



# St. Paul's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER

The Rev. Dr. Jay Weldon, Celebrant & Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST  
9 & 11:15 AM SERVICES  
MAY 3, 2026

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Please stand if able.

Processional

"Christ is made the sure foundation"

The Hymnal 1982 #518

## 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.

(Organ)

**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.*

*Please be seated.*

**Children's Processional (9 am)** "All things bright and beautiful" (v. 1) *The Hymnal 1982 #405*  
*Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 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.*

**The Psalm**

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

- 1 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- 16 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 the First Letter of 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand if able.*

**Gradual**

“Jesus lives! thy terrors now”

*The Hymnal 1982 #195*

*Remain standing.*

**The Gospel**

John 14:1-14

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

People *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

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.”

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 (adapted)

BCP 388

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

Please stand if able.

### 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.



## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Offertory

Pie Jesu (Sung in Latin)

Andrew Lloyd Webber

St. Paul's Choir (9 am), Voices of St. Paul's (11:15 am)  
Ashley Myrtle & Kaela Belingon, soloists

*Pie Jesu, qui tollis peccata mundi dona eis requiem*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi dona eis requiem sempiternam.*

O Lord Jesus, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them eternal rest.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them eternal rest.

Please stand if able while the offering is presented.

### Offertory Response

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures 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 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

*Please stand or kneel if able.*

(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*

*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

*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

**Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Christ Our Passover**

Hymn 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**

**Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)**

Hymn 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.

## 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

"Praise the Lord through every nation"  
"Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life"

*The Hymnal #484*  
*The Hymnal #487*

*Please stand or kneel if able.*

## Postcommunion Prayer

Enriching our Worship 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

"At the Lamb's high feast we sing"

*The Hymnal #174*

## Dismissal

BCP 366

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Postlude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

## 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 on the third Sunday in May to learn more and meet others. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at [mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org](mailto: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 3, 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 is available in the Parish Hall.

**Adult Forum (Chapel, 10:15-11 a.m.):** Join us this morning for *Next Steps: Connecting Newcomers* as we explore "belonging" in our church community. 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.

**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):** No gathering this evening as we rest from yesterday's visit to NeighborUp. Plan to join us next week from 5-7 p.m. for our final regular session in the Youth Wing.

**Pre-EYC - 4th and 5th grade (Parish Hall):** Join us from 5-7 p.m. for the End-of-Year-Party! We will celebrate with reflection, games, dinner and dessert. Many thanks to all the kids, parents, and volunteers for a great year!

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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](mailto:endowment@stpaulscary.org). The deadline for submissions is May 6, 2026.

**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](mailto:tadrichard@gmail.com) for more information.

**May 10 Adult Forum: Knowing Christ and the Power of the Resurrection:** Join us at 10:15 a.m. next Sunday in the Chapel for reflections on how God transforms what has gone wrong in our lives and in the world and uses it as the means for revealing God's mercy through compassion. Fr. Robert will share from his experience leading a parish through a multi-year conversation, coming to terms with a history soaked in racial violence. Hear how we can ground the work of racial justice and reconciliation in the theology of the Resurrection.

**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](mailto:aleta@att.net).

**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. May 4 is the final day for drop off.

**Diocesan Event: Celebration of New Ministry for the Rev. Javier Alendárez-Bautista:** All are welcome to attend the Celebration of New Ministry for the Rev. Javier Alendárez-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.

**Community Organizing Basics Course:** The Church of the Nativity in Raleigh is teaming up with ONE Wake to offer an introductory course in using organizing tools to recruit and develop talented leaders. The training is free of charge, thanks to a Diocesan grant, and will take place on Monday, May 11 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Nativity (8849 Ray Rd., Raleigh). The experience gained from these courses is valued by clergy and leaders in secular organizations for building more relational, welcoming spaces. More information is on the St. Paul's website; contact Becky Showalter, [suso@nativityonline.org](mailto:suso@nativityonline.org).

**Youth Sunday is May 17:** Celebrate St. Paul's Youth on Sunday, May 17 at the 9 a.m. service! Youth lectors, ushers and eucharistic ministers will take the lead during the service. We will honor our graduating high school seniors, wishing them well wherever their paths lead. We will also celebrate rising 6th graders as they move up to our Youth Program. Join us for a festive coffee hour, honoring all the youth do for us.

**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](mailto:jbrudy@yahoo.com)

**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, and Melanie.

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](mailto: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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