beach Week at Emerald Isle has rooms available this week, for any number of nights. Call a friend and come on down together; newcomers are welcome. This is time for relaxing, not a planned retreat. Contact Mike McInerney for last-minute details, 919-656-4629 or mbw@stpaulscary.org.

Diocesan "Give Up Your Silence" Postcard Campaign: Diocesan Representatives, including the bishops, will meet in person with state legislators as part of Advocacy Day 2024 in May. Episcopalians across the Diocese of North Carolina are invited to take part in the "Give Up Your Silence" postcard campaign by writing a postcard to our elected representatives and having the bishops hand deliver these messages. Your message can be about whatever issues you are drawn to, especially as a person of faith; suggestions include voting rights, gun violence prevention and care of creation. Visit the display in the narthex to pick up a postcard and instructions for joining this campaign. Return your postcards to the box in the narthex by April 28.

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation: Plan to join us on Sunday, May 5 at the 9 a.m. service as we celebrate our Sunday School Teachers for their service during the 2023-24 school year. Come and be a part of this event recognizing all who support the formation of our youth and children!

Fun and Fellowship at Bond Park: Children's Ministries and Refuge for Refugees (R4R) invite you to a morning of fun and fellowship at the Bond Park Playground and Buehler Shelter on Saturday, May 11 from 10-12 p.m.! We've invited the families R4R supports to join us. St. Paul's Children have supported these families with their weekly offering. We're so excited to offer this chance to be together. All are welcome, the young and young at heart! You're invited to bring a treat to share. Questions? Email Farley Lord at farleylord@gmail.com

Prayer List: Dave, Bob, Peggy, Ann, Vickie, Ann, Laura, Margaret, Mary Jo, Thomas, Mary, Virginia, Des, Mary, Christine, Kathy, Russell, Doug, Guy, Katie, Michael, Cathy, Alan, Jessica, Nancy, Sherry, John, Mary, Alison, Lynette, Susan, Randall, Clarence, Susan, Mary Marsha, Steve, Mila, Florence, Sue, Ron, Liz, Brent, Kim, Martha, Pam, Patty, Ed, Nancy.

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.



St. Paul's Website