

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
@ HOME



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 26, 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

Caravaggio, *Supper at Emmaus* (1601)

Caravaggio (1573-1610). The painting was commissioned by Ciriaco Mattei, a brother of cardinal Mattei in whose Roman palazzo Caravaggio lived at the time. Also known as *Pilgrimage of Our Lord to Emmaus*. The painting shows the moment the two men finally realize who has been talking to them all day: their deceased teacher. The man on the right is generally believed to be Peter because of the pilgrim's shell on his clothes, in which case the man on the left is Cleophas - the only one mentioned by name in Luke's version. The still-life elements on the table have symbolic meanings. The bread and the wine obviously refer to the Eucharist that is taking place. The grapes in turn refer to the wine, the apples to the Fall of Man, and the pomegranates symbolize the Church. So the table is not an ordinary table but an altar.

MORNING PRAYER: RITE II

Hymn In Procession

"The strife is o'er, the battle done"

Hymn 208 (vs. 1, 5)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.

Alleluia!

5. Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee.

Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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 116:1-3, 10-17

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *

I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *

"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

10 How shall I repay the Lord *

for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *

and call upon the Name of the Lord.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *

in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *

is the death of his servants.

14 O Lord, I am your servant; *

I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;

you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *

and call upon the Name of the Lord.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *

in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *

in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Hallelujah!

The First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Here ends the Reading.

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 1:17-23

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

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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 blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives

and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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

Reader: In this Eastertide the hosts of heaven proclaim, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing." Therefore, I invite you, who join the worship of the Lamb with the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, to pray for all for whom he died, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Almighty and merciful God, you exalted your Son as Leader and Savior, and raised him above all rule and authority. Give your faithful people courage to follow him in obedience to you wherever we are called to witness. We pray especially for all those on our short and long term prayer lists. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

As the disciples of Jesus ventured out at his word, so give us the faith to trust and obey his word in our lives as we pursue together the mission of the church. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

As the disciples of Jesus shared food with their Master, so give us the generosity to share what we have with those in need. For Campus Ministry, Daybreak, Haitian Hope, Loaves and Fishes, Path to Shine, St. Paul's Apartments, and Weekend Lunch. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

As Jesus commanded Peter to feed his sheep, so strengthen all the clergy to preach the gospel and administer the sacraments with faithfulness and conviction. For ++Michael, +Rob, and +Don our bishops; for Bryan+ and Gary+ our priests; the clergy and people of St. Catherine's, Marietta; the Cathedral of St. Philip; the bishop and people of our companion and partner diocese of Cape Coast, Ghana; and for all congregations seeking new or renewed direction. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

As the disciples shared a meal with the risen Lord, so by your Holy Spirit bring us in faith to the table of the Lord where we may feast on him who is our priest and victim. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Bring us at last with all the saints to the adoration of the Lamb who was slain. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

To the one who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever.

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

"He is risen, he is risen!"

Hymn 180 (vs. 1, 4)

1. He is risen, he is risen!
Tell it out with joyful voice:
he has burst his three days' prison;
let the whole wide earth rejoice:
death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.
4. He is risen, he is risen!
He hath opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison,
risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam
on our longing eyes shall stream.

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*



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*"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*
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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 in the Virtual Church section.*

SHORT TERM PRAYER LIST

Andrea, Anna, Bob, Bob, Brad, Bubber, Carol, Eve, Frances, Gary+, George, Gerald-
ine, the Greene family, Harriette, Helen, Ishmael, James, Jamie, Jim, Jim, Julie, Kaleb,
Lelia, Madeline, Matthew, Martha, Melissa, Mike, Nadine, Nathaniel, Nichal, Pam, the
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William

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Richard, Ruth, Shirley, Thom, Toni, Tony