

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024



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Holy Eucharist Rite II- April 14, 2024

Prelude

Processional Hymn

At the lamb's high feast we sing

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1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
 3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
 thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
 From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
 now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt. Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

The Opening Sentences

The people remain standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **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.**

Gloria in Excelsis *(8:00 AM spoken)*

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**

(10:30 AM sung)

Christ has a - ris - en, Al - le - lu - ia. Re - joice and
praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia. For our Re - deem - er burst from the

tomb, E-ven from death dis - pel-ling its gloom. Let us sing praise to Him

with end-less joy. Death's fear-ful sting He has come to de - stroy, Our sin for-

giv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia. Je - sus is liv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia.

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The Collect of the Day

The collect (pronounced cah-lect) is the prayer appointed for each day 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: Let us pray.

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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Acts 3:12-19

In Eastertide the first lesson is from the Book of Acts, which remembers the life and ministry of the early Church after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 4

The psalms are poems from the Old Testament (or Hebrew Scriptures). They cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. That portion of the Psalter appointed for today is recited in unison. The Celebrant begins the recitation.

The choir sings the antiphon. The people repeat it.

The choir sings the verses of the psalm, the people repeating the antiphon after each verse.



1. Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
2. "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"
3. Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
4. Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
5. Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the LORD.
6. Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

Antiphon

7. You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
8. I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Antiphon

The Second Lesson

1 John 3:1-7

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is from a letter (epistle) to the early Church.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

That Easter day with joy was bright

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The hymn moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word- reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means "good news"- specifically the "good news of Jesus."



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the
 2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his
 3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do
 4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in
 5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing
 2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn
 3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee
 4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon
 5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther



1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
 2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.
 3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.
 4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.
 5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

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The Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

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 Savior Jesus Christ. We stand as we are able for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

Then, all standing, the Gospeller reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

After the Gospel the Gospeller says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Robert Trache

The Nicene Creed *(by all, standing)*

BCP. 358

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.

The Leader and People pray responsively

In the Anglican Communion, pray for *Justin*, the Archbishop of Canterbury; and for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. Pray for The Church of the Holy Ghost, Genoa, Italy. In the Diocese, pray for St. George's Church, Glenn Dale; St. George's Church, Valley Lee; and St. George's, DC. Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for *Michael*, our Presiding Bishop; *Mariann*, our Bishop, *Bob* and *Douglas*, our Priests; *Liza*, our Deacon; all who minister at St. Paul's; and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for *Joe*, our President; the ***Congress of the United States***; the ***Supreme Court***; *Muriel*, our Mayor; and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for the sick and suffering of our parish, including: [Joan Williams, Allen Tapera, Yovani Álvarez, Athara Lindsay, and Jim Jones]. Let us pray for all others whose health and well being have been entrusted to our prayers including [Booker Diggins III, William McKinney, Eric Spencer, Ralph Hoban, Debbie Lovell, Thomas Jones, Lauren Blassingame, Stuart Chinn, Janet Marshall, Roger St. Louis, and Bishop Michael Curry]. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Lord Jesus, you are the Light of the world; in you all darkness is turned to light and all brokenness is made whole; look with compassion on us and those for whom we pray; that we may always live as children of the light. ***Amen.***

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

The Offertory

Having gathered, listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Eucharist. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

Offertory Anthem

Christ the Lord is Risen Again

Michael Joseph

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Prayers Over the Gifts

As the bread is offered, the Priest prays

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given, and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

People: **Blessed be God for ever.**

As the wine is offered, the Priest prays

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us our spiritual drink.

People: **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Priest continues

Celebrant: Pray, my brothers and sisters, that this our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and glory of God's name, both to our benefit and that of all God's holy Church.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The word Eucharist comes from the Greek for "thanksgiving." In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving or Eucharistic Prayer is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum Corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts" in Latin.

The people standing, the Celebrant says:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 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:

Sanctus *(8:00 AM, spoken)*

The Sanctus & Benedictus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven 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.

