

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 29, 2022 --10:00AM

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Announcements

Prelude

Please stand at the ringing of the bell

Entrance Hymn

"God is here"

Renew Song Book #5

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.**

Song of Praise

refrain

This is the feast of vic-tor-y for our God. Al-le lu - ia, al-le lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Wor - thy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose Sing - with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood sets us free to be peo - ple of God. This is the feast of join in the hymn of all cre - a - - tion.

vic-tor-y for our God. Al-le lu - ia, al-le lu-ia, al - le - lu - - ia!

final refrain

Text: Rev. 5: 12-13; adapt. John W. Arthur (1922-1980) Music: *Festival Canticle*; Richard Hillert (b. 1923)
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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.**

The Lessons

A reading from Acts 16:16-34

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 97(Read responsively by whole verse)

1 The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

**2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.**

3 A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.

**4 His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.**

5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

**6 The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.**

7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.

**8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O LORD.**

9 For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.

**10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

**12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.**

A reading from Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words: "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Standing

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu -
jah! Hal-le, hal-le-hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

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

John 17:20-26

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Dr. Brent Norris

Standing

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. 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.

All stand, and the Presider addresses the congregation

Friends in Christ, we are gathered together with John and Julie, who have come today to give thanks to God for his blessing upon their marriage, and to reaffirm their marriage covenant.

The Presider then asks each spouse

John, do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the promises you made when you bound yourself to Julie. in holy matrimony?

I do.

Julie, do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the promises you made when you bound yourself to John. in holy matrimony?

I do.

The Couple, kneeling or standing, say together

We thank you, most gracious God, for consecrating our marriage in Christ's Name and presence. Lead us further in companionship with each other and with you. Give us grace to live together in love and fidelity, with care for one another. Strengthen us all our days, and bring us to that holy table where, with those we love, we will feast for ever in our heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Presider then blesses them, saying

May God the Father, who ordained that it is good for two people to live in the covenant of marriage. **Amen.**

May God the Son, who adorned this manner of life by his first miracle, at the wedding in Cana of Galilee, be present with you always. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, who has given you the will to persevere in your love and in your covenant with each other, strengthen your bond. **Amen.**

And may God the Holy Trinity, the source of all unity, bless you this day and for ever. **Amen.**

The service continues with the Prayers of the People.

Prayers of the People Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Russell, our Bishop and all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Silence The People may add their own petitions
Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence The People may add their own thanksgivings
We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence The People may add their own petitions
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

Standing

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

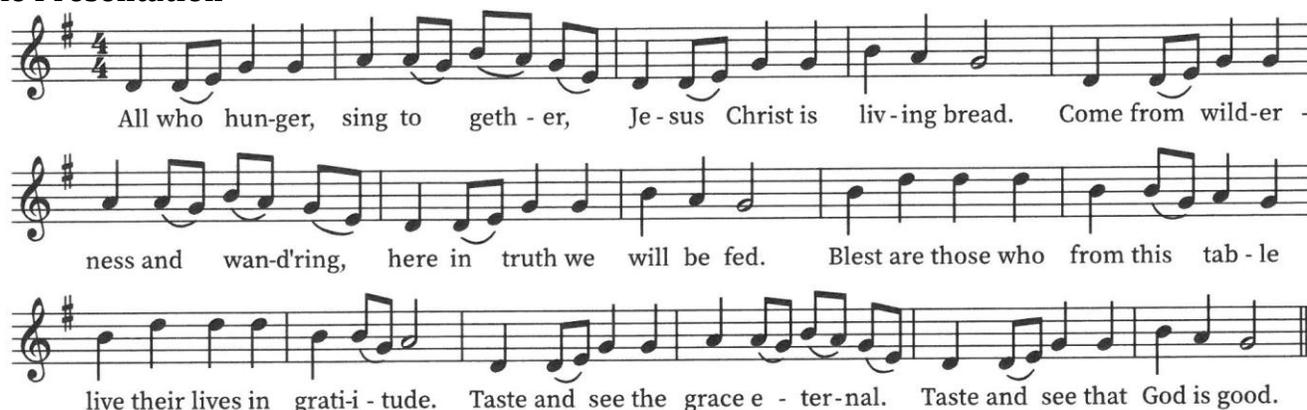
The Offertory

Offertory Hymn

"Lord of all hope"

Renew Songbook #174

The Presentation



All who hun-ger, sing to geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread. Come from wild-er -
ness and wan-d'ring, here in truth we will be fed. Blest are those who from this tab - le
live their lives in grati-i - tude. Taste and see the grace e - ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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The Holy Communion

Standing

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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The people remain standing or kneel

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **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

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

Fraction anthem

Cantor; then All



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

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Invitation to Communion

Presider

Jesus said: I am the living bread that came down from heaven. He now gives this living bread to you, so that you may dwell in him and he in you. Come, the feast is prepared. Christ, the host, waits to meet you here.

