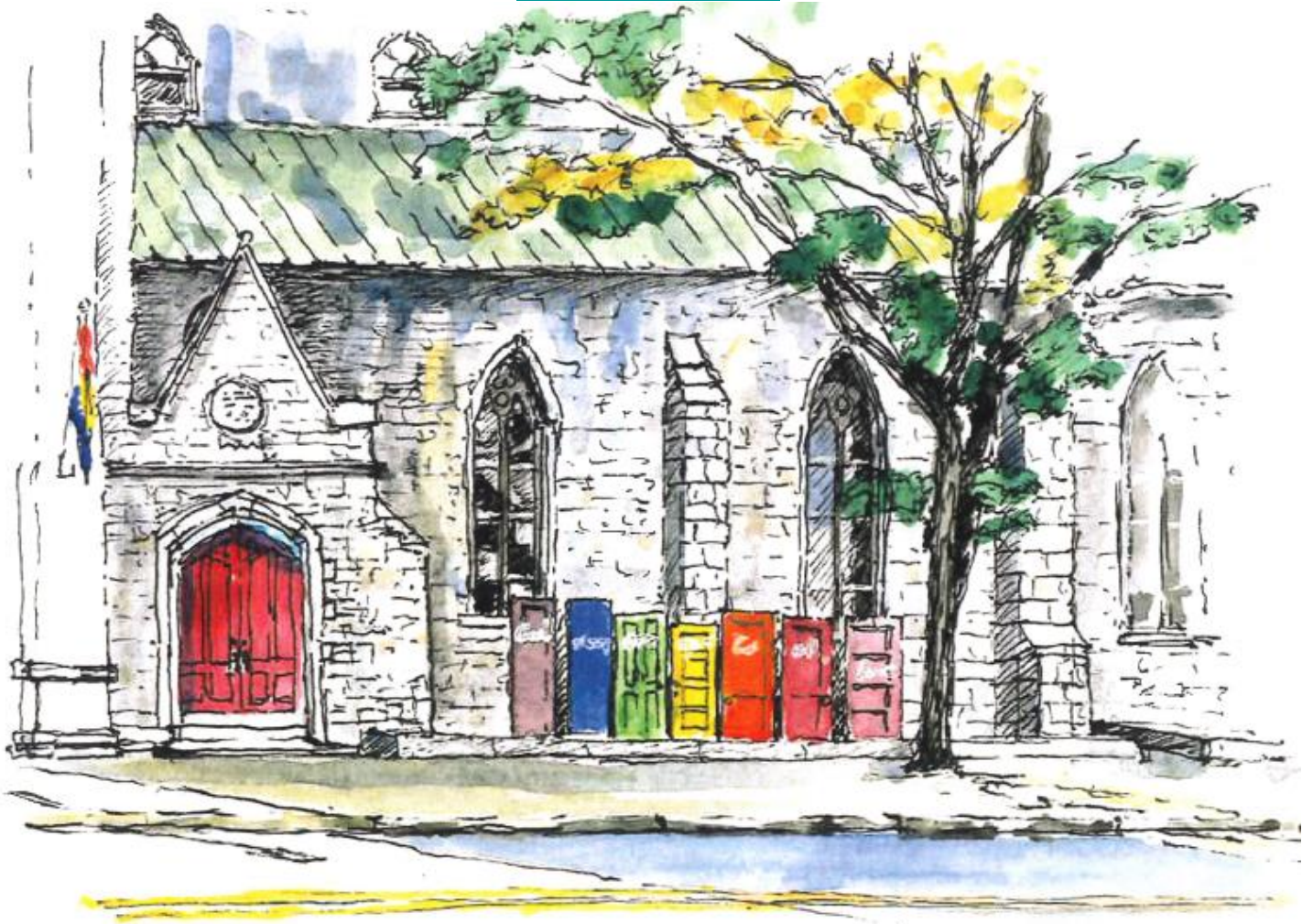


St. Paul's
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"GOD'S DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL. LOVE

W. ELLIWS

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 2024

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY • *Pastorale*

Herbert Sumsion (1895-1995)

The people are invited to stand.

HYMN • 379, "God is Love, let heaven adore him"

Abbott's Leigh

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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.*3

LESSON • Acts 10:44-48

Lector

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Lector

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

People

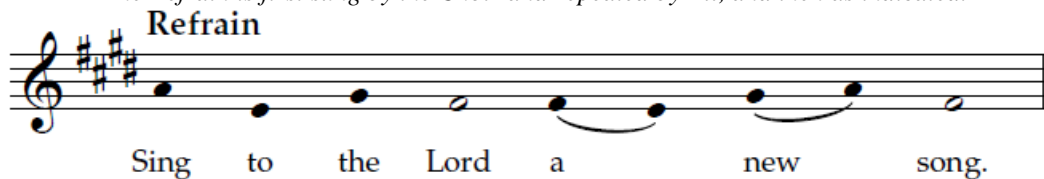
Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

PSALM • 98 *Cantate, domino*

Mode 2

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



Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory. **Refrain**

The LORD has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. **Refrain**

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the LORD. **Refrain**

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein. Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth. In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity. **Refrain**

EPISTLE • 1 John 5:1-6

Lector

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Lector

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

People

Thanks be to God.

The people are invited to stand.

GRADUAL HYMN • 455, “O Love of God, how strong and true”

Dunedin

Please remain standing.

