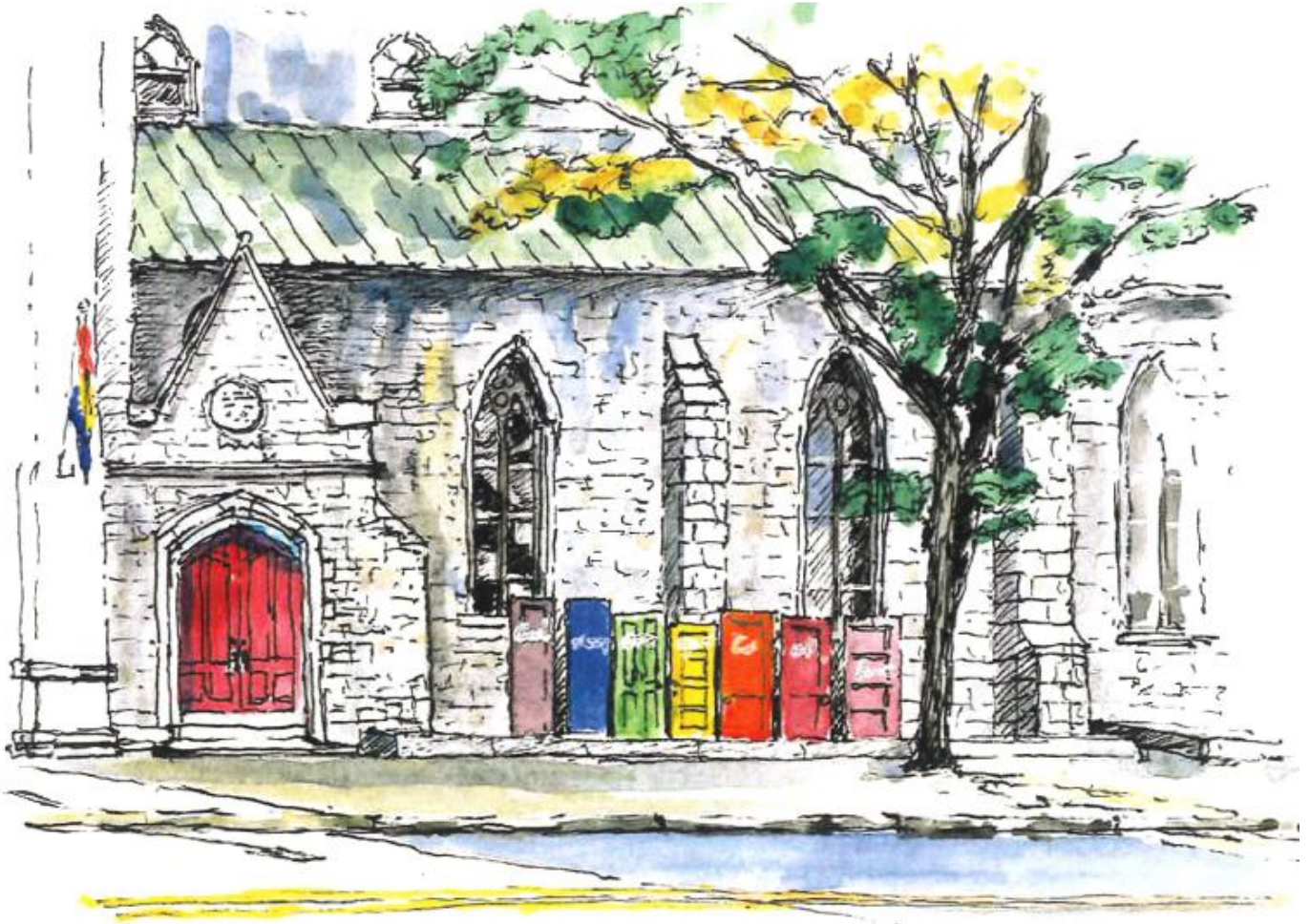




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"GOD'S DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL. LOVE

W. ELKINS

JUNE 15, 2025
9:30 AM
TRINITY SUNDAY



Understanding Episcopal Liturgy

#47a: What is the reason the priest and eucharistic ministers make the sign of the cross near the end of the eucharistic prayer?

Making the sign of the cross is an outward, physical act that reminds us of God's inward, invisible movement in our lives. The priest, and many of our members, use their first and second fingers to touch their forehead, chest, left shoulder, then right shoulder, outlining four points of the cross on themselves during worship.

