

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT ST. PAUL'S
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2026



Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead, ivory, Venetian, the Victoria and Albert Museum,

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. 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 Word of God

Opening Hymn

Come Holy Ghost

L-112

*1 Come, Holy ghost, Creator blest,
And in our hearts take up thy rest;
Come with thy grace and heav'nly aid
To fill the hearts which thou hast made.*

*3 O Holy Ghost, through thee alone,
Know we the Father and the Son;
Be this our firm unchanging creed,
That thou dost from them both proceed.*

*2 O Comforter, to thee we cry,
Thou heav'nly gift of God most high;
Thou fount of life, and fire of love,
And sweet anointing from above.*

*4 Praise we the Lord, Father and Son,
And Holy Spirit with them one;
And may the Son on us bestow
All gifts that from the Spirit flow.*

The Acclamation

[BCP p. 351](#)

Presider: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Decalogue (Ten Commandments)

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The Penitential Order

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The Song of Penitence

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Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. —

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The Collect (Prayer) of the Day

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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.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Ezekiel 37.1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come

upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

The prophet Ezekiel, in what we call the Old Testament, and our Jewish cousins-in-faith simply call the Bible or Scripture, is one of the four Major Prophets and wrote poetically about the Exile to Babylon. Here he relates God's promise to the people about their restoration to their own land.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act,” says the LORD.

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

The Response *Psalm 130 De Profundis BCP. p. 784*
(¶Prayed by all, alternating by half verse.)

Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *

O Lord, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you; *

therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *

in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the LORD,

more than watchmen for the morning, *

more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the LORD, *

for with the LORD there is mercy;

With him there is plenteous redemption, *

and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

The Psalms and Canticles 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.

The New Testament Reading

Romans 8.6-11

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

This letter was written by St. Paul to the Christians in Rome before he visited there and was executed in ca. AD 64-67.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he

who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

Gospel Hymn

O For a Thousand Tongues

H-493

*1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!*

*2 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy Name.*

*3 Jesus! the Name that charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.*

The Gospel

John 11.1-45

Presider: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

This reading is taken 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.

It is the most important reading of the day and so receives special emphasis in our worship.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve

hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit

and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

*4 He speaks; and, listening
to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts
rejoice,
the humble poor believe.*

*5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye
voiceless ones,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold, your Savior
comes;
and leap, ye lame, for joy!*

*6 Glory to God and praise
and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints
above,
the Church in earth and
heaven.*

Sermon

Fr. Bob

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

As Announced

Intercessor: Let us pray for those who have asked for our prayers.

We pray for Sue Ferguson, Heather Durdil, Jeanne Burgess, Zach Mitchell, Michele Johnston, Smith Solon, Debbie Fuchs, Keith Cultice, Jane Hemmer, Cecelia Rye, Gloria Horne, Jacquelyn Inman, Maureen Kisabet, and any others whom we now name, aloud or in our hearts....

We pray for all who have died, in war and gun violence, and those we remember now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts....

“Intercede” means “go between” from Latin. We now name - go between - the needs of the world to God, who bears all prayer.

We pray for a just ending to war and unrest throughout the world, and especially in Ukraine, the Middle East, and in our own nation as well.

We give thanks for all your blessings that you have given us, and especially those we name, aloud or in our hearts....

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

In our Diocese of Ohio, we pray for: **Anne our Bishop, and for Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, and for its ministry as the cathedral church of the diocese.**

In our wider church, we pray for **Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and in the Anglican Communion, we pray for: Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and for the people and clergy of: The Anglican Church of Korea, the Diocese of Uruguay (S. America), the Diocese of Utah (The Episcopal Church), the Diocese of Uyo (Nigeria), the Diocese of Valparaiso(Chile); the Diocese of Vanuatu (Melanesia); and the Diocese of Vellore (S. India).**

And we pray for ourselves and for our own needs, naming them to God in the silence of our hearts or aloud....

For whom else and what else shall we pray today?

The Presider will add a concluding prayer.

¶*In Lent, the Peace is exchanged just before receiving the Holy Communion, to emphasize the communion we share by the Body and Blood of Christ. After a verse of scripture appropriate for the day, an offering is then taken up at this time.*

The Holy Communion

Having confessed our sins, listened to the Word of God, prayed for the Church and the world, 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.