*The people stand or kneel.
 Then the Celebrant continues*

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 Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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,

Celebrant and People
**We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

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 the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, our patron the Apostle Paul, Saint Andrew, and 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**

The Lord's Prayer

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The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Fraction Anthem

Let us talents and tongues employ

MHSO-50

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he

shout of joy: bread is bro - ken, wine is poured,
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,

Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard:
 love in word and in deed ex - press: Je - sus lives a - gain,

earth can breathe a - gain, pass the word a - round: loaves a - bound.

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 Music: *Linstead*, Traditional Jamaican Melody, arr. Doreen Potter (1925-1980).
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Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

Communion Hymn

We will lay our burden down

MHSO-78



1 We will lay _____ our bur - den down, we will
2 We will light _____ the flame of love, we will
3 We will show _____ both hurt and hope, we will
4 We will walk _____ the path of peace, we will



lay _____ our bur - den down, we will lay _____ our bur - den
light _____ the flame of love, we will light _____ the flame of
show _____ both hurt and hope, we will show _____ both hurt and
walk _____ the path of peace, we will walk _____ the path of



down in the hands of the ris - en Lord. _____
love as the hands of the ris - en Lord. _____
hope like the hands of the ris - en Lord. _____
peace hand in hand with the ris - en Lord. _____

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Post-communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

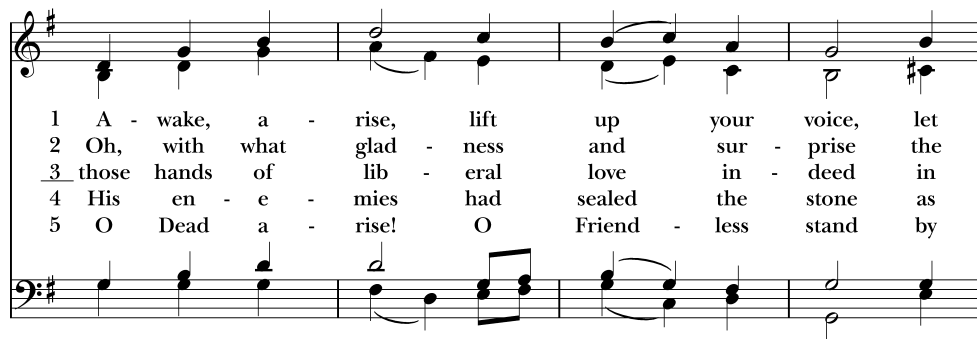
Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.


The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people.

Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread, make you one in praise and love, and raise you up at the last day; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you now, and ever more. **Amen.**



1 A - wake, a - rise, lift up your voice, let
 2 Oh, with what glad - ness and sur - prise the
 3 those hands of lib - eral love in - deed in
 4 His en - e - mies had sealed the stone as
 5 O Dead a - rise! O Friend - less stand by



1 Eas - ter mu - sic swell; re - jice in Christ, a -
 2 saints their Sa - vior greet; nor will they trust their
 3 in - fi - nite de - gree, those feet still free to
 4 Pi - late gave them leave, lest dead and friend - less
 5 ser - a - phim a - dored! O Sol - i - tude a -



1 gain re - jice and on his prais - es dwell.
 2 ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,
 3 move and bleed for mil - lions and for me.
 4 and a - lone he should their skill de - ceive.
 5 gain com - mand your host from heaven re - stored!

Words: Christopher Smart (1722-1771), alt. Music: *Richmond*, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1816); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816).

The Dismissal

The Priest dismisses the congregation with these words

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the resurrection of the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS AND VISITORS WORSHIPING WITH US THIS MORNING!! Please take the time to fill out a welcome card. Fellowship is an important part of our Christian life, and we look forward to seeing you.

| Weekly Attendance for Sunday | 7 April 2024 |
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| Attendance | 41 |

Preaching at St. Paul's

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| Today | Easter 3 | Fr. Bob |
| April 21 st | Easter 4 | Fr. Greenaway |
| April 28 th | Easter 5 | Fr. Bob |

