



St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

The Rev. Dr. James Weldon, Jr., Celebrant (9 a.m.)
The Rev. Dr. Cathy Deats, Celebrant (11:15 a.m.)
Ryan Prudich, Homilist (9 a.m.)
Dr. Erica Ridderman, Homilist (11:15 a.m.)

HOLY EUCHARIST
9 & 11:15 A.M. SERVICES
MAY 17, 2026

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Please stand if able.

The Processional Hymn

"Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendor"

The Hymnal 1982 #307
Bryn Calfaria

The Word of God

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.

The Gloria: Glory to God

The Hymnal 1982 #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.

The Collect of the Day

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

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Children's Processional (9 a.m.) "All things bright and beautiful" (v. 1) *The Hymnal 1982 #405*
 Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade. *Royal Oak*

The First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

A Reading from Acts.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But 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." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They 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."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

The Psalm

Psalm 4-5, 9-10, 33-36

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| <p>4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
 exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
 The LORD is his Name, rejoice before him!</p> <p>5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
 God in his holy habitation!</p> <p>9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your
 inheritance; *
 you refreshed the land when it was weary.</p> <p>10 Your people found their home in it; *
 in your goodness, O God, you have made
 provision for the poor.</p> | <p>33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
 sing praises to the Lord.</p> <p>34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
 he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.</p> <p>35 Ascribe power to God; *
 his majesty is over Israel;
 his strength is in the skies.</p> <p>36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
 the God of Israel giving strength and power to his
 people!
 Blessed be God!</p> |
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The Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

Please stand if able.

The Gradual Hymn

"Hail the day that sees him rise"

*The Hymnal 1982 #214
Llanfair*

Remain standing.

The Gospel

John 17:1-11

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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

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

The Homily

Ryan Prudich
Dr. Erica Ridderman

A moment of silence follows the homily.

Please stand if able.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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.**

The Prayers of the People

Form IV (adapted)

BCP 388

People's Response: **Ascended Lord, hear our prayer.**

Please stand if able.

The Peace

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

BCP 360

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.



The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Eugene Butler

St. Paul's Choir (9 a.m.), Voices of St. Paul's (11:15 a.m.)

<i>Come, my way, my truth, my life, Such a way as gives us breath, Such a truth that ends all strife, Such a life that killeth death.</i>	<i>Come, my light, my feast, my strength, Such a light as shows a feast, Such a feast as mends in length, Such a strength as makes his guest.</i>	<i>Come, my joy, my love, my heart, Such a joy as none can move, Such a love as none can part, Such a heart that joys in love.</i>
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Please stand if able while the offering is presented.

The Offertory Response: The Doxology

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be -
- low; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly
host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
- lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le lu - ia, al - le - lu - - ia!

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. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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:

(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.

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,

The 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,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

**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.**

People and Celebrant

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: Christ Our Passover

The Hymnal 1982 #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.

Fraction Anthem: O Lamb of God

The Hymnal 1982 #S158

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Presentation & Invitation

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 person 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.

Music During Communion

"For the bread which you have broken"

The Hymnal 1982 #341

Omni die

"Sing, my soul, his wondrous love"

The Hymnal 1982 #467

St. Bees

Please stand or kneel if able.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Enriching our Worship (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.

The Eastertide Blessing

Please stand if able.

The Recessional Hymn

“Alleluia! sing to Jesus!”

The Hymnal 1982 #460
Hyfrydol

The 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 Alfred Belington
by Tom & Myrna Belington.*

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 this morning after the 9 a.m. service to learn more and meet others. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org to find out more about us!

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.

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.

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!

HAPPENING TODAY – MAY 17, 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.): Coffee hour is hosted this week by St. Paul’s Youth, along with support from families and adult volunteers. Thank you to all who helped!

Newcomer Tour (Church, 10:15 a.m.): Join a brief walking tour of the campus to learn more about us and meet others. Gather near the baptismal font after the 9 a.m. service.

Adult Forum (Chapel, 10:15-11 a.m.): Regular forums will resume in September.

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): Rather than holding class, we are gathering in the Parish Hall to celebrate Youth Sunday together! Come and hang out with us!

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): Regular meetings have concluded; our final event this season will be our picnic at Bond Park on Sunday, May 31, 5-7 p.m.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Schedule Changes May 24: Please note that we are embarking on a new schedule for the summer months beginning May 24, the Day of Pentecost. Services will be at 8 a.m. (Rite I) and 10 a.m. (Rite II). This will be the schedule through Labor Day. Help us spread the word!

Rise Against Hunger is Coming May 31: All (including family, friends, neighbors) are invited to join a meal packaging experience with Rise Against Hunger at St. Paul's on Sunday, May 31 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Meals are distributed through global partners that support school feeding programs, orphanages, crisis response and more. Volunteers ages 4 years and up can commit their time and money to both packaging and paying for these meals. Information about registering and donating can be found on our website and in the narthex. Contact Ramsey McIntire at dingervb@gmail.com with questions.

Attend Erica Ridderman's Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons: By the Grace of God and with the consent of the people, the Rt. Rev. Samuel S. Rodman, Bishop of North Carolina, will ordain Erica Ann Ridderman, our Minister for Children, Youth, and Family Formation, and William A. Lee (former intern), to the Sacred Order of Deacons in Christ's One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. The service will take place on Saturday, June 6 at 11 a.m. at Church of the Good Shepherd in Raleigh, and all are welcome to attend. **Plan to join us Sunday morning, June 7, for Erica's first service at St. Paul's as a deacon;** we'll celebrate at Coffee Hour after the service that morning! Contact Natalie Sroka at natalie@stpaulscary.org if you would like to help with the celebration.

Honor Erica's Ordination with a Gift: If you would like to contribute to our fund for a gift honoring Erica Ridderman's ordination as a deacon, please drop a check in the collection plate or use our online system. Make sure you indicate "gift for Erica" on your donation. Contact Natalie Sroka at natalie@stpaulscary.org if you have any questions.

Youth Picnic at Bond Park: Just a reminder that the EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) year-end picnic will be held from 5-7 p.m. on May 31 at the Buehler Shelter in Bond Park. Please use the sign up on the St. Paul's website or in parish updates to help us plan food amounts. Contact Jill Cole at jillco0405@gmail.com with questions.

Wake Interfaith United for Immigrants: Join people of many faiths to affirm the dignity of our immigrant neighbors — welcoming, protecting, and standing with them. Gather with our new coalition, the Wake Interfaith Immigration Network, on June 7 from 3-5 p.m. at Edenton Street United Methodist Church in Raleigh. This gathering will bring together voices from across our community for an afternoon of music, prayer, and reflection, as we explore what it means to welcome our neighbors. The event is free and open to all; no registration is required. Contact Lynn Tovar at lztovar@uwalumni.com for more info, or if you would like to carpool together.

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, Sydenna, 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, Mary, Sherry, Louane, Sherri, Melanie, Keith, and Jimmy.

In the prayers for the deceased, we pray for Dennis Cupitt, brother of Larry (Mary Marsha) Cupitt.

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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