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The Downtown
Episcopal Church



"GOD'S DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL. LOVE
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W. ELKINS

APRIL 12, 2026
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
10 A.M.

Understanding Episcopal Liturgy

#22. What is the reason we are saying this new form of The Lord's Prayer?

For the past six months we have been using an older form of *The Lord's Prayer*. The old form is almost identical to the language found in the King James Bible of 1611.

Our use of *The Lord's Prayer* is based on the version found in Matthew 6. There are several newer versions of *The Lord's Prayer* in a variety of Bible translations. For the next several months we will be using a newer, more literal translation based on the *New Revised Standard Version* (NRSV) and found in the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* (page 364).

Even though the newer form of *The Lord's Prayer* is less familiar and requires more effort for some of us, we have two good reasons for learning it and using it in our worship services. First, it corrects a poor translation of the Greek word *peirasmos*, which was translated in 1611 with the phrase 'Lead us not into temptation.'. *Peirasmos* is correctly understood as a time of challenge or trial. So the newer translation of *The Lord's Prayer* uses the phrase 'Save us from the time of trial.' There is a change in meaning which is important.

Second, the newer translation (which is more than 40 years old) was affirmed by religious leaders and scholars from many different Christian traditions, including Episcopalian, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Roman Catholic Christians. By using the newer form of *The Lord's Prayer* we are taking a step towards being more welcoming to those who come from diverse Christian traditions.

If you have a question about something in our liturgy, I will be happy to answer it. Please ask in person, or send an email to me at revmajor@stpaulsyr.org.

Fr. Philip +

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY • *Sonata in F Major*

Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)

Vivace, Largo, Allegro

Lana Stafford, flute

The people are invited to stand.

HYMN 208 • “Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The strife is o’er”

Victory

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

CANTICLE •

Festival Canticle

Antiphon

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

3 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

3 join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion. [Ant.]

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

LESSON • Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Lector

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles .

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Lector

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

People

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

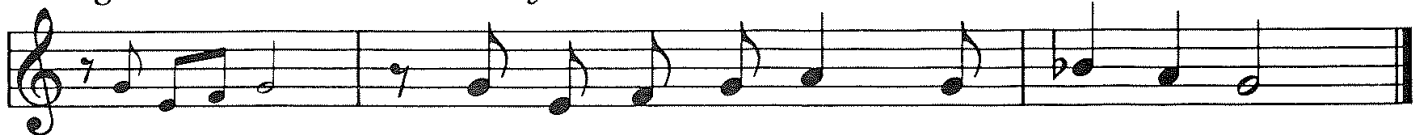
PSALM • 16 *Conserva me, Domine*

Peter Hallock (1924-2014)

The Antiphon is first sung by the Choir and repeated by All, and then as indicated.

Organ:

Everyone:



The Lord will show me the path of life.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot. My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage. **Antiphon**

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. **Antiphon**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit. **Antiphon**

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. **Antiphon**

EPISTLE • Peter 1:3-9

Lector

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Lector

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

People

Thanks be to God.

The people are invited to stand.

GRADUAL HYMN • 178 "Alleluia, Give praise to the risen Lord"

Alleluia, No. 1

Please remain standing.

HOLY GOSPEL • John 20:19-31

Celebrant

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Celebrant

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Philip Major

A brief silence follows the sermon.

The people are invited to stand.

NICENE CREED

The word “creed” comes from the Latin credo, translated here as “we believe.” Credo is not simply belief in accurate propositions, but more deeply a sense of relationship or trust—an alternate translation might be “we give our heart,” “we trust,” “we rely upon.” Developed in the fourth century as a means of unifying a divided church, the Nicene Creed has been used by Christians in worship for almost two

thousand years, and connects us to our ancient ancestors in the Communion of Saints. The Creed is used in worship not because it comprises a list of doctrinal statements one must affirm in order to be considered a Christian, but rather as a song of praise and confidence in the Holy Trinity: God in three persons who creates, redeems and sanctifies a holy people.

All **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.**

Please remain standing.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord God, we pray for your church and those who follow you and serve the world in your name. May they be strengthened and comforted by the knowledge of your constant love.

The people add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who serve and govern in this nation. May they act wisely with compassion, mercy and selfless concern for all people.

The people add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world, for the sustenance of the earth and its creatures and resources, for the eradication of disease, for those who suffer persecution, homelessness, hunger and oppression, so that all may be made well. We pray for peace and an end to all war, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine.