At the Offering

Instrumental

It requires nearly \$130,000 a year, or about \$330 a day to keep our church and food pantry open every day. Please support the ministry of St. Paul's with your tithes and offerings. To give securely online, scan this QR code:



At the Presentation *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*

H-380, vs 3

*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*

The Eucharistic Prayer:

Prayer A

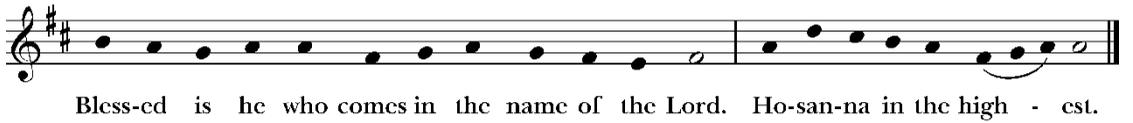
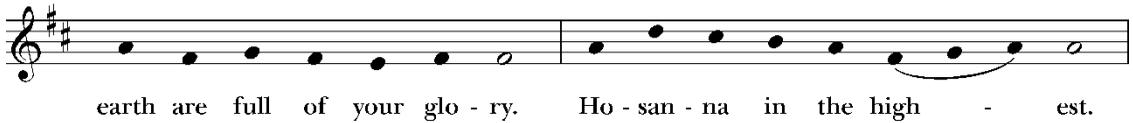
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The Angelic Hymn

Holy Holy Holy

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The Lord's Prayer (*traditional*)

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At the Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Greeting

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

¶ *The People may greet those near them at this time.*

The Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Reception of Communion

¶ *All who are baptized and permitted to receive Communion in their own traditions are welcome at the Lord's Supper. We offer both wheat and gluten-free bread, and both wine and grape juice. Come up to the Altar Rail and stand or kneel. Receive the Bread or gluten-free Host in your hand - ask the Presider if you require gluten-free. Then either consume the Bread and drink from the Chalice, or dip the Host into the Chalice when it comes to you, again asking the minister if you desire the Juice. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please simply cross your hands over your chest.*

For those who do not 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.

Hymn After Communion

Eternal Lord of Love

H-149

*1. Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
moved by your love and
toward your presence bent:
far off yet here, the goal of all desire.*

*2. So daily dying to the way of self,
so daily living to your way of love,
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
so we are dead and live with you in God.*

Prayer After Communion

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Announcements and Blessings

The Prayer Over the People

1 *All my hope on God is founded;
 he doth still my trust renew,
 me through change and chance he guideth,
 only good and only true.
 God unknown, he alone
 calls my heart to be his own.*

2 *Mortal pride and earthly glory,
 sword and crown betray our trust;
 though with care and toil we build them,
 tower and temple fall to dust.
 But God's power, hour by hour,
 is my temple and my tower.*

3 *God's great goodness e'er endureth,
 deep his wisdom, passing thought:
 splendor, light, and life attend him,
 beauty springeth out of nought.
 Evermore from his store
 newborn worlds rise and adore.*

4 *Daily doth the almighty Giver
 bounteous gifts on us bestow;
 his desire our soul delighteth,
 pleasure leads us where we go.
 Love doth stand at his hand;
 joy doth wait on his command.*

5 *Still from earth to God eternal
 sacrifice of praise be done,
 high above all praises praising
 for the gift of Christ, his Son.
 Christ doth call one and all:
 ye who follow shall not fall.*

Dismissal: Let us Go forth to love and serve Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God!**



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Holy Week and Easter Week:

Sunday, March 29 at 1030 AM: The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Monday of Holy Week: The Holy Eucharist at 12 noon

Tuesday of Holy Week: The Holy Eucharist at 12 noon

Wednesday of Holy Week: The Holy Eucharist at 12 noon

Thursday, April 2 at 6 pm: Maundy Thursday, with Footwashing

Friday April 3 at 12 noon: Good Friday, the Day of the Passion of Our Lord

Saturday April 4 at 10 AM: Holy Saturday

Easter Day, the Day of Resurrection

7 AM: Sunrise Service at Oak Point State Park

1030 AM: Festive Service at the Church

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Saturday of Easter Week: The Holy Eucharist at 12 noon

Sunday, April 12: at 1030 AM: The Second Sunday of Easter

News and Announcements

- Please return your Easter flower dedications to the office by April 1. If needed, please call the office and leave a message to do so.
- If you wish to be on our weekly email/text blast, please contact Fr. Bob. We will need an email address or a phone number that can receive texts.
- The Wednesday noon service resumes this week.
- Readers are needed for:
 - Palm Sunday
 - Jesus
 - Narrator
 - Peter
 - Servant/Accuser
 - Pilate
 - Criminal 1 and 2
 - Centurion
 - Maundy Thursday
 - Good Friday (up to five)



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[This Week at St. Paul's](#)

The Church remains open daily for prayer and meditation.

Worship:

Sunday 9 AM: Christian Formation in the Parish Hall

Sunday 10:30 AM: Holy Eucharist with hymns

Wednesday 12 noon: Scripture, Prayer, and the Holy Communion

Winter 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

Service Schedule

Altar Guild
 Accompanist
 Reader
 Intercessor
 Eucharistic Minister

Sunday March 22

Ruth Scarpelli
 Mary Steunenberg
 Amy Huston
 Kira Hubner
 Bob White

Sunday March 29

Ruth Scarpelli
 Mary Steunenberg
 All
 Amy Huston
 Joey Chung

Contact Val Chornyak or Fr Bob if interested in a service ministry