



**ST. PAUL'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER

Sunday, April 21, 2024  
8:45 am & 11:00 am

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

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*The mission of St. Paul's Episcopal Church is to explore and celebrate  
God's infinite grace, acceptance, and love.*

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The *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP) is the red book.

The *Hymnal 1982* (H) is the blue book.

The service starts on page 355 in the *Book of Common Prayer*.

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## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please stand at the tolling of the bell.*

HYMN: THE STRIFE IS O'ER, THE BATTLE DONE

H 208

*Please remain standing.*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*Presider* 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.**

GLORIA: GLORY TO GOD

H S-278

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. 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.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider*     The Lord be with you.

*People*       **And also with you.**

*Presider*     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.

*People*       **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.’

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

*The lector closes the reading, saying*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence and stillness*

## THE PSALM: PSALM 23

*Spoken at 8:45 and sung at 11:00*



- 1 The LORD | is my | shepherd; \*  
I | shall not | be in | want.
- 2 You make me lie | down in green | pastures \*  
and | lead me be- | side still | waters.
- 3 You re- | vive my | soul \*  
and guide me along right pathways | for your | nāme'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 SECOND LESSON: 1 JOHN 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*The lector closes the reading, saying*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence and stillness*

*Children in second grade and below are invited to follow the cross and process to Children’s Chapel. They will return at the Peace to take Communion with their families.*

**HYMN: THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS**

H 645

*11:00 service only*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 10:11-18

*Please stand.*

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

*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

*Reader*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated at the invitation of the preacher.*



THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

*Please stand.*

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

*Our prayer list can be found online at [www.tinyurl.com/stpaulsfay-prayer](http://www.tinyurl.com/stpaulsfay-prayer)*

*Prayer is offered with intercession for the Universal Church, its members, and its mission; the Nation and all in authority; the welfare of the world; the concerns of the local community; those who suffer and those in any trouble; and the departed.*

*Please add your intercessions aloud or in silence after each petition.*

*At the end of each petition, the following is said:*

*Litanist*      The LORD is our shepherd;  
*People*        **we shall not be in want.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

*Silence may be kept.*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

## THE PEACE

BCP 360

*Please stand.*

*Presider*     **The peace of the Lord be always with you.**

*People*       **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Weekly announcements can be found online at [www.stpaulsfay.org/s/epistle.pdf](http://www.stpaulsfay.org/s/epistle.pdf)*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY

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8:45 ANTHEM: FEED MY LAMBS

SLEETH

11:00 ANTHEM: PSALM 23

GOODALL

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

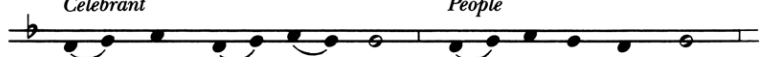
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D

BCP 372

*Please stand.*

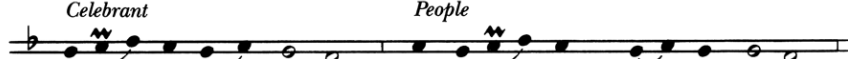
*Spoken at 8:45 and sung at 11:00*

*Celebrant* *People*




The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*




Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Presider continues*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

**SANCTUS: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD**

H S-128

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.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

*Please stand or kneel.*

*The Presider continues*

BCP 362

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love....

...Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Presider and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Presider continues*

BCP 363

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us ...

... Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

*Presider and People*



*Presider*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*Presider and People*

**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 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.**

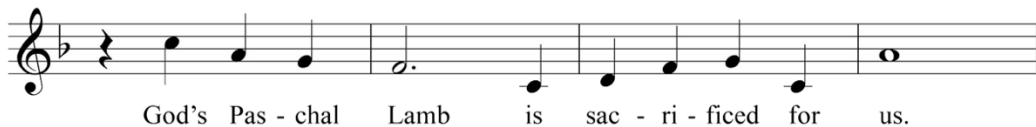
## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

## FRACTION ANTHEM: GOD'S PASCHAL LAMB



Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

Music: Sine Nomine, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

*Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add*

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



*Whoever you are and wherever you are in your pilgrimage of faith,  
you are welcome in this place; you are welcome at God's table.*

*To receive Communion, come forward down the center aisle. Hand sanitizer is available. You may come up the chancel steps to the altar rail or receive at the floor station in front of the pulpit. If you need the clergy to bring Communion to your pew, please let an usher know. To receive the bread, extend your open palm to the minister. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. To receive the wine, guide the base of the chalice with your hand so that you can sip from the cup. You may also intinct/dip the bread into the wine if you prefer. If you prefer not to receive in either or both kinds, cross your arms over your chest to indicate your intention. Return to your pew by the side aisles.*

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*For those joining us at home*

**In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beg you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

HYMN: ALLELUIA, GIVE THANKS TO THE RISEN LORD

H 178

## COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*Minister* In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that *[names of recipients]* may share with us the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

*People* **We who are many are one Body, because we all share one Bread, one Cup.**

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

*Please stand or kneel.*

*Presider and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN: PRAISE THE LORD, RISE UP REJOICING

H 334

## THE BLESSING

## THE DISMISSAL

*After the dismissal sentence*

*People*      **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## POSTLUDE: FUGUE A LA GIGUE

BACH

*Please remain in your pew until the procession has passed by.*

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