

REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE

April 28, 2024 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist St. Paul's

YOUTH SUNDAY THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are a diverse, inclusive community in the Episcopal Diocese of California, 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).

Join the service Live Stream on our Facebook page <u>here</u>.

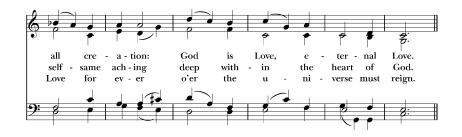
Liturgy of the Word

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 379 God is love, let heaven adore him



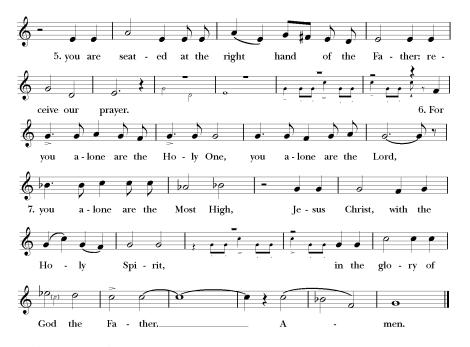


Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen. **People** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.





COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God 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.

All Amen.

All sit.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 8: 26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a wilderness road. So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his

chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22: 24-30

Deus, Deus meus E. John Hopkins

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"

- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; * he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

THE SECOND READING

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

L John 4: 7-21

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are

liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader People Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.



THE GOSPEL John 15: 1-8

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Clark Gregory

A period of silence is kept following the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

All 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

by Diana Pray

O Lord our God, we praise you this Easter season as we celebrate the resurrected Christ! Bless us to follow Jesus's steps in the way that leads to eternal life.

In the rebirth that is spring, have us abide in you as you abide in us, that we may bear much fruit.

In the rebirth that is baptism, perfect your love in us by emboldening us to love one another.

In the rebirth that is the generation of our Jesus returned from death, may young people throughout the world, our descendents, be known as the Lord's forever.

We pray for your Universal Church, for all who love because you loved us first. Bless every leader and every member: especially Bishops Michael, Marc and Austin, and St. Paul's Oakland's priests, deacons, seminarians, staff, and laity. We pray for young Clark, his family, and this congregation as we love him and all youth, that they will make your saving deeds known to generations yet unborn.

Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. If we love one another, God lives in us.

We pray for all people of every nation and every land. Have us know and love each other as the sisters and brothers that we are. Save us from ourselves: we live in fear, striking and punishing one another; but your perfect love casts out fear.

Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

If we love one another, God lives in us.

Creator God, have us restore your Earth to its life-sustaining perfection. Redeemer God, pull us back from self-destruction and the destruction of each other. Sanctifying God, perfect your love in us. Bless the youth of the world to grow and thrive and love one another. Embolden us to protect each one, as though they were our own flesh.

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Lord, bless today's Youth Pilgrimage to Grace Cathedral! Make it a joyful time, and bring each pilgrim closer to you and to each other.

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Lord, we grieve with all in need. As our hearts are moved, so move our bodies and minds to help. Do not let hopelessness crowd out the truth of your love. You promise us that if we abide in you, and your word in us, that whatever we ask shall be done. And so we ask for healing, nourishment, safe homes, mended hearts, and freedom from every bondage.

The people may add their own petitions, aloud or silently.

Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. If we love one another, God lives in us.

At Easter, we rejoice in resurrection! But many of us still sleep, and many more will sleep before the trumpet sounds. Comfort us in this meantime, as we live without our loved ones who have died. As we miss them, remind us that they are sure of the life of the world to come: even as they sleep, even in the dust, they worship and fall down before you.

Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. If we love one another, God lives in us.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Communion

Here are ways to contribute to the mission and ministry of the parish:

Text to Give: Text the word "GIVE" to phone number 510-900-7759.

Online giving: Go to https://stpaulsoakland.breezechms.com/give/online or scan this QR Code:



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THE OFFERTORY

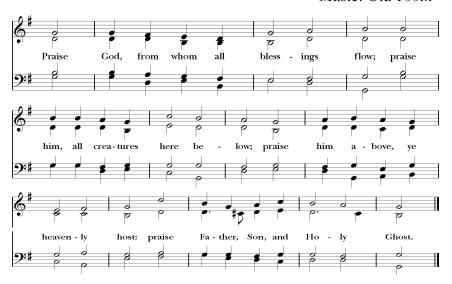
Zion's Walls Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

Come fathers and mothers,
Come sisters and brothers,
Come join us in singing the praises of Zion.
O fathers, don't you feel determined
To meet within the walls of Zion?
We'll shout and go round
The walls of Zion.

All stand as the Celebrant raises the offerings and together sing the Doxology.

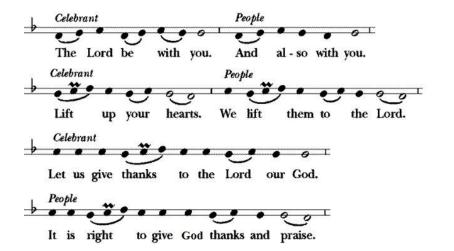
THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 380, verse 3 *Music: Old 100th*



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymnal S-120



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

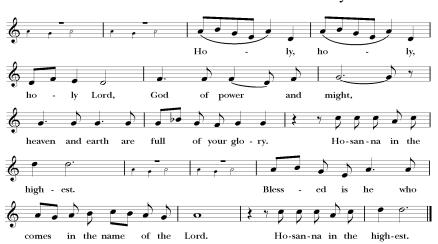
But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting 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

THE SANCTUS

Hymnal S-128



The people stand or kneel and the Celebrant continues

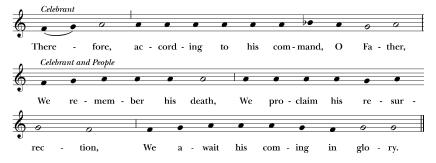
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the 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."

