

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER AT ST. PAUL'S
The Holy Eucharist, May 4, 2025



*Peter and Jesus on the Shore with Breakfast, handpainted icon, 2021,
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**ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!
THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven,
the leaven of malice and wickedness,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia!

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he dies, he died to sin, once for all;
But the life he lives, he lives for God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin,
And alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia!

Christ is risen from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death,
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die,
So also in Christ shall all be made alive.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(The Book of Common Prayer p. 83)

Welcome to St. Paul's!

Whether you come from far or near, we greet you in the name of Jesus Christ! We invite people of all denominations and none to join in our worship together.

Worshipping With Us: *Our worship follows the Book of Common Prayer in the pew racks (**BCP**) and authorized supplements, The People's responses are in **bold**. Our music comes from The Hymnal unless noted. "**H-**" is the Hymnal, and "**L-**" is the black-and-red Lift Every Voice and Sing. Links to the online Book of Common Prayer are in **blue**. Explanations of each section are marked with ¶.*

Restrooms are located downstairs; please ask for directions.

Please ensure devices are off or set to vibrate. Thank you.

The Third Sunday of Easter

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Prelude

Recorded

We adorn our worship with the beauty of the church building bequeathed to us, and by our own music. Supported by the organ, all are invited to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord." When we support each other, our own joy is heightened.

Opening Hymn

God's Paschal Lamb

WLP 880

Descant

3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead;

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead;

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major (one sharp) with a 3/4 time signature. It begins with a descant marked '3.' and continues with the lyrics 'In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead;'. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment, also in G major, featuring chords and a melodic line in the bass. The lyrics for the first system are: '3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead;'.

though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

The second system of the musical score continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has a key signature change to F major (two sharps) and continues with the lyrics 'though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and a melodic line in the bass. The lyrics for the second system are: 'There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for - death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in'.

Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
 him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
 Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

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

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Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (B. 1944). Music: Sine Nomine, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); desc. Alec Wyton (b. 1921).

The Easter Acclamation (*standing*)

Presider: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!**

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

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.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Word of God

The Collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

In Eastertide, the First Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, the record of the sermons, actions, and travels of the first generation of believers.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Exaltabo te, Domine

Psalm 30, BCP p. 621

I will exalt you, O LORD,
because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O LORD my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.

You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.

Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.

While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed. *
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.

I cried to you, O LORD; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; *
O LORD, be my helper."

You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

The Psalms are songs from the Hebrew Scriptures that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Anglicans pray the Psalms daily at Morning and Evening Prayer and at nearly all public services.

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn at the Gospel *Come, Risen Lord and Deign to be our Guest*

H-306

*1 Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;
nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
thyself at thine own board make manifest,
in thine own sacrament of bread and wine.*

*2 We meet as in that upper room they met;
thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand:
"This is my body!": so thou givest yet;
faith still receives the cup as from thy hand.*

The Holy Gospel

John 20.19-31

¶*Please stand as able.*

Acclamation before the Gospel:

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the

This reading is always from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

¶*Response after the Gospel*

Praise to you, Lord Christ

*3 One body we, one body who partake,
one church united in communion blessed;
one name we bear, one bread of life we break,
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.*

*4 One with each other, Lord, for one in thee,
who art one Saviour and one living Head;
then open thou our eyes, that we may see;
be known to us in breaking of the bread.*

The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

The Nicene Creed (*standing as able*)

[BCP p. 358](#)

Prayers of the People

As announced

Intercessor: We also pray today for those who have requested our prayers:

We pray for Sue Ferguson, **Heather** Durdil, **Zach** Mitchell, **Mary** Solon, **Missi** Kowalski, **Jeanne** Burgess, **Anne** Parker, **Mike** Goebel, **Noreen** Hahn, **Michael** John Przyojski, **the Scarpelli and Wroebbel families**, and those others, whom we now name, aloud or in our hearts....

We pray for all who have died, especially **Chef John** Wroebbel, those we call out now in our hearts or aloud....

We pray for a just ending to war throughout the world, and especially in the Middle East, Ukraine, and Sudan.

We pray in thanksgiving for all your blessings that you have bestowed on us, and especially those we call out, aloud or in our hearts....

We pray for all the residents and visitors of these Lake Erie Islands, and those we call out now, in our hearts or aloud....

We pray for **all the members and guests of this parish**, for **Bob** our rector, and for our sister churches of **St. Paul's Elkins Park**, **Our Lady Star of the Sea Pelee Island**, **Mother of Sorrows Put-in-Bay**, **Zion Methodist Kelleys Island**, **St. Michael's Kelleys Island**, and **St Paul's Duluth**,

In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for: **Anne** our Bishop, and in the **Southeast Mission Area**, for **St. James' Church, Boardman**; **St. Stephen's Church, East Liverpool**; and **Holy Trinity Church, Lisbon**.

In our wider Church, we pray for **Sean**, our **Presiding Bishop**, and the **churchwide staff**. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for: the election of the next **Archbishop of Canterbury**, and for the people and clergy of: **The Church of Ireland**; the **Diocese of Northern Michigan** (The Episcopal Church [TEC]); the **Diocese of the Great Lakes** (TEC); the **Missionary District of Micronesia** (TEC); the **Diocese of Milwaukee** (TEC); the **Diocese of Minna** (Nigeria); and the **Diocese of Minnesota** (TEC).

