

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
Foley, Alabama
May 21, 2023

Hymns

"Shine Jesus Shine"	Renew Songbook #247
"Sing Ye Faithful"	Hymnal 1982 #492
"Shine On Us"	Sung by Choir
"Holy Spirit Come"	See insert
"Alleluia, sing to Jesus"	Hymnal 1982 #460

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Lessons

Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

***People* Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36 Read responsively

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.

**2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens;
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YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!

**6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.**

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,

**8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the
God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

**10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.

**34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**

35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

**36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!**

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

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 17:1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came

from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

“Holy Spirit Come”

**Holy Spirit come, Let this be your home; Come and dwell among
All of us who sing this song. Come into this place, Shine on every face,
Fill us with your love and grace, Holy Spirit come.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For healing: Adriene, Al, Alice, Ame, Angie, 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, Phil, Rita, Rosellen, Sandy, Sarah, Scott, Shari, 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 Atmore Community Work Center, Atmore, Alabama.

THANK YOU FROM THE ECW (Episcopal Church Women)

St. Paul's ECW wants to thank all who helped make our Bake Sale at the Art in the Park a great success. We especially want to thank our advertisers, bakers, packagers and those who helped with setting up, taking down and transporting our baked goods.

This Weeks Announcements

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

- 8 pm AA Meeting

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

- 10 am AA Meeting

PENTECOST CELEBRATION MAY 28TH

As part of our Pentecost celebrations on May 28th we will have an **International Breakfast after the 7:30 service and International Lunch** following the 10:00 am service. Bring your favorite international dish to share. What will you bring: Chinese, Italian, Thai, Jamaican, Filipino, Mexican, Japanese, German, French, Uzbeki?

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

Snacks, tuna helper, canned tuna, chicken & spam, mashed potatoes, mac & cheese, grits, and canned vegetables, **excluding corn, green beans or peas.**

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Sing ye faithful

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Take my life

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Alleluia, sing to Jesus

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