



HOLY EUCHARIST
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026 • 10:00am

Welcome to St. Paul's! We are grateful for your presence in worship and look forward to welcoming you into this life we share through the love of Jesus Christ! Please don't forget to silence your devices as our worship service begins.

Families are welcome to sit anywhere they would like, including our dedicated children's area in the Chapel, which features self-directed activities and books. Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall on the Occidental Avenue side of the church campus. Our worship service is live-streamed on St. Paul's YouTube Channel, where we welcome online friends to pray with us.

All are warmly invited to participate in Holy Communion at St. Paul's. If you prefer not to receive the wine, simply cross your arms over your chest as the Eucharistic Minister greets you saying, "the Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation." Thank you for sharing the light of your presence with our community! May God's presence be very near to you in this holy season of Eastertide!

Prelude

April (Das Jahr), Fanny Hensel (1805-1847)

All stand to sing

Processional Hymn 478

"Jesus, our mighty Lord," Monk's Gate

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

Gloria

The St. Helen's Service, Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (b. 1971)

All sing **REFRAIN**



Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est,
 Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est.

Choir: Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth; Lord God, heav'nly King, almighty God and Father, We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

All sing **REFRAIN**

Choir: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

All sing **REFRAIN**

Choir: For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord;
 For you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

All sing **FINAL REFRAIN**



Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est,
 Glo - ry, glo - ry to God,
 glo - ry to God in the high - est. A - men.

The 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. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

The First Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell

their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

After the reading, the reader says

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *sung by choir*

*Anglican Chant and Psalm 23 paraphrase, Bobby McFerrin (b. 1950)
adapted from The Book of Common Prayer, p. 612*

The Second Lesson

I Peter 2:19-25

A reading from the first letter of Peter

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

After the reading, the reader says

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

Gospel Alleluia

Jeffrey Rickard

Cantor sings REFRAIN. All sing REFRAIN.

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

Cantor I am the gate for the sheep.

Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.

All sing REFRAIN.

The Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice

of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

After the Gospel, the reader says

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated.

Sermon

The Rev. Sarah C. Stewart

The Nicene Creed

**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.**

Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

Who 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.

All stand.

The Prayers of the People

Sundays and Seasons, p. 164

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured, especially we pray for John & Gitti Anderson, Cyndy Bodenlos, Dick C., Sally C., Diane and Peter Carey, Rodney Gehrke, Michael Kimball, Sonny Liu, Carolyn Mulliken, Jen Norman, Jim Prescott, and Craig Tam. Restore them to health of body, mind and spirit. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. We pray for the peace and repose of Jo Ann Tate, mother of Jo Ann Tate Hartley, and all who have died in the military violence in the Middle East and violent conflict at home and abroad. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Good Shepherd, you continually seek us out as members of your flock and form us into a community where all are honored and cared for. We especially thank you for those who have been growing together in our Confirming Faith group this spring. Bless their exploration and questions, as they continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers. Kindle our courage to trust you with our doubts and wrestling as much as we do with our hopes and dreams. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing as we share with one another in that sweet interdependence you imagined for your creation from the very beginning. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of resurrection power, animate us and our prayers, using each holy longing within us to proclaim your good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people,

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people greet each another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Jubilate Deo, Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
 Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;
 We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.
 Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.
 For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.*

~ Psalm 100

All stand to sing stanzas 1 - 3

Processional Hymn 377

“All people that on earth do dwell,” *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, *The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 361

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

Staff 1: Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Staff 2: Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them to the Lord.

Staff 3: Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Staff 4: People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

mp
Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

6 *cresc.* *mf*
God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-

9 *f* *mf* *f*
san - na, ho-san-na in the high-est, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the

13 *mp*
high-est. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,

16 *p* *mf* *f*
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, ho - san - na, ho-

20 *mf* *f*
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

Sanctus *sung by all*

The St. Helen's Service, Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, giving thanks for God's work of redemption through Jesus Christ and consecrating the bread and wine for Holy Communion. The people join in sacramental witness, speaking to the mystery of God's saving grace.

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Most Holy God, in this sacrifice of praise and

thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with Nikki Frances and all your saints into the joy of your eternal Reign.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Most Blessed One, now and forever. **AMEN.**

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

**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 Celebrant breaks the Bread. A period of silence is kept.

All sing

Fraction Anthem

Christ our Passover, Jeffrey Rickard (b. 1942)

Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ our Pass - o - ver has been sac - ri - ficed for us;

There - fore let us keep the feast, Al - - le - lu - ia,

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

Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant lifts the bread and wine saying,

The Table is ready. So come, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come, because it is Christ who invites us to meet God here.

All are welcome to receive Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Ushers will see that Communion is brought to you at your seat, should you request it.

Communion Anthem

My shepherd will supply my need, Virgil Thomson (1896-1989)

*My shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed Beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back When I forsake his ways.
He leads me for his mercy's sake In paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay.
One word of thy supporting breath Drives all my fears away,
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, Doth still my table spread.
My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God Attend me all my days,
O may thy house be my abode And all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, While others go and come,
No more a stranger or a guest, But like a child at home.*

~ Isaac Watts (1674-1748); paraphrase of Psalm 23

Postcommunion Prayer

Common Worship

All stand as the Celebrant invites,

Almighty and eternal God, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, Jesus declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of the God, Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

All sing
Hymn

“Today we all are called to be Disciples of the Lord,” *Kingsfold*
Text: H. Kenn Carmichael; Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams



1. To - day we all are called to be Dis - ci - ples of the Lord, To—
2. God made the world and at its birth Or - dained our hu - man race To—
3. Pray jus - tice may come rol - ling down As in a migh - ty stream, With
4. May we in ser - vice to our God Act out the liv - ing Word, And



help to set the cap - tive free, Make plow - share out of sword, To
live as stew - ards of the earth, Re - spond - ing to God's grace. But
righ - teous - ness in field and town To— cleanse us and re - deem. For
walk the road the saints have trod Til— all have seen and heard. As



feed the hun - gry, quench their thirst, Make love and peace our fast, To
we are vain and sad - ly proud, We— sow not peace but strife, Our
God is long - ing to re - store An— earth where con - flicts cease, A—
stew - ards of the earth may we Give thanks in one ac - cord To



serve the poor and home - less first, Our ease and com - fort last.
dis - cord spreads a dead - ly cloud That threat - ens all of life.
world that was cre - a - ted for A— har - mo - ny of peace.
God who calls us— all to be Dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

Dismissal

We are raised to new life with Christ.
Let us go forth, rejoicing in God's peace. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Finale (Sonata 1), Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

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