For whom else and what else shall we pray today?

¶*The Presider will add a concluding prayer.*

Confession of Sin and Absolution

[BCP p. 360](#)

The Greeting:

Presider:

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

¶ *All may greet those close to them with a sign of peace. Short announcements may follow.*

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, prayed for the Church and the world, confessed our sin, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the sacrifice and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offering, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, in the money we give, and symbolically in the bread and wine.

The Holy Communion

At the Offering

Instrumental

Please support the ministry of St. Paul's with your tithes and offerings.

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At the Presentation

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: we thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. In this prayer, often called the Eucharistic Prayer, we recall God's acts of salvation history. The priest prays the Words of Institution over the bread and wine that Jesus said at the Last Supper. At the Memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age. During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine, and we who will receive them.

The Great Thanksgiving:

Prayer B

[BCP p. 367](#)

The Song of the Angels

Holy Holy Holy

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

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The Lord's Prayer (*traditional*)

At The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!**

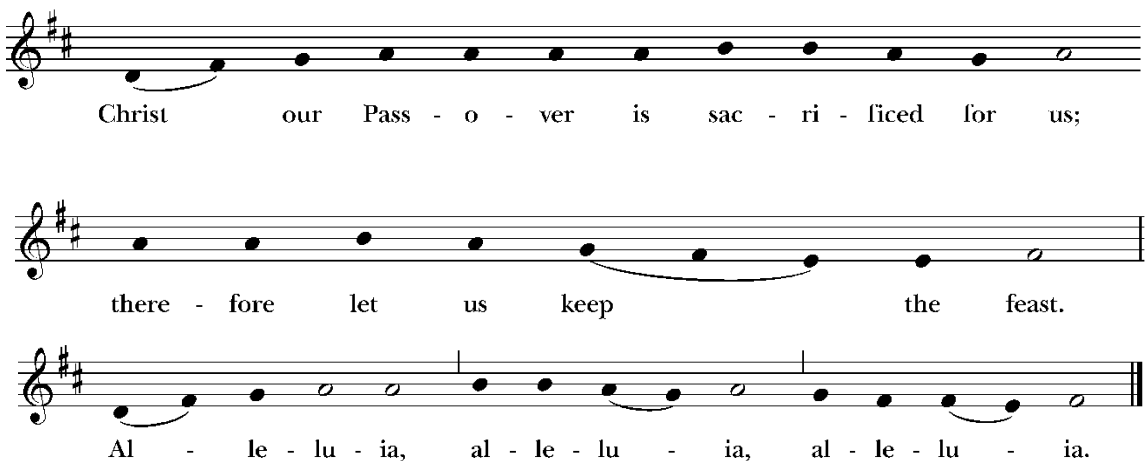
During the Preparation

Christ Our Passover

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This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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Distribution of Communion

¶ *All who are baptized and permitted to receive Communion in their own traditions are welcome at the Lord's Supper. Come up to the Altar Rail and stand or kneel. We have gluten-free hosts available; just ask the Presider. Receive the Bread or gluten-free Host in your hand, and either consume it and then drink from the Chalice, or dip the Bread or Host into the Chalice when it comes to you. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please simply cross your hands over your chest.*

For those who cannot receive the Sacrament today,

you may wish to pray this prayer while Communion is being distributed:

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you with my own faith community, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you live in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn *Alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord*

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Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Give praise to his Name.

1. *Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.*
2. *Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.*
3. *We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever.*
4. *Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior.*

Prayer after Communion

[BCP pg. 366](#)

The Easter Blessing (After each section, reply **Amen!**)

Closing Hymn

At the Lamb's High Feast

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1. *At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him, whose love divine
gives his sacred Blood for mine,
gives his Body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.*
2. *Where the Paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.*
3. *Mighty victim from on high,
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
thou hast conquered in the fight,
thou hast brought us life and light:
now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
thou hast opened paradise,
and in thee thy saints shall rise.*
4. *Easter triumph, Easter joy,
these alone do sin destroy.
From sin's power do thou set free
souls newborn, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise
Risen Lord, all praise to thee
With the Spirit ever be.*

Dismissal

All respond: **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!**



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[This Week \(May 4-11\):](#)

Worship and Formation

Sunday, May 4

9 AM: Christian Formation

10:30 AM: Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 12 noon: Holy Eucharist for SS Philip and James, Apostles

Spring Office Hours: By appt. – call Fr Bob to arrange a time.

12-Step Groups, in the Parish Hall: Monday 8 AM – AA, Tuesday 7:30 PM – Al-Anon
Thursday 7 PM – AA; Saturday 8 AM – AA

News and Announcements

Celebration of New Ministry: Bishop Anne Jolly will be with us on Thursday, May 29, at 5 PM, the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord, to celebrate with us as we formally institute Fr. Bob as Rector of St. Paul's. There will be a light reception afterward. Please spread the word and mark your calendars for this very special event.

