



St. Paul's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

The Rev. Dr. Jay Weldon, Celebrant & Homilist

**HOLY EUCHARIST
9 & 11:15 AM SERVICES
APRIL 26, 2026**

Prelude

Simple Gifts
Bells of St. Paul's

arr. Lloyd Larsen

Please stand if able.

Processional

All My Hope on God is Founded

Hymn 665

Liturgy of the Word

The Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

The Celebrant says

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.*

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;
 5. 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.*

Please be seated.

Children's Processional (9 am)

All Things Bright and Beautiful (v. 1)

Hymn 405

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

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

A Reading from Acts.

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being 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 Peter 2:19-25

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

*Please stand if able.***Gradual**

Jesus, Our Mighty Lord

Hymn 478

*Remain standing.***The Gospel**

John 10:1-10

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

*People remain standing until the homilist invites all to be seated.***Homily**

The Rev. Dr. Jay Weldon

*A moment of silence follows the homily.**Please stand if able.***Nicene Creed**

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.

*Please stand if able.***Prayers of the People**

Form IV

BCP 388

People's Response: *Hear our prayer.**Please stand if able.***Peace**

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

Please be seated.

Welcome & Announcements

If you would like to donate online, follow the QR code found here or 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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
St. Paul's Choir (9 am), Voices of St. Paul's (11:15 am)

arr. Virgil Thomson

*My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His Name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed. Beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back. When I forsake His ways.
And leads me, for his mercy's sake. In paths of truth and grace.
When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay.
One word of thy supporting breath. Drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, Doth still my table spread.
My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.
The sure provisions of my God. Attend me all my days.
O may Thy house be mine abode. And all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest. While others go and come,
No more a stranger or a guest, But like a child at home.*

Please stand if able while the offering is presented.

Offertory Response

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The People remain standing. The Celebrant proceeds

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

Hymn S128

(organ)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, _____ heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 (organ)
 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. _____

Please stand or kneel if able.

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

Hymn S154

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The second staff contains the lyrics: "Christ our Pass-o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep ____ the feast." The third staff contains the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with various rests and phrasing slurs.

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 a gluten-free host, extend your hands palms down. 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 may be 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.

The Communion Music

O Love of God How Strong and True
Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

Hymn 456
Hymn 343

Spiritual Communion Prayer

For those worshiping with us online.

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.

Please stand or kneel if able.

Postcommunion Prayer

EOW 69

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Please stand if able.

Recessional

The Church's One Foundation

Hymn 525

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

BCP 366

Postlude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Peter Thomas Goehrke by John and Jacki Goehrke; and in memory of Susan King by Elizabeth Olsson and family.

St. Paul's Brass Ensemble

Emery Anderson & Melissa Raasch, trumpets
Barbara Prillaman, horn
Russell McKinney, bass trombone

All Brass Ensemble arrangements by Russell McKinney

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please wear your nametags when you're here at church! And if you don't yet have a nametag, please complete an order form in the narthex (lobby) so we can get you one!

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 Connecting Station in the narthex (lobby) to chat and find materials that might help if you are new to St. Paul's or The Episcopal Church. Join a tour of our campus on the third Sunday in May to learn more and meet others. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org to find out more about us!

Accessibility: St. Paul's strives to make our services and programs comfortable and accessible to all. Ushers and Greeters are available to help. Please let us know how we can work together to improve your experience here.

Kids in Worship at St. Paul's: Children are always welcome in our worship services without exception, but if parents should wish for a space where your kids have more room to move around during the service, you are welcome to make use of the Comfort Room (glassed-in room at the rear of the worship space from which you can still hear and see the service). Ask an usher if you need help finding it. Also, our Kids' Club (free nursery care) is available during the 9 a.m. service, and infants/toddlers through 36 months (3 years old) are welcome to attend.

HAPPENING TODAY – APRIL 26, 2026

Children's Chapel: Children 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to process to Children's Chapel during the 10 a.m. service and will return to their families during announcements.

Coffee Hour (Parish Hall, 10:15-11 a.m.): Join us in welcoming the Weldon Family at a celebratory coffee hour.

Adult Forum (Chapel, 10:15-11 a.m.): Forums resume next week with Next Steps: Connecting Newcomers.

Children's Sunday School - 5th grade and under (Ed. Bldg): Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m.

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

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) AND Pre-EYC: All youth in 4th-12th grades are invited to join us from 5-7 p.m. in the Youth Wing for our combined spring event with dinner and loads of fun!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Gardening Service Opportunity: If you have a few hours and some energy to give, we have a high-impact project for you! Loaves and Fishes, a nonprofit empowering under-resourced students to succeed, has a raised-bed garden on its campus in east Raleigh used to provide a great learning experience for the students who plant and grow a variety of vegetables. The beds have been neglected since last fall and are now in need of some care to ready them for a new planting season. The work is a few hours of labor and can be arranged on your time; no expertise is necessary. Contact Joe Rabenstine at joseph.rabenstine@gmail.com to learn more.

