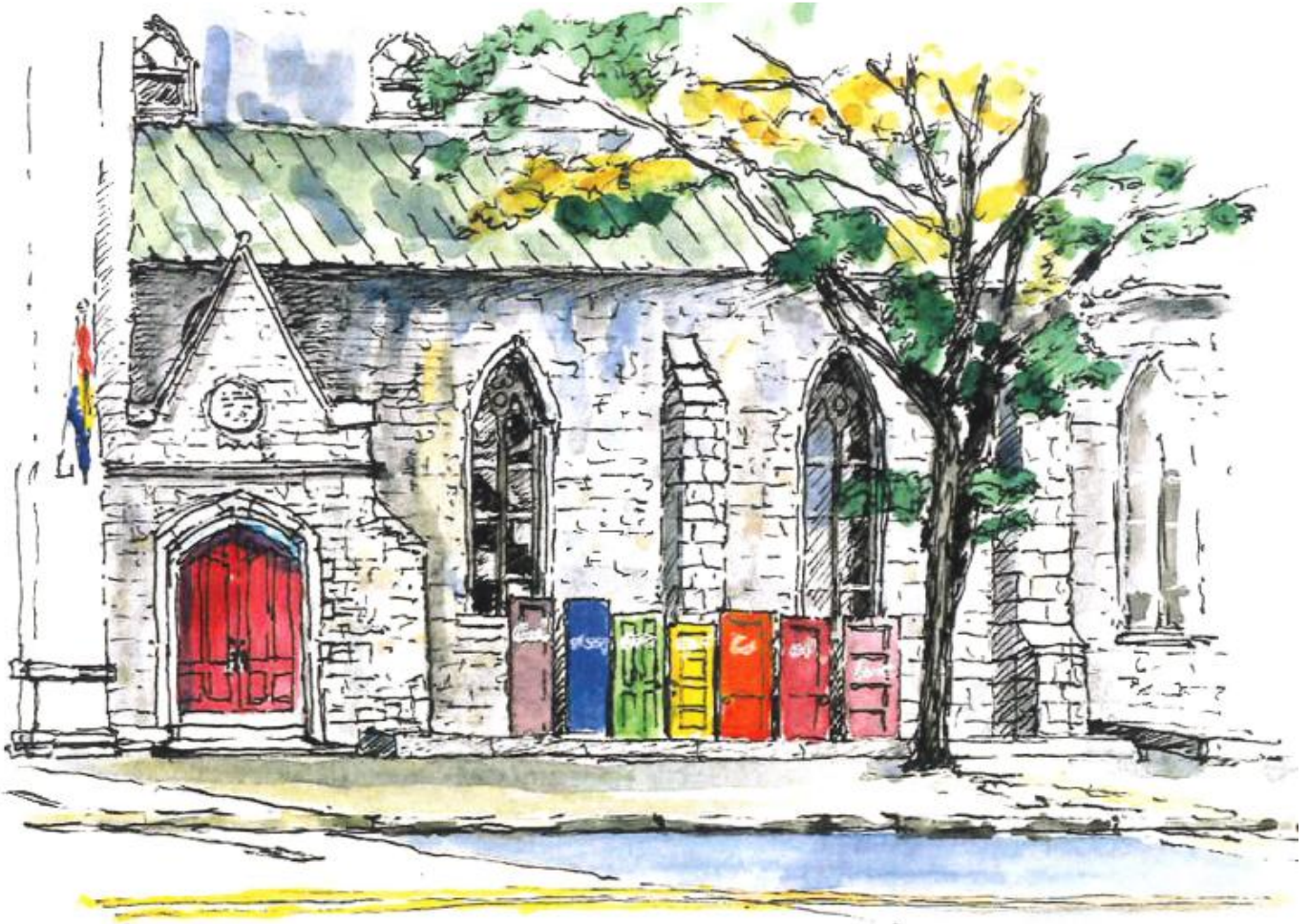




St. Paul's
Syracuse

The Downtown
Episcopal Church



"GOD'S DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL. LOVE

W. ELLINS

MAY 11, 2025
8:00 & 10:00 AM
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Understanding Episcopal Liturgy

#17. Why do we use unleavened bread for communion? Why do we use leavened bread for communion?

At St. Paul's we have often used unleavened bread for communion from the day after Pentecost until the beginning of Advent. Our use of unleavened bread has historical roots in the use of unleavened bread by our Jewish forebearers in the celebration of the Passover meal. According to Matthew, Mark, and Luke, the Last Supper was a celebration of Passover.

We have often used leavened bread for communion for the seasons of Advent, Christmas, the season following Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and for Pentecost (which happens to be a day and not a season). Our use of leavened bread has theological roots in the idea that Christ brings the sacred into our daily lives, such as into the action of eating a shared meal. Eastern Orthodox churches insist on the use of leavened bread; the 'risen bread' is symbolic of the risen Christ.