You will notice the priest and other members of the congregation make the sign of the cross each Sunday near the end of the Eucharistic Prayer. At this time the priest says words praying for the Holy Spirit to come upon God's people. "We offer our lives back to you for your blessing. Send your Holy Spirit upon us..." This paragraph of the prayer is called 'The Invocation', as we are vocalizing or calling for the Holy Spirit to be active in our lives.

There are several other places in the liturgy where some of our members make the sign of the cross. We have marked two of the common places in our leaflet: at the Opening Acclamation and at the Absolution (just after the Prayer of Confession).

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

PRELUDE • *“Prière*

Craig Phillips (b.1961)

The people are invited to stand.

HYMN 370 • “I bind unto myself today” (v.1,2,5,6,7)

St. Patrick’s Breastplate

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant † Blessed be the one, holy, and living God:
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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 The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Enfolding God, Trinity of love, you are our source, our goal, our life: may we be born again in you, no more to live alone and unconnected, but sharing in the Spirit's breath and carried to your heart: through Jesus Christ, who lifts us up.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

LESSON • Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Lector A reading from the Book of Proverbs.
Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
"To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.
The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth--

when he had not yet made earth and fields,
 or the world's first bits of soil.
 When he established the heavens, I was there,
 when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
 when he made firm the skies above,
 when he established the fountains of the deep,
 when he assigned to the sea its limit,
 so that the waters might not transgress his command,
 when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
 then I was beside him, like a master worker;
 and I was daily his delight,
 rejoicing before him always,
 rejoicing in his inhabited world
 and delighting in the human race."

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

THE RESPONSE

Canticle 13 — A Song of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
 you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
 Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
 Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
 Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
 Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
 in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
 Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

