

# **Liturgy for Easter Sunday**

April 20, 2025

#### Welcome to St. Paul's Parish!

Gathering together, worshipping God, sharing the journey since 1851.

If you are curious, if you have questions, if you love to sing with joy.....bring your sorrow, your laughter, your love, yourself. Come.

Sundays 9:00 am Wednesdays 9:30 am

Many Easter Blessings,

Shawn Dickerson, Parish Priest

Easter Flowers and Music donated by
Jackie Fishback, Paul & Marty Moyer, Joe & Sally Robinson, Dee Addington,
Dan & Kathy Fullerton, Rita Mills, Carol Barstow, Ted Clayton, Kathy Polley,
Laura Truby+ "in loving memory of Tom Truby", Shawn Dickerson+,
and Doris & Gregg Swanson.

During this season, we especially remember the steadfast ministry of the Altar Guild. Your work enriches our worship.

Thank you for your loving service to this parish.

This service is livestreamed on YouTube.



On Easter morning we find the tomb <u>empty</u>? It is not filled with the last wisps of our hope and dreams. Initial confusion ultimately turns to unimaginable joy. The tomb is **empty!!** Death has neither consumed our love nor our joy. God has not forsaken us. God is not done. God is doing something new.

Bell rings at 8:55 followed by music.

Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Prelude** 

Trumpet Tune on Amsterdam by J. Westenkuehler Steve Wenig, Trumpet

**Opening Hymn** 

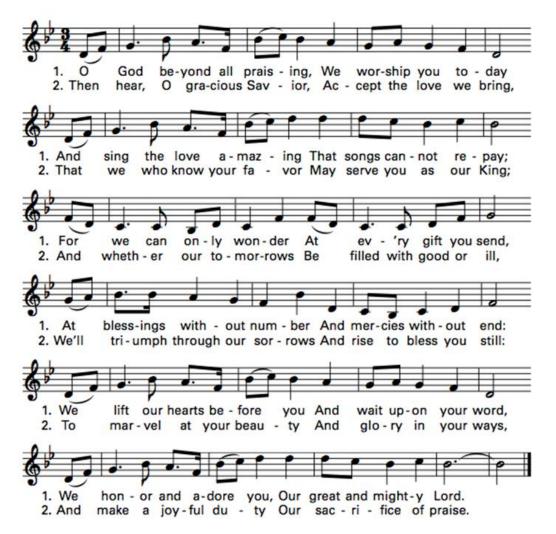
Blue Hymnal 207

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

#### Hymn

# O God Beyond All Praising



# **Collect of the Day**

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

First Reading Isaiah 65:17-25

Reader: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,

or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,

and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;

they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,

and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity;

for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord-- and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn Blue Hymnal 48

### **Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Reader: A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

### **Sequence Hymn**

Blue Hymnal **193 vs. 1 & 5** 

That Easter day with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fairer light, when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.

All praise, O risen Lord, we give to thee, who dead, again dost live; to God the Father equal praise, and God the Holy Ghost, we raise. The Gospel Luke 24:1-12

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

#### Sermon

After the sermon, silence is kept.

The Rev. Shawn Dickerson

# **Reaffirmation of Baptismal Covenant**

**BCP 304** 

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and

renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and

earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,

died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People:** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the

breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever

you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good

News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving

your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,

and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal

life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: Amen

### Prayers of the People – Season of Easter

People traditionally stand or kneel.

Presider: In this Easter Season of resurrection and new life, we pray to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We give thanks for the wonder and beauty of creation. May our eyes see and our ears hear your blessings in our lives.

Reader: For our joys, our longings, our concerns, and our needs — (moment of silence) - for your presence in our lives - for hope, encouragement, faith, and the will to continue along The Way.

(Silence) God of new life,

People: hear our prayer.

Reader: For our communities where we live, learn, work, and rest - for this parish - for the universal Church – for Donald, our President, Tina our governor, and Denyse our mayor – for our neighbors. May respect, love, and concern rule our hearts.

(Silence) God of new life,

People: hear our prayer.

