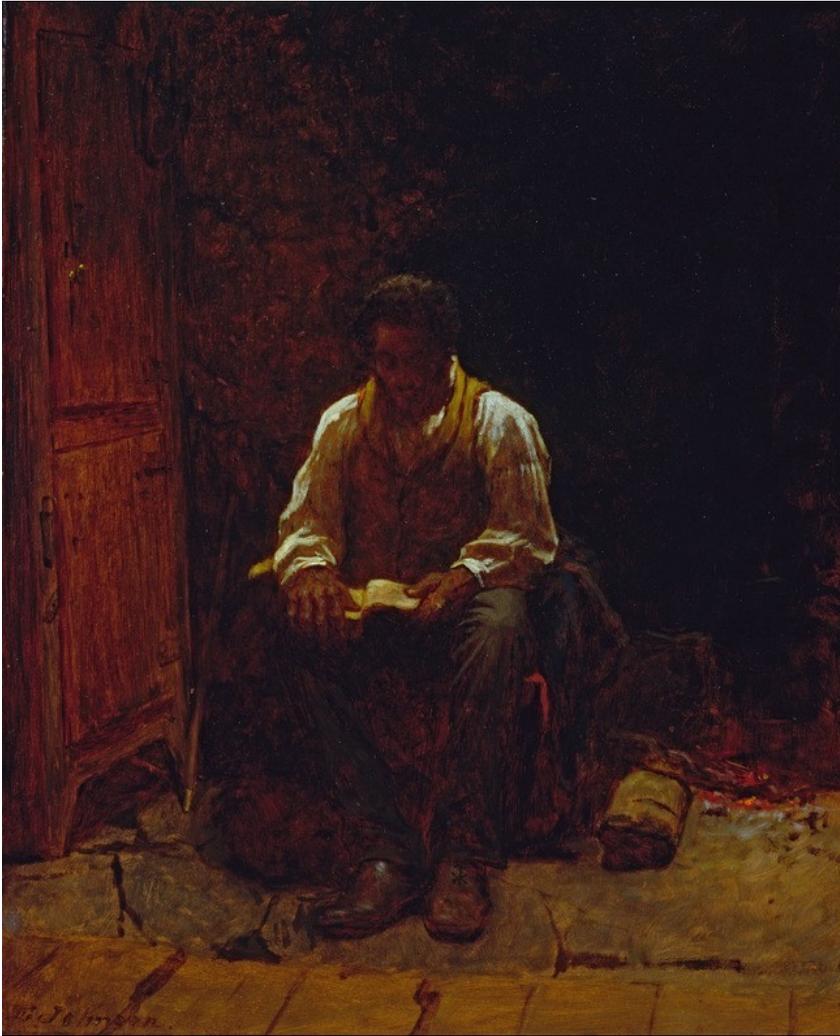


**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**@ HOME**



**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 3, 2020**  
**AT 10:00 AM**

## WELCOME!

Welcome in the Lord's name to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. No matter who you are and where you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome! You bless us with your presence. We have been gathering for over 150 years as a community to worship God and demonstrate our faith in our daily lives. We are currently gathering online, each in our own space, yet praising God together. We are delighted you are joining us, and hope to see you at future parish events.

## ABOUT EASTER

The feast of Christ's resurrection. According to Bede, the word derives from the Anglo-Saxon spring goddess Eostre. Christians in England applied the word to the principal festival of the church year, both day and season. Easter Day is the annual feast of the resurrection, the pascha or Christian Passover, and the eighth day of cosmic creation. Faith in Jesus' resurrection on the Sunday or third day following his crucifixion is at the heart of Christian belief. Easter sets the experience of springtime next to the ancient stories of deliverance and the proclamation of the risen Christ.

## COVER ART

### **Eastman Johnson, *Lord is my Shepherd* (1863)**

Eastman Johnson (1824-1906). Eastman Johnson painted *The Lord Is My Shepherd* only months after the Emancipation Proclamation of New Year's Day, 1863. The image of a humble black man reading from his Bible was reassuring to white Americans uncertain of what to expect from the freed slaves. But the simple act of reading was itself a political issue.

## MORNING PRAYER: RITE II

### Hymn In Procession

*“Savior, like a shepherd lead us”*

Hymn 708

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
much we need thy tender care;  
in thy pleasant pastures feed us;  
for our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessèd Jesus! Blessèd Jesus!  
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
2. Early let us seek thy favor,  
early let us learn thy will;  
do thou, Lord, our only Savior,  
with thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessèd Jesus! Blessèd Jesus!  
Thou hast loved us: love us still.

### Opening Acclamation

BCP, p.77

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### Opening Sentence

Officiant: Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. *Hebrews 9:24*

### The Invitatory

BCP, p.80

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

**People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

### Christ our Passover

*Pascha Nostrum*

BCP, p.83

*Officiant and People*

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,**

**Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.**

**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

**So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

**For since by a man came death, \***

**by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

### **The Psalm Appointed**

**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.

### **The First Reading**

**Acts 2:42-47**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

Here ends the Reading.

**Canticle 12: A Song of Creation**     *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini*     **BCP, p.88**

*Invocation*

**Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

*The People of God*

**Let the people of God glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

*Doxology*

**Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

### **The 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.

Here ends the Reading.