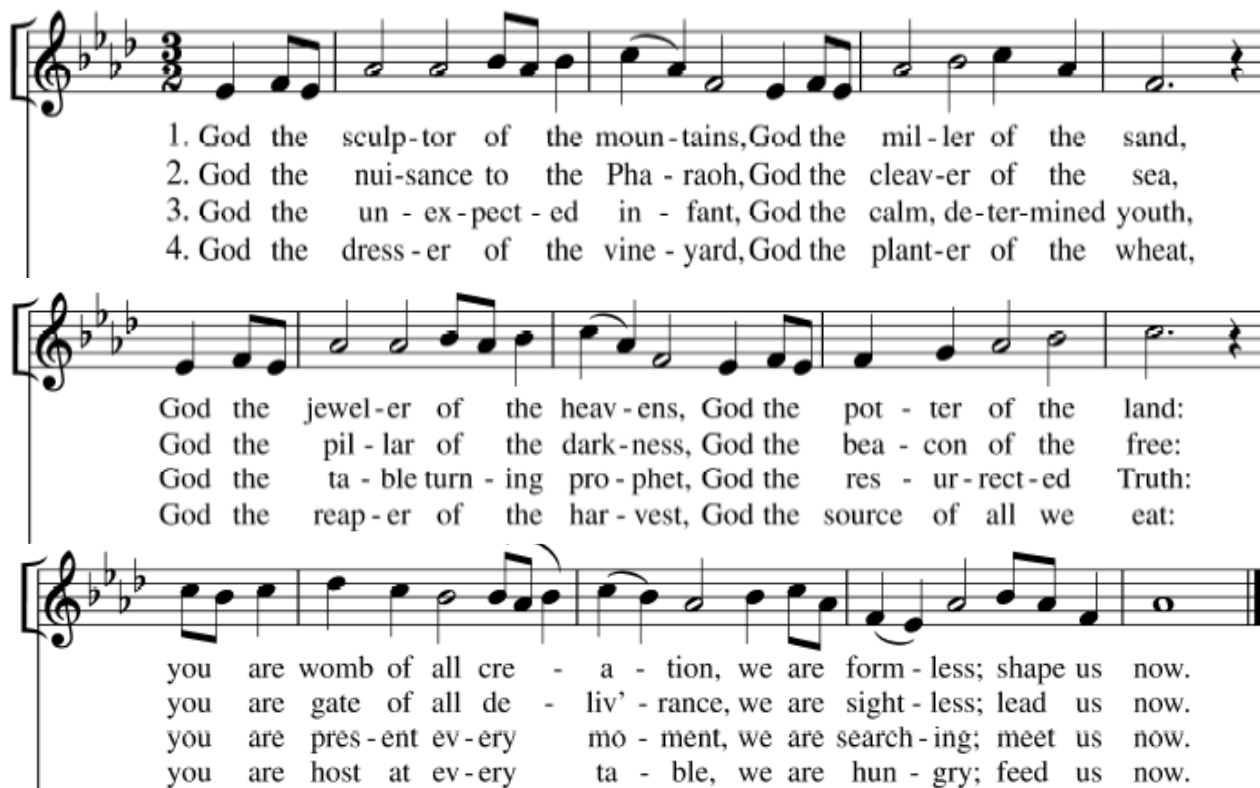
EPISTLE • Romans 5:1-5

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.
 Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus
 Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and
 we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast
 in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance
 produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us,
 because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has
 been given to us.
Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The people are invited to stand.

GRADUAL HYMN 746 • “God the Sculptor of the mountains”

Sandria



1. God the sculp-tor of the moun-tains, God the mil-ler of the sand,
2. God the nui-sance to the Pha-raoh, God the cleav-er of the sea,
3. God the un-ex-pect-ed in-fant, God the calm, de-ter-mined youth,
4. God the dress-er of the vine-yard, God the plant-er of the wheat,
God the jewel-er of the heav-ens, God the pot-ter of the land:
God the pil-lar of the dark-ness, God the bea-con of the free:
God the ta-ble turn-ing pro-phet, God the res-ur-rect-ed Truth:
God the reap-er of the har-vest, God the source of all we eat:
you are womb of all cre-a-tion, we are form-less; shape us now.
you are gate of all de-liv'-rance, we are sight-less; lead us now.
you are pres-ent ev-ery mo-moment, we are search-ing; meet us now.
you are host at ev-ery ta-ble, we are hun-gry; feed us now.

Please remain standing.

HOLY GOSPEL • John 16:12-15

Celebrant

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant

Jesus said to the disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Celebrant

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Phillip 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

Gracious God, the Holy Spirit moves through our lives to lead us and guide us in the Way of Christ. Grant us a spirit of reverence for your glory and bless our church that we might always follow you into the world without fear to share your Good News.

The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Lodge a spirit of justice in our hearts and the hearts of all who hold authority over others, that they may strive for peace and a more perfect human society. We pray especially for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East.

The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Grant us a spirit of commitment that we might give ourselves wholly to Christ's invitation to walk in his way and continue his mission of healing and reconciliation. We pray especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; DeDe, our Bishop, and Philip, our Rector.

The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Grow in us a spirit of wisdom that we might be effective stewards of your creation, ensuring the abundance of the natural world for generations to come.

The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Send your healing spirit to all who suffer or are in distress. We pray especially for *n.* and those we name silently or aloud.

The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Extend your spirit of forgiveness and love to those who have died and those who mourn, that they and we may rise in your new kingdom. We pray especially for *n.* and those we name silently or aloud.

The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.

CONFESSION

The people are invited to sit / kneel.

Officiant Let us confess our sins to God.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Officiant † Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

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.*

Celebrant All things come of Thee, O Lord.

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer from *Extending Hands*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant
People
Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Creator of all goodness, you form us in your image and call us to be stewards of creation. You bless us with intelligence and free will, but we have often failed to care for your creation and for the many members of your family all over the earth.

Yet you have never failed to love us. You guide us with your Word, given to us in Holy Scripture. You lead us in your ways of truth and love through prophets and saints, past and present. In the birth of your Son, you partnered with us in the great mystery of life. Jesus lived as we live in a time of despair and violence.

Extending hands of justice and hope, Jesus reconciles us with the faith of our Jewish brothers and sisters. Remembering his way we sing Isaiah's hymn of praise with people of faith in every place.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Hymnal S-130

Franz Schubert

Celebrant

Extending hands of truth and love, Jesus reconciles us with present and future generations of disciples. Remembering his way we join our voices in your new commandment:

All

Love one another as I have loved you.

Celebrant

Extending hands of mercy and forgiveness, Jesus overcame the power of death and reconciles us with the pain and suffering of mortal life. Remembering his way we proclaim the mystery of the resurrection:

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

Extending hands of grace and peace, Jesus reconciles us with you. Remembering his way we turn to you in this blest sacrament of unity. Jesus sat at supper with his friends, gave thanks to you, broke the bread and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. He gave thanks to you, gave it to his friends, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

We offer the fruits of your creation back to you for your blessing. Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and this wine that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ.