Reader: For our obsession with violence and the threat of violence.

May we find healthy ways to live in your peace.

(Silence) God of new life.

People: hear our prayer.

Reader: For generosity between the rich and the poor everywhere. May we share the abundance of your creation.

(Silence) God of new life,

People: hear our prayer.

Reader: For growth of love between broken peoples, communities, and nations. May we shape our common life in the image of your kingdom.

(Silence) God of new life,

People: hear our prayer.

Reader: For mutual respect between those new to our communities and those who are well established. May we recognize you in all peoples. For protection for the weak and humility for the strong.

May we serve others as the body of Christ.

(Silence) God of new life,

People: hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who have died (Silence) (especially\_\_\_\_\_\_) - trusting they are in your peace and asking you to comfort our sorrow.

(Silence) God of new life,

People: hear our prayer.

A moment of silence. Presider adds a concluding collect.

**The Exchange of the Peace** People greet those near them.

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

### **Offertory Hymn**

Blue Hymnal **544** 

The usher will collect the offering from the center aisle during the hymn.

### **Presentation Hymn**

Blue Hymnal 400 vs. 1

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
O praise God, O praise God,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



Today a basket of special Easter foods is brought forward and will be blessed as we celebrate the eucharist. This special Easter food blessing is common in many families and traditions. The food will be shared at brunch in the parish hall. Please join us after the service.

### <u>Liturgy of the Table ~ The Great Thanksgiving</u>

# **Eucharistic Prayer 2**

**EOW 60** 

The people traditionally stand.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

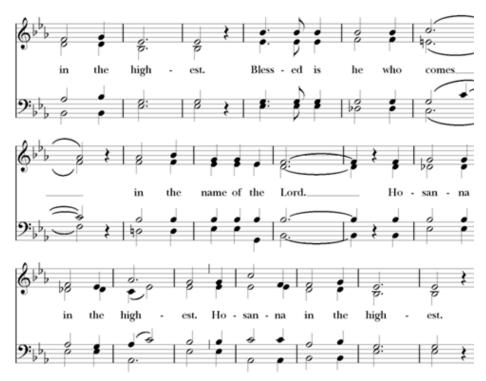
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus S 130





People traditionally stand or kneel.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Paul, Mary Magdalene, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. 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. **AMEN.** 

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

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.

#### **Breaking of the Bread**

The bread is broken. Silence is kept.

#### **Fraction Anthem**

S 164





All baptized are welcome and invited to receive communion at the railing. If you would like a blessing, fold your arms across your chest. We are happy to bring communion to you. Gluten-free bread is available. The cup is sanitized with alcohol between each person.

### **Communion Hymn**

Blue Hymnal **204** 

# **Post Communion Prayer**

**EOW 70** 

Presider: Let us pray.

People: Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

# The Blessing

# Closing Hymn Blue Hymnal 494

#### **Dismissal**

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

#### **Brunch**

Please join us for brunch in the parish hall following today's service.

#### **Postlude**

Festive Trumpet Tune by D German Steve Wienig, Trumpet

#### **Liturgical Notes**

- One license #718976.
- EOW-Enriching Our Worship Church Publishing 1998.
- BCP Book of Common Prayer 1979
- This service is streamed live and recorded on our YouTube channel. To view, begin at our website www.stpauloregoncity.org and click the link to our YouTube channel
- Prayers of the People written by S Dickerson+.



#### **Sunday Ministry Schedule**

Anne, Dee, & Rita will rotate as greeters.

Day	Ushers	A/V	Acolyte	LEM	2nd Rd	Prayers
4/6	Marty/Paul	Ted	Charlotte/Grady	John	Jackie	Diane
4/13	Jean/Dan	Paul	Gary	Ted	Dan	Sally
4/20	Kathy/John	Paul	Donald/John	Marsha	Dorrie	Michelle
4/27	Jean/Dan	John	Charlotte/Grady	Linda	Marty	Chuck

#### St Paul's Vestry

Retiring Feb 2026	Retiring Feb 2027	Retiring Feb 2028
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