HOLY GOSPEL • John 15:9-17

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

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

Celebrant Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

Father, Mother God, in the midst of this Easter season, we gather to celebrate your love for all in our world.

A brief silence is kept.

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayers.**

We pray for the church O Lord; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Dede, our Bishop, Philip, our Rector and all who serve God everywhere.

A brief silence is kept.

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayers.**

We pray for our world. With so much suffering in the world, people and countries affected by natural disasters, by war in the Ukraine and the Middle East, and in countries that are struggling, it is easy to feel helpless. Hold us up, Lord and remind us to look for your likeness in each person we see.

A brief silence is kept.

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayers.**

Father, Mother God, we bring to you those who are in need; those who are alone, hungry, homeless, in heart ache. We pray especially for *n*. We pray for those who have no one to pray for them, and for those we name out loud or in our hearts.

A brief silence is kept.

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayers.**

We give thanks for those who serve in our community, in the medical system, fire fighters, law enforcement, and 911 operators. We especially hold in prayer the officers whose lives were taken, their families, and their comrades, who continue to work with heavy hearts.

A brief silence is kept.

We pray for our loved ones who have died especially *n*. and for those we name out loud or in our hearts.

A brief silence is kept.

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayers.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

8:00 **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Hymnal S-114

From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Celebrant

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Ruth and Mary, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

All

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

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

8:00

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

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.

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

COMMUNION HYMN • 347 “Go forth for God; go to the world in peace”

Litton

The People are invited to stand.

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 • 705, “As those of old their first fruits brought”

Forest Green

DISMISSAL

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY • Pasticcio (from Ten Pieces)

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

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Please Keep These People in Your Prayers:

June B., Peter M., Phil B., Jean S., Jason L., Edith R., Anne D., Steve S., Jim S., David G., Chet W., Destany W., Katherine S., Sandy Y. Mary Kay U. and Ellyn H.

We remember those who have died in recent days:

Our thanks today for the...

Altar Guild: Julia Fine

Lay Readers: Margaret Sherwin / Kira Lane

Ushers: Kira Dirghalli / Dave Garvey

Flower Guild: Liz Belden-Handler & Betsy Elkins

Understanding Episcopal Liturgy

#31. What is the reason for the large, single candle lit and placed in the center of the chancel during the Easter season?

The large candle in the center of the chancel is called the Paschal Candle. Episcopal Churches share this liturgical tradition with Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Roman Catholic Churches. The Paschal Candle is always the largest candle in the worship service, normally at least 24 inches tall, and at least 2 inches in diameter. It is decorated with symbols of Christ's presence and work among us, including a cross and the Greek letters alpha and omega. One might argue that, while all of the other candles in the worship space are more or less optional, the Paschal Candle is the only candle which is required for worship.

The lighting of the Paschal Candle is the first ritual of the Easter Vigil. After the Paschal Candle is lit the deacon or priest sings *The Exultet*, a hymn of praise describing God's work and Christ's work in bringing reconciliation and salvation to humankind. With *The Exultet* in mind, the Paschal Candle places God's saving work in the center of our worship throughout the Easter Season, up through the day of Pentecost.

The Paschal Candle is also lit at every baptism service. The symbolism of the Paschal Candle at baptism comes from St. Paul's description of our participation in Christ's work of kenosis, or self-emptying. In chapter six of Romans St. Paul describes the practice of Christians of emptying their lives of sins. Paul makes a connection between us emptying ourselves of the power of sin through baptism, and Christ's emptying of himself through his death: *Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.*

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 +

Announcements for May 5

* The award-winning new documentary 'The Philadelphia Eleven' will have its theatrical release at Regal Destiny USA in Syracuse on May 14th at 7 p.m. The film documents the journeys of the eleven women who were ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in 1974, in violation of the norms of the Episcopal Church. Advance purchase of tickets is highly recommended. Go to philadelphiaelevenfilm.com for more information.

* This afternoon at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's the Society for New Music presents 'Prize Winners', a concert of very recent chamber music compositions, including several prize winners. Go to societyfornewmusic.org for more information.

Construction Updates/Reminders:

- During Open Doors construction, the parking lot spaces marked with an X, which are generally reserved for St. Paul's folks, are available ONLY to construction workers during workdays (M-F) as per our contract with Drulyk. The numbered spots are rented to folks in the area during their workdays. This means you will likely NOT find a place to park in our lot if you come to the church during the week. You likely will find a space on the street metered within a few blocks of the church. There should be parking available in our lot on Sundays.
- Please do not enter any area marked construction as it is not safe to do so; we don't want anyone to get hurt.
- There will always be one bathroom available in adjacent to the Sargent Foyer during construction and in the area adjacent to our church offices.
- We expect more activity in the months ahead. Stay strong and patient!

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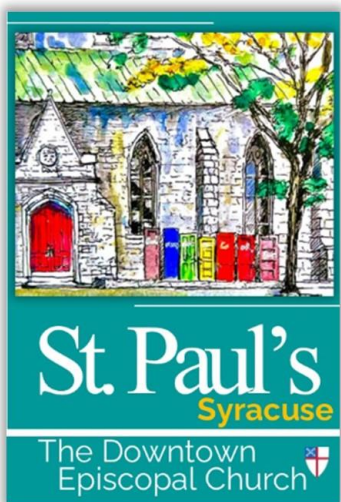
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