† We offer our lives back to you for your blessing. Send your Holy Spirit upon us that we might live in you as you live in us.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, our God and Creator.

All

Amen.

Celebrant

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All

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.

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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 371 • “Thou, whose almighty word”

Moscow

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE • -Komm Gott, Schöpfer, heiliger Geist BWV 667 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
(Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come)

Please Keep These People in Your Prayers:

Destany W., Fred K., Anne D., Jeanne A., Ruth L., Cheryl G., Krista D., Harry L., Kira D., and Kingsley L.

We remember those who have died in recent days.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of LaUna & Edward Williamson, Edith & WCR Williamson by Gary Sr. Donna, Gary Jr. E. Verescak and Jim Williamson given by the Williamson Flower Fund.

Our thanks today for the...

Altar Guild: Georgette & Tim Schmidt

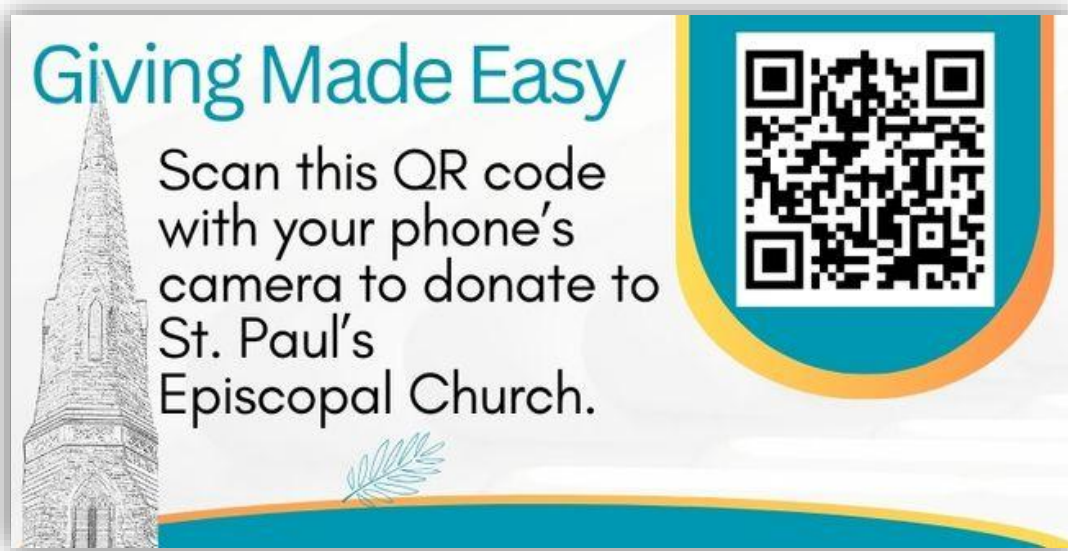
Lay Readers: Tom Cantwell & Margaret Sherwin

Ushers: Josef Von Souder & Joe Russo

Flower Guild: Marion Greenhalgh

Announcements

- * Our Summer Bible Study series begins today. Today we'll meet at 11 a.m. in the Brewster Room for a discussion of the Gospel of Mark. On June 22nd the topic will be the Gospel of Matthew. No experience is necessary and everyone is invited to join!
- * Congratulations to the Rev. Sarah Palsma, daughter of Nolan and Phyllis Palsma. On June 8th, Sarah was elected president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America!



Single Services This Summer

June 15 through August 31, we will have a
Sunday single service
at 9:30 a.m.



SPECIAL SUMMER EDITION

Sunday Bible Study The Four Gospels

Session #1 ~ Sunday, June 15th
at 11:00 a.m.

The Gospel of Mark: Learn what makes
Mark different from the other Gospels

No preparation needed
All are welcome!

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2025

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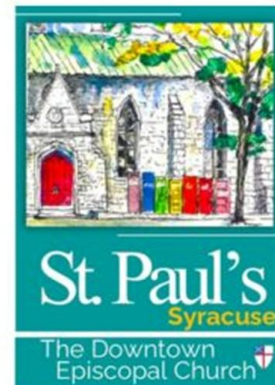
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