The Communion of the People

Communion Hymn

“Bind us together”

Renew Songbook #292

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the 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 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.

The Blessing

Dismissal Hymn #305

“Lord you give the great commission”

Renew Songbook

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For healing: Al, Amy, Ashley, Ben, Bernice, Bill, Bob, Buddy, Carol, Cindy, Clay, Daniel, Dave, Dennis, Diane, Donna, Elaine, Esther, Evelyn, Francis, Frank, Fred, Freda, Gail, Jack, Jeff, Jenny, Jerry, John, Judith, Judy, Karin, Kate, Kathy, Kim, Kirsten, Kristi, Larry, LaVerne, Leigh, Linda, Lynn, Madelyn, Margaret, Marilyn, Marty, Mary Ann, Massey, Mel, Mendel, Mike, Milton, Myrna, Nancy, Natalie, Nelda, Nicolas, Pat, Patrick, Peggy, Ralph, Rita, Robert, Roger, Ron, Rose, Sandy, Sarah, Sherry, Steve, Terry, Tom, Tommy, Tony, Vera, Wayne and those who care for them.

For those in prison: for the prisoners, staff and families of prisoners and staff at Easterling Correctional Facility, Clio, AL.

SAINT PAUL'S THIS WEEK

TODAY

- 7:30 am-Holy Eucharist
- 9 am-Christian Formation- Last Formation
- 10 am-Holy Eucharist
- 11:15 am-Lector Training-Church
- 7 pm-NAR-NON & NA Open Meetings

MONDAY MEMORIAL DAY

- **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 8 pm-AA

WEDNESDAY

- Noon Day Payers
- 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

AFTER TODAY SUNDAY FORMATION AND MORNING BIBLE STUDY CLASSES WILL BE CANCELLED UNTIL THE FALL

**WOMEN'S THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY
WILL CONTINUE DURING THE SUMMER**

SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM STARTS TODAY

Saint Paul's once again joins with Foley Elementary School and others to feed children this summer. We've committed to feeding students who might otherwise not have a meal. We provide each child breakfast, lunch, and healthy snack for 5 days each week all summer. Please sign up in the parish hall or let the church office know how you would like to be a part of this important summer ministry. Financial contributions are always welcome and needed. For more information and details contact Katherine Allen.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE PENTECOST PICNIC ON JUNE 5TH

Pentecost Picnic on June 5th after the 10 am service. The service will be outside and after we will celebrate Pentecost with food and fellowship. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a side to share. Please bring a chair. (There will be the normal 7:30 service indoors)

REMEMBER ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES WHEN YOU SHOP

Oatmeal, grits, pancake mix & syrup and lots of taco shells.

RECYCLE PROGRAM FOR THE BUILDING FUND

We can earn money for the church repairs by bringing our cans to church and placing them in the bin by the office on the Orchid St. side. There is no need to remove labels or wash or crush the cans. Donnie Bobe will take them to the recycling center and the money will be used for repairs. Contact Meg Scott or Donnie Bobe with questions.

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Hymns

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Lord of All Hopefulness

Words and Music; First Line: Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

Text: 10 11 11 12; 'Lord of all hopefulness' by Jan Struther, 1901-1953;

Music: Trad. Irish melody; adapt. fr. The Church Hymnary

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Bind us together Lord

Words and Music: Bob Billman

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Lord, You Give the Great Commission

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Service Music

This is the feast

Text: Revelation 5: 12-13, adapt. John W. Arthur (1922-1980)

Tune: *Festival Canticle*, Richard Hiller, (b. 1923)

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Halle, halle, halle

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All who hunger

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Tune: Public Domain

Sanctus

Tune: Robert Powell

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The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

Setting: Mode 6, adapt. Mason Martins

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