The people add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the suffering and those in trouble, for those who are anxious, for those who face danger in their work. We pray especially for *n.* and those we name silently or aloud.

The people add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the dead and for those who are dying that the love of God may be their comfort in their time of need and for those who mourn the loss of loved ones. We pray especially for *n.* and those we name silently or aloud.

The people add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.

The people are invited to stand

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The bread and wine for communion and the offering plates are brought forward at the beginning of the offertory.

OFFERTORY

*At the Offertory, we return thanks for God's blessings in our lives and invite you to place your contribution in the offering plate in the main aisle or give by texting 73256 entering **stpaulsyr** (all lower case) and the amount you want to give.*



The people are invited to stand as the offering is brought forward

Celebrant All things come of Thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

Please be seated.

ANTHEM

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

On that bright joyful Easter Day the sun arose with brighter ray, when Christ, to earthly sight made plain, the glad apostles saw again. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Surrexit Christus hodie! His wounds to them Christ then did show, which from his risen body glow; and they aloud declared and said: "The Lord is risen from the dead!": Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Surrexit Christus hodie! First witnesses to Easter morn were women three who came forlorn; then Magdalen did cease her sighs, when Christ she saw with joyful eyes. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Surrexit Christus hodie! All glory, Lord, to you we pay, arisen from the dead today; O great Creator be our guide throughout the days of Eastertide. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Surrexit Christus hodie!

Lana Stafford, flute

All **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The breaking of the bread may be seen as the culminating activity of our worship. It is the ritual action symbolizing the activity whereby God emptied Godself of divine power for purpose of reconciling Godself with us. We have no words to accurately describe this divine activity, thus a period of 10-15 seconds of silence is kept following the breaking of the bread and before the singing of the Fraction Anthem.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-154

From *New Plainsong*; (b.1950)

The people are invited to be seated.

You are invited to consume the consecrated bread immediately after you receive it. If you choose to receive the wine, drink directly from the cup. We are not dipping the bread into the wine at this time. Our understanding is that the sacrament of communion is complete if the bread or wine is received; it is not necessary to receive both.

^s *During the distribution of communion, Prayers for Healing and Wholeness may be offered at the Peace Altar.*

HYMN AT COMMUNION • 324 "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

Picardy

The People are invited to stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Officiant Let us pray.
All

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN 193 • "That Easter day with joy was bright"

Puer nobis

DISMISSAL

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY • Offertoire sur “O Filii”
(Hymn 203)

Alexander Guilmant (1837-1911)

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Please Keep These People in Your Prayers:

Destany W., Christian M., Ann D. Mary S., Betsy E. & Paul A.

We remember those who have died in recent days:

Our thanks today for the...

Altar Guild: DJ Igelsrud & Fr. Philip

Lay Reader: Joseph von Souder

Ushers: Derina Samuel & Roy Thomas

Flowers: Tim Cassavaw & Jim Potts

Announcements

* Adult Forum ~ today, April 12th at 11:45 in the Brewster Room. Senegal Mabry will lead a discussion of the latest medical science regarding the diagnosis of dementia.

* Next weekend at St. Paul's *The Syracuse Orchestra* will present "Let Freedom Ring", in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Learn more at syracuseorchestra.org.

* The deadline for articles for the May edition of *The Courier* is Tuesday, April 14th.

New Member's Class

Please consider joining Fr. Philip for New Member Classes in April. Participating in New Member Classes is one way to become a member of St. Paul's. These three classes cover almost everything you might want to know about the ways we do things at St. Paul's.

-  Session 1: How We Arrived at this Place; A Brief History of the Episcopal Church
-  Session 2: What We Believe; Episcopal Approaches to Scripture and Theology and Approaches to Scripture
-  Session 3: The Way Things Work; The Organization of St. Paul's

What: A series of three 60 minute classes.

Where: The Hadley Chapel

When: Sundays at 11:45 a.m., April 19 & 26, May 3

Who: New or experienced, everyone is invited

Officers

2026

Senior Warden: Ieva Doyle
Junior Warden: Joe Russo
Treasurer: Doug Mouncey
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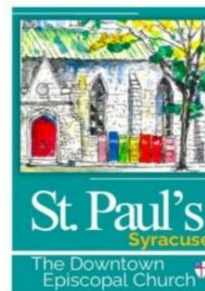
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