As is often the case, as Episcopalians, we try to embrace both of these practices and sets of ideas. We refuse to say that one of these practices is wrong, and one is right. In the language of Richard Hooker, the question of leavened or unleavened bread for communion is in the realm of *adiaphora*, that is, things that are not necessary for salvation. God's creation is good and sufficient for us, whether that takes the form of leavened bread, or unleavened bread, or gluten-free rice crackers.

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 • Prelude on “Brother James’s Air”

Searle Wright (1918-2004)

The people are invited to stand.

HYMN 619 • “Sing alleluia forth in duteous praise” (v.1,3,5,6,7)

Martins

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-to-ry 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, 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.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

LESSON • Acts 9:36-43

Lector

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Lector

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

People

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

PSALM • 23 *Dominus regit me*

Peter Hallock (1924-2014)

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

Voices

The Lord is my shep-herd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake. **Antiphon**

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. . **Antiphon**

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. 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. **Antiphon**

EPISTLE • Revelation 7:9-17

Lector

A reading from the Revelation to John.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever!

Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

The people are invited to stand.

GRADUAL HYMN • 645 "The King of love my shepherd is"

St. Columba

Please remain standing.

HOLY GOSPEL • John 10:22-30

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

Almighty God, long ago faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus’ resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true.

The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

Let all creation give thanks to the Risen Lord. **Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

We pray for the leaders of the Church, Sean our presiding Bishop, DeDe our Bishop, Philip our Rector, and all our laity. May the joy of the resurrection empower them.

The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

Let all creation give thanks to the Risen Lord. **Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

Creator of the universe, you made the world in beauty and restore all things in glory through the victory of Jesus Christ. We pray for those in poverty, sickness, and war. We pray for *n*.

The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

Let all creation give thanks to the risen Lord. **Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

Resurrecting God, you conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. We pray for those who have died, especially for *n*., and for those whose names have been forgotten. Raise us with Christ that we may proclaim healing and peace to all.

The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

Let all creation give thanks to the risen Lord. **Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

When our lives seem empty, we assume that Christ has been taken away. When our lives are painful, we assume that Christ has been taken away. And yet, Christ is risen.

The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

Let all creation give thanks to the risen Lord. **Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

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.*

Celebrant All things come of Thee, O Lord.

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

Please be seated.

ANTHEM

John Tavener (b.1944)

Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Gave thee life, and bid thee feed by the stream and o'er the mead; gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing, wooly, bright; gave thee such a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice? Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee, Little Lamb, I'll tell thee: He is called by thy name, for he calls himself a Lamb. He is meek, and he is mild; he became a little child. I, a child, and thou a lamb, we are called by his name. Little Lamb, God bless thee! Little Lamb, God bless thee!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer 1 from *Enriching our Worship*

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

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.**

10:00 Hymnal S-114

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

Celebrant

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

8:00

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

10:00 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 ANTHEM • “The Hour of Banquet and Song”

Mark Sirett (b.1952)

HYMN AT COMMUNION 708 • “Savior, like a shepherd lead us”

Sicilian Mariners

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 182 • “Christ is alive! Let Christians sing”

Truro

DISMISSAL

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE • Kleine Präludien VI

Hermann Schroeder (1904-1984)

Please Keep These People in Your Prayers:

Destany W., Fred K., Anne D., Kira D., Kerstin J.

We remember those who have died in recent days: The Rev. Peter Williams

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Honor of all the Mothers in our lives; and Elisabeth A. Barker in loving memory of her mother Elisabeth H. Barker, Grandmothers Mildred T. Barker and Edith P. Hinrichs, Godmother Margaret M. Belden and Friend Connie Hull.

Our thanks today for the...

Altar Guild: Georgette & Tim Schmidt

Lay Readers: Joe Russo / Cathy Wolff

Ushers: Doug Mouncey / Harry Lambright

Flower Guild: Sandy Wiley / Harriet Averill

Announcements

* Tours of the *Open Doors* construction will be offered next Sunday, May 18th, following each worship service.

* On Sunday, May 25th, Memorial Day Weekend, we will hold just one worship service, at 10 a.m.



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Memorial Day Remember and Honor

There will be a single service at
10:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 25th

Updated Important Information About Parking in Our Lot

until construction is completed



Evenings (after 5:00 p.m.) and Sundays, you may park anywhere in the lot.



Monday-Saturday: The only parking available during the day is the few spots on the fence (not on the wall) until after 5:00 p.m. Downtown workers have paid to park in our lot. We have signed a contract with them, that they are guaranteed their parking place Monday through Saturday.



The construction workers who park around the dumpster, usually leave about 4:00 p.m. You can park there after 4:00 p.m. but your car may be blocked in.

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Junior Warden: Ieva Doyle
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Assistant Treasurer: Sandi Yingling
Clerk of the Vestry: Anita Wagner

2025

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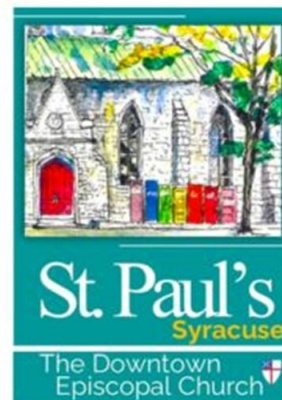
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