

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
Foley, Alabama
May 7, 2023

Hymns

"Come, let us with our Lord arise"	Renew Songbook #18
"The O love of God"	Hymnal 1982 #455
"Come my Way"	Hymnal 1982 #487
"Lord I lift your name on high"	Renew Songbook #4

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Lessons

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 Read responsively

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

**2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.**

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my
stronghold; *

for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

**4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.**

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

**15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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The Gospel

7:30 am Gospel Acclamation

Lord to whom shall we go.

You have the words of eternal life.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 14:1-14

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Presider

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

This Weeks Announcements

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For healing: Adriene, Al, Alice, Ame, Audrey, Bernice, Butch, Carly, Carol, Dave, Dennis, Derald, Donna, Eloise, Esther, Fred Freda, Henry, Jamie, Jenny, Jerry, Joey, John, Julie, Kate, Kay, Kathy, Kim, Kirsten, Larry, Leigh, Margaret, Marilyn, Massey, Meg, Mike, Milton, Myrna, Nelda, Nicolas, Ora, Rita, Rosellen, Sandy, Sarah, Scott, Sherry, Steve, Tony, Vera, Wayne and those who care for them.

For those serving in the military: Fury, Gerromy, Chris, Noel, Drew, Dalton, Kyle, Brad, Ben, Taylor, Jacob, Andrew, Neil, Wayne & those serving with them.

For those in prison: for the prisoners, staff and families of prisoners and staff at Walton County Correctional Institution, De Funiak Springs, Florida and Atmore Community Work Center, Atmore, Alabama.

SAINT PAUL'S THIS WEEK

TODAY

- 7:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 9 am Formation
- 9 am Choir Practice
- 10 am Holy Eucharist
- 7 pm NA Meeting

MONDAY

- 5:45 pm Vestry Meeting
- 8 pm AA Meeting

TUESDAY

- 11 am ECW Luncheon

WEDNESDAY

- 10:30 pm Rector's Bible Study
- Noon Eucharist with Healing
- 6 pm Choir Practice
- 7 pm NA Open Meeting

THURSDAY

- 4 pm Women's Bible Study
- 6 pm AA Meeting
- 8 pm AA Open Meeting

SATURDAY

- 9 am Art in the Park
- 10 am AA Meeting

ECW LUNCHEON TUESDAY MAY 9TH

The Episcopal Church Women Luncheon will be on Tuesday, May 9th at Southern Shores Restaurant at 11:30 am. Southern Shores is located at 217 N. McKenzie St. (Highway 59-Just north of Highway 98). Please call Helen Lambard to make reservations. **All the women** of St. Paul's are invited to come.

ECW BAKE SALE AT ART IN THE PARK MAY 13TH

Every year on the Saturday before Mother's Day, St. Paul's ECW participates in the Art in the Park Festival with a huge Bake Sale. **This is the major fund-raiser for the ECW** that supports our many Church, Community and outreach Ministries and it only happens with your generous donations of homemade baked goods. You will find inserts in your bulletin this morning. Please let the ECW know your willingness to participate by filling in the information requested. You may return the form in the alms basin, to the church office or to Katie Goodson, ECW President.

BLESSING BOX AT SAINT PAUL'S

Saint Paul's own Blessing Box needs to be filled! This box can have nonperishable items such as cereal, snack food, baby food, Pop-Tarts and canned vegetables & fruit. A bin is in the Parish hall and the office for items.

REMEMBER ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES WHEN YOU SHOP

Powdered milk, peanut butter, tuna and tuna helper.

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