



**April 25, 2021**

**8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

*We are a diverse, inclusive community in the Episcopal Diocese of California. We are a member of Integrity, the LGBTQ+ ministry of the Episcopal Church, and are welcoming to all who attend in worship.*

*We're happy to have you with us today. Our worship follows the order of the Book of Common Prayer 1979 (BCP), Rite II, with music from a variety of musical resources authorized by the Episcopal Church: 1982 Hymnal, Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS) and Enriching Our Worship (EOW).*

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# Morning Prayer

*At the sound of the bell, all stand for the entrance of the ministers.*

*Officiant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.  
*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

*Officiant* Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

## PASCHA NOSTRUM

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*

**therefore let us keep the feast,**

**Not with the 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 also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

**All: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

*All sit.*

**PSALM 23**

*Dominus regit me*

- 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.**

*All stand.*

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

*All sit.*

**THE FIRST READING**

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."

*Reader:* Here ends the Lesson.

*All stand.*

**CANTICLE 10:** The Second Song of Isaiah

*Quaerite Dominum*  
Isaiah 55: 6-11

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
    **call upon him when he draws near.**  
**Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
    and the evil ones their thoughts;**  
**And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have  
compassion, \***  
    **and to our God, for he will richly pardon.**  
**For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \***  
    **nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.**  
**For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \***  
    **so are my ways higher than your ways,  
    and my thoughts than your thoughts.**  
**For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
    and return not again, but water the earth,  
Bringing forth life and giving growth, \***  
    **seed for sowing and bread for eating,**  
**So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \***  
    **it will not return to me empty;**  
**But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \***  
    **and prosper in that for which I sent it.**  
**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.**

*All sit.*

## THE SECOND LESSON

I 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.

*Reader*        Here ends the Lesson.

*All stand.*

## CANTICLE 16: The Song of Zechariah

*Benedictus Dominus Deus*  
Luke 1: 68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*

**he has come to his people and set them free.**

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \***

**born of the house of his servant David.**

**Through his holy prophets he promised of old,**

**that he would save us from our enemies, \***

**from the hands of all who hate us.**

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers \***

**and to remember his holy covenant.**

**This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \***

**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

**Free to worship him without fear, \***

**holy and righteous in his sight**

**all the days of our life.**

**You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \***

**for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the  
shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*All sit.*

### **THE THIRD LESSON**

John 10: 11-18

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:* Here ends the Lesson.

*All stand.*

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**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 people stand or kneel*

## THE PRAYERS

*Officiant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant 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 who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE SUFFRAGES

*Officiant* Help us, O God our Savior;

*People* **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

*Officiant* Look upon your congregation;

*People* **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

*Officiant* Declare your glory among the nations;

*People* **And your wonders among all peoples.**

*Officiant* Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

*People* **Never forget the lives of your poor.**

*Officiant* Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

*People* **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

*Officiant* Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;  
*People* **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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.**

### **COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **COLLECT FOR GRACE**

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.**

### **SERMON**

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson

*A period of silence is kept following the sermon.*

*All stand.*

### **THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

*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.**

### **PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **CLOSING SENTENCE**

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

*Ephesians 3:20, 21*

**Rest in peace Gloria Balkissoon.**

**Prayer requests for you or a loved one** may be communicated by placing a note in the offering plate. We will include them in our regular prayer concerns. You may also send prayer requests to [prayers@stpaulsoakland.org](mailto:prayers@stpaulsoakland.org).

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**LITURGICAL  
SCHEDULE**

*Live stream only, until  
further notice.*

**Sundays**

8 AM Spoken Eucharist in  
the Church

10 AM Choral Eucharist in  
the Church

**Fourth Sundays**

8 PM Compline in the  
Church

*(Temporarily suspended)*

**First Sundays**

4 PM Evensong in the  
Church

**Wednesdays**

12:10 PM Spoken Eucharist  
with Healing Service on the  
1st Wednesday in the Chapel

**The Sacrament of  
Reconciliation may be  
scheduled with any priest.**

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**Event Notification:** If you would like to receive information on St. Paul's events and ministries, or receive a call from clergy, please fill out the welcome cards in the pews and place in the collection plate or sign the visitor book in the Narthex. **To join our email list, sign up on our website, [www.stpaulsoakland.org](http://www.stpaulsoakland.org)**

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### Name Tags

Let us greet you with your name! Please pick up your name tag in the narthex as you enter the Church or at the coffee hour afterwards.

### The Restroom

One is located at the back of the church through the side door. A wheelchair accessible restroom is also available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

### Questions?

Don't hesitate to ask an usher for help if you require any assistance.



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