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Hymnal S-136



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 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 blessed Paul and 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 for ever.

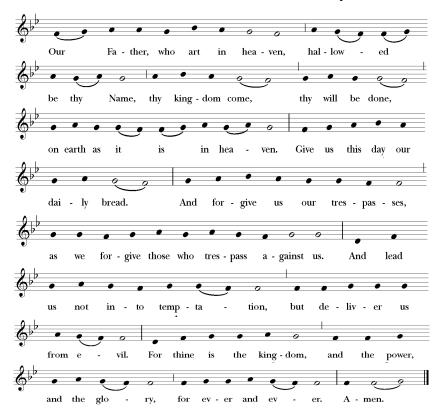
All Amen.

The Celebrant then continues,

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal S-119



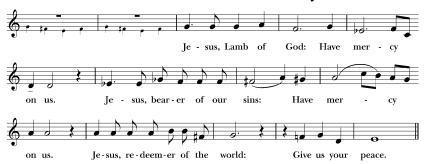
The Celebrant breaks the bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then is sung

AGNUS DEI

Hymnal S-165



The Celebrant invites all to God's table saying

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 at the Lord's table to receive Holy Communion or a blessing. To receive Communion in your pew, please ask an usher to notify the ministers on your behalf. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask at the altar rail.

COMMUNION MOTET

Arise, my love, my fair one *Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

Rise up, my love my fair one and come away
Rise up, my love, my fair one,
and come way.
For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of the singing of birds is come,
the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;
the fig tree putteth forth her green figs,
and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell.
Arise, love, my fair one, and come away.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After all have received Communion, people stand or kneel as the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the word you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon PeopleLet us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

THE POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymnal 657

Love divine, all loves excelling





April 28, 2024 – Easter 5 (B) General Convention Young Adult Festival

Registration is open online for The Episcopal Church Young Adult Festival, scheduled to run during six days of the 81st General Convention this summer in Louisville, Kentucky. The deadline for participants needing housing is **May 6**; commuter registration deadline is **May 31**. Apply here: *iam.ec/yaf2024*.

The Young Adult Festival is designed for those ages 18-30 to meet peers from across the globe, pray and learn together, engage in the church's legislative process, and help discern God's call for The Episcopal Church.

"This is a wonderful way for young adults to get to know more about General Convention, to understand more how our church creates priorities and budgets, to meet other young adults, to learn more about ministries across the church, to meet the presiding bishop and the president of the House of Deputies, to worship together, and to explore together," said the Rev. Shannon Kelly, staff officer for Young Adult and Campus Ministries. "We look forward to welcoming everyone to Louisville."



General Convention will be held June 23-28 at the Kentucky International Convention Center. The Young Adult Festival will run from June 21-26, with programming events at the Galt House Hotel.

The cost for the event ranges between \$135 and \$595, depending on housing choices. Registration for those traveling to Louisville includes five nights of housing at the Galt House Hotel, dinner on June 22, General Convention registration, and all Young Adult Festival programming and activities. Space is limited for housing. Registration for commuters includes dinner, convention registration, and all festival programming and activities.

For more information, contact the Rev. Shannon Kelly: *skelly@episcopalchurch.org*.



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.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sundays

8 AM Spoken Eucharist10 AM Choral Eucharist

Fourth Sundays

8 PM Compline in the Church

First Sundays

4 PM Evensong in the Church

Wednesdays

12:10 PM Spoken Eucharist Livestream

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be scheduled with any priest.

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Celebrant

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio J. Wilson *Rector*

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Clark Gregory

Assisting

The Rev. Christian Harding Assisting Priest

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WELCOMING AND AFFIRMING

Parking is available in the Senior Center/ Veteran's Memorial Building lot (across Bay Place from the church) for Sunday services. Street parking is unrestricted on Sundays, but metered/2hour limit all other days. Additional paid parking is



available at Children's Fairyland on Grand Ave. and at lots at 155 Grand Ave. and at W 23rd St. & Waverly (behind 180 Grand Ave.). The nearest BART station is the 19th Avenue stop, a .7 mile walk.

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

Parishioner Directories are available in either printed or digital form. To request your copy please call or email (510.834.4314 Ext. 501/admin@stpaulsoakland.org).

The Restroom

There are two restrooms available during worship: one at the back of the church in the Mustard Seeds Room, and one in the ambulatory (front of the church) on the epistle (right side facing the altar, through the doorway) side. If you require an accessible restroom please ask an

Our Vision

St. Paul's dares to be an open embracing community; discovering, celebrating, and sharing the Love of Christ.

Our Mission

St. Paul's invites you to a spiritual journey: to love God and your neighbors near and far; to worship, pray and serve joyfully in our community; to strive to become more Christ-like in living out the promises of our baptism that all may know Christ 's healing love.



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