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**BCP, p.96**

*Officiant and People together*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Prayers**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

BCP, p.97

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

*Officiant and People together*

**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.**

### **Suffrages (Versicle and Response)**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**R. And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**R. Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

**R. Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### **The Collects**

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.**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit

that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

Intercessor: For all who serve the holy church of God, especially ++Michael, +Rob, and +Don our bishops; Bryan+ and Gary+ our priests; for the Clergy & people of Good Shepherd, Covington; El Buen Pastor, Austell; for the bishop and people of our companion and partner, Diocese of Cape Coast, Ghana; for all congregations seeking new or renewed direction; and for all who serve tables and who preach and who pray, who shepherd the lost and care for those in need; let us pray to the Lord.

#### **People: Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are persecuted for the gospel, for all who have been martyred for their witness to the truth, for all in lonely places who rejoice in the hope of resurrection, and for the blessed community of the saints, living and dead;

let us pray to the Lord.

#### **People: Lord, have mercy.**

For all in the world who care for the sick, the dying, the hungry and the destitute, the mentally ill and the deformed; let us pray to the Lord.

#### **People: Lord, have mercy.**

For victims of rage and sudden violence, especially for abused children and spouses, for political prisoners, victims of extortion, of murder, and of natural catastrophe; let us pray to the Lord.

#### **People: Lord, have mercy.**

For all of us gathered, each in our own place; for our specific needs, that we may come to receive abundant life at God's hand, and at the last to rest in Christ's shepherding love; let us pray to the Lord.

#### **People: Lord, have mercy.**

For the organizations who assist in giving to the needy and providing shelter; especially for: Appleton Episcopal Ministries, Campus Ministry, Daybreak, Haitian Hope, Loaves and Fishes, Path to Shine, St. Paul Apartments and Village, and Weekend Lunch; and for all whom Christ is risen with healing in his glorious wings, that they may be comforted, let us pray to the Lord.

#### **People: Lord, have mercy.**

For all who suffer from addictions; for all who suffer in mind, body, or soul; for all of us affected by things we cannot see; we especially pray for those on our short and long term prayer lists; let us pray to the Lord.

#### **People: Lord, have mercy.**

O loving God, we commend to your mercy all who have died, and pray that we and all your saints may share life in your eternal dominion. Enable us to know that by Christ's wounds we have been healed, and that by the power of his risen and Spirit-giving life we are empowered to serve you all our days. We pray through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

#### **People: Amen**

## The General Thanksgiving

BCP, p.101

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**                    *“Good Christians all, rejoice and sing”*

**Hymn 205 (vs. 1 & 5)**

1. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. To God the Father, God the Son,  
to God the Spirit, always One,  
we sing for life in us begun  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## **Blessing**

### **Sending Forth**

**Officiant:** Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People:** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Officiant:** Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20,21*



## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*"We challenge ourselves and the world to love like Jesus  
as we worship joyfully, serve compassionately, and grow spiritually."*



### CLERGY

The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, *Bishop*  
The Rt. Rev. Don A. Wimberly, *Assisting Bishop*  
The Rev. Bryan Hinson, *Priest-in-Charge*  
The Rev. Dr. Gary Abbott, *Retired Priest-in-Residence*

### STAFF

Nadine Cheek, *Organist/Choirmaster*  
Dena Hobbs, *Campus Ministry*  
Leah Lowndes, *Parish Administrator*  
Jordan Becker, *Bookkeeper*  
Mary Patmon, *Custodian*

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Class of 2020  
Dustin Gilmore  
Alex Mitchell  
Tamika Sanders

Class of 2021  
Charlie Bradshaw  
Teri Kramer  
Nancy Ogilvie

Class of 2022  
Billie Abbott  
Andrea Freeman  
Sean McCrackin

Peggy DuBose, *Treasurer* | Russell Lewis, *Interim Chancellor* | Lynn Elvins, *Clerk*

*Thank you for joining us in worship.*

*You are invited to view an additional video of today's appointed gospel reading and a sermon,  
available on our website at [www.stpaulsmacon.org](http://www.stpaulsmacon.org) in the Virtual Church section.*

### SHORT TERM PRAYER LIST

Andrea, Anna, Bob, Bob, Brad, Bubber, Carol, Eve, Frances, Gary+, George, Geraldine, the Greene family, Harriette, Helen, Ishmael, James, Jamie, Jim, Jim, Julie, Kaleb, Madeline, Matthew, Martha, Melissa, Mike, Nadine, Nathaniel, Nichal, Pam, the Parker family, Robert, Ray, Roslyn, Roy, the Sanders family, Victor, Walter, William, William

### LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

Amy, Becky, Betty, Bess, Bob, Chris, Connie, Cynthia, Danny, Dawn, Debbie, Francis, Hill, Howard, Jack, Jay, Jerry, Jessica, Jill, Jimmy, Jimmy, Jonas, Julie, Karen, Kay, Kelly, Laverne, Mackenna, Marian, Mercer, Mike, Nicholas, Patrick, Rebecca, Red, Rhonda, Richard, Ruth, Shirley, Thom, Toni, Tony

*We pray for the repose of the soul of Leila Holmes*