Watering Buddies for our Courtyard: The St. Paul's Courtyard is a beautiful, contemplative space on our campus, maintained by a dedicated group of gardening volunteers. We could use your help to keep it thriving during the hot days ahead, watering the tender plants on a regular basis. This should require less than 30 minutes of your time, while providing a place to enjoy nature. Sign up once or for several slots that fit your schedule; we'll make sure you know what to do. Find the signup link on the St. Paul's website or contact Julia Rudy at jbrudy@yahoo.com

Next Steps: Connecting Newcomers Forum on May 3: Join us on May 3 during the Adult Forum (10:20 a.m.) in the Chapel for an opportunity to ask questions about "belonging" in our church community and how to find things that spark your interest. All are encouraged to attend, no matter how long you've been at St. Paul's, as we explore ways to strengthen our connections with one another.

Endowment Grants Available: Do you have an idea for a project that could use St. Paul's Endowment funds? Are you wondering how you can put ideas together to make it happen? The Endowment committee is accepting applications for distributions from our funds (General, Outreach, Grounds, Kids' Club). We are happy to advise you on using funds for a one-time project or as seed money for something new. We work with the vestry to make sure projects are compliant with parish goals and fund requirements. Learn more about the amounts available and how to submit a request on the website, or email Kay Burgess at endowment@stpaulscary.org. The deadline for submissions is May 6, 2026.

Pre-EYC (4th and 5th grade) News: This evening from 5-7 p.m. in the Youth Wing is our combined gathering of Pre-EYC (4th and 5th grades) with our EYC (6th through 12 grades). This time is loads of fun as the groups compare notes on all they've done through the year and just enjoy being together! Dinner will be provided. Plan to join Pre-EYC again on May 3 from 5-7 p.m. in the Parish Hall for an End of Year Party with reflection, games, dinner and dessert. Many thanks to all the kids, parents, and volunteers for a great year!

On the Path to HECK (Humility, Empathy, Compassion and Kindness): On the Path to HECK is a small group course for adults built around four virtues that shape how we show up for each other every day: Humility, Empathy, Compassion, and Kindness. Across eight Sunday sessions beginning May 3, small groups of 8-10 participants will watch curated TED talks, share personal stories, and reflect together in a space free of judgment and debate. Between sessions, optional exercises keep you engaged with the week's theme on your own time. No experience required; just a willingness to grow. Spots are limited to two groups of eight participants. Find the registration link on the St. Paul's website or contact Tad Richard at tadrichard@gmail.com for more information.

Easter Season Food Drive for Neighbor Up: Help us team up with other local churches to stock important pantry items for Neighbor Up. We've been assigned to bring spaghetti noodles, boxes of pasta and pasta sauce. Drop items in the box in the narthex beginning this week. This drive ends May 4.

Diocesan Event: Celebration of New Ministry for the Rev. Javier Almendárez-Bautista: All are welcome to attend the Celebration of New Ministry for the Rev. Javier Almendárez-Bautista at Church of the Holy Family in Chapel Hill on May 5 at 6 p.m. At the beginning of a new rector's tenure, it is customary to inaugurate this ministry with a service of thanksgiving. The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson will preside, and the service will be followed by a celebratory reception in the Parish Hall at Holy Family.

Racial Equity Institute (REI) Training: The Racial Justice Planning Group is hosting a Racial Equity Institute (REI) Phase I training on May 14-15 at St. Paul's. REI's two-day workshop is designed to provide attendees with a vocabulary and historical framework for racism to better understand how it damages lives in all communities. The training is open to the public; financial scholarships are available through St. Paul's. Learn more on the St. Paul's website or by contacting Aleta McClenney at aleta@att.net.

We pray for Dave, Bob, Ann, Vickie, Mary, Noah, Sally, Parrish, Janet, Nancy, Susan, Chuck, Craig, Jack, Wanda, Carter, Anne, Ethan, Sid, Mary Jo, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Ralph, Suzanne, Ryan, Mark, Gary, Johnnie, Kelly, Jessica, Hillary, Sydena, Vera, Sheri, Darren, Craig, Ted, Dylan, Anthony, Brad, Virginia, Carl, Judy, Sharon, Kay, Carl, Martha, Liz, Hilda, Cindy, Ben, Glenys, Kathy, Henry, Althea, Stan, Jan, Julie, Jennie, Greg, John, Zemiria, Henry, Martha, Kevin, Louise, Terri, Steve, Renee, Sean, Lauren, Lee, Andy, Benita, and Mary.

In the prayers for the deceased, we pray for Ann Karnitschnig, former parishioner and mother of Jennifer Jackson.

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. Names included in the prayer list will remain for a month, and we are happy to extend at your request. Please note that there is a 2-week lead time on printed announcements.



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