

"GOD'S DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL. LOVE
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APRIL 19, 2026
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
10 A.M.

Understanding Episcopal Liturgy

#1 What is the reason one of the worship leaders carries the big book with the gold cover into worship during the procession?

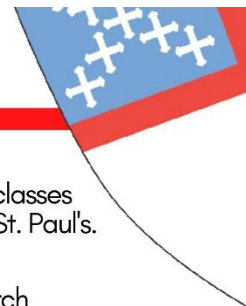
The book with the gold cover is the Gospel Book. It contains our Gospel readings from Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The Gospel readings are the primary source for everything we do at St. Paul's. We carry the Gospel Book into worship in a ceremonial way to remind ourselves of the centrality of Jesus' life and words for us.

At the end of worship we carry the Gospel Book out of worship as a reminder that it is our mission to bring the ideas and example of Christ to the world.




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 +

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY • Fugue in C Major, BWV 545

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The people are invited to stand.

HYMN 306 • “Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest”

Sursum Corda

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, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

LESSON • Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Lector

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Lector

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

People

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

PSALM • 116:1-3. 10-17 *Dilexi, quoniam*

Peter Hallock (1924-2014)

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

Organ: *Everyone:*

I will walk in the
pres-ence of the Lord, in the land of the liv-ing.

I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him. *Antiphon*

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow. Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life." *Antiphon*

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion. The Lord watches over the innocent; I was brought very low, and he helped me. *Antiphon*

Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has treated you well. For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet stumbling. *Antiphon*

EPISTLE • 1 Peter 1:17-23

Lector

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Lector
People

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

The people are invited to stand.

GRADUAL HYMN • 763 “As we gather at your table”

Raquel

1. As we gath - er at your
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to

Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your Word, help us
wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life; send us

know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be
forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is

stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we
strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for -

claim it as our own; teach us through this ho - ly
give as you for - gave; may we still be - hold your

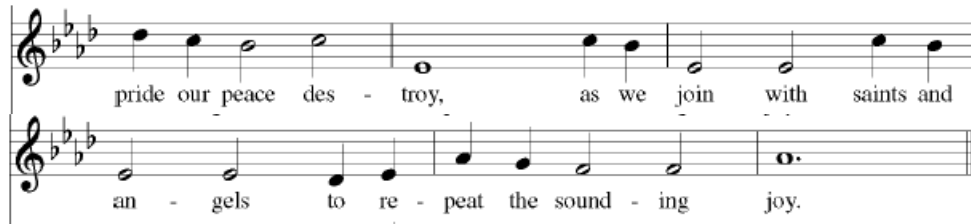
ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
im - age in the world you died to save. *to verse 3*

3. Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us

sum - mon oth - er guests to share that Feast where tri -

um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and

least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will



Please remain standing.

HOLY GOSPEL • Luke 24:13-35

Celebrant

People

Celebrant

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Celebrant

People

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

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

Philip Tomblings (1902-1986)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart; such a joy as none can move; such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

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 • 318 “Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face

Nyack

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. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY • Prelude in C Major, BWV 545

Johann Sebastian Bach

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Prayers of the People were written by St. Paul's prayer leaders.

Please Keep These People in Your Prayers:

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

We remember those who have died in recent days:

The flowers today are given by Ellie Major in loving memory of Charles Goetz, III.

Our thanks today for the...

Altar Guild: Ellyn Hass & Sue Stinson

Lay Reader: Jean Stanton

Ushers: Amy Mangram & Joe Russo

Flowers: Marion Greenhalgh

Announcements

- * This afternoon 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.
- * New Member Classes begin today! It's a three week series, highly recommended for all of our members, but especially those who are new to the Episcopal Church. Speak to Fr. Philip for more information.
- * Join us Wednesday at 5 p.m. for a public reception with Margie Hughto, renowned ceramic artist and creator of the *Open Doors* Donor Wall.
- * On May 2nd, the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York joins with other denominations in a gathering at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Liverpool *Honoring our Sacred Gifts* with Robin Wall Kimmerer. Learn more and register at cnyepiscopal.org.
- * St. Paul's will celebrate our Bicentennial in May! Tickets for the May 22nd Dinner and Celebration are available during fellowship time. See Ieva Doyle for details.

Officers

2026

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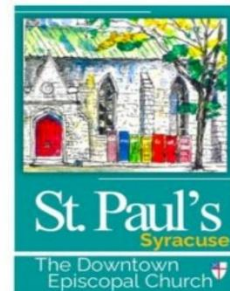
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