Upcoming Events at St. Paul's

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| April 16 th | Vestry Meeting; 7 pm Great Hall |
| April 21 st | Robert E. Lee Window Replacement Vote |
| June 8 th | Strawberry Festival |

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Cemetery's website introduces a plethora of innovative features to enhance visitor experience and facilitate seamless navigation of the grounds. The highlight of the new additions is the online burial search tool, which empowers users to locate graves with ease, augmented by a unique 'walk to grave' feature for precise guidance. Furthermore, families and friends can commemorate their loved ones through personalized memorial pages, inviting others to share heartfelt messages and memories. Additionally, the platform enables users to explore available gravesites in proximity to their cherished ones, simplifying future arrangements. For those planning to attend services, the website offers a comprehensive view of upcoming events, complete with driving directions for convenience. Excitingly, the cemetery will introduce a self-guided walking tour feature on April 15th, promising an immersive and educational experience for visitors seeking to explore the site's rich history and serene landscapes. Also, the website now includes information on the benefits of preplanning and the cemetery's preneed program.

Pledge 2024: We have received pledges totaling **\$43,510.00** thus far. Pledge cards are in the Narthex rack and can also be completed on our website, <https://stpaulsrockcreek.org/2024-pledge-campaign/>. Place your pledge card in the offering plate, mail it in, or drop it off at the office.

Please note that scheduling giving/donations does not constitute a pledge. You must complete and sign a pledge card; complete an online pledge form; or enter your pledge directly into Realm.

Transportation for Seniors: St. Paul's will provide Lyft transportation services at no cost for seniors if you are unable to drive to attend Sunday services and any church events. Please call Nadirah in the church office at 202-726-2080 and we will schedule your transportation.

Seabury Resources for Aging's Celebration of Service: St. Paul's nominated **Christiana Carter** as a remarkable older adult volunteer who deserves recognition of her service to the congregation. Christiana will be honored at The Celebration of Service on **April 30th** at the National Cathedral at 10 am. If you would like to attend, please contact Nadirah in the church office at 202-726-2080 or via email at churchoffice@stpaulsrockcreek.org to **RSVP by April 16th**.



Lee Window Update: Sunday, April 21st we will vote on the color scheme and accessories that the figures in the window formerly known as the Lee window will carry.

Keep in mind that people in the past could not read. Colors helped windows convey the stories to congregations. Let's have a review of what the colors represent as well as some options for the historical figures to carry.

White - represented chastity, purity, innocence, and was associated with God.

Red - historically represented the blood of Jesus on the cross. It also represents the Holy Spirit, courage, martyrdom, and self-sacrifice. It is rarely seen in older glass work because it was the most expensive color and required gold to make.

Green - symbolized nature, rebirth, and life over death. or new life.

Violet or Purple - symbolized passion, truth, love, leadership, and suffering. It was the color associated with royalty and is an offshoot of red.

Blue - symbolized piety, hope, and sincerity. It was associated with the Virgin Mary and represented heaven and sky.

Gray - is an offshoot of white and represented mourning, humility, and immortality of the spirit.

Black - symbolized death or regeneration. It was often incorporated in the lead around the glass.

Brown - could have symbolized the giving up of worldly things or spiritual death. Note that it's the color monks often wear.

Yellow - used for the halos on saints or to depict the heavenly gates. It also represented power, glory, divinity, or treachery. Note Judas was often associated with this color.

Rainbow - symbolized God's covenant with humanity or union. Today it is also associated with congregations that are LGBTQ+ affirming.

Objects characters can carry: Bible; crozier or crosier (curved staff that bishops carry - looks like a shepherd's staff); purple shirt (bishop); black shirt (clergy); mitre (white pointed hat that a bishop wears); rochet (white vestment looks like a choir gown); or the chimere (the vestment worn over the rochet frequently in black, pink, purple or blue. It is frequently worn by the Archbishop of Canterbury).

If there are other items you can think of or color combinations, please write them down so that we can discuss them.

WRCP: Hello St. Paul's families, the Women of Rock Creek and the ECW (Episcopal Church Women) are asking families or individuals for baked goods for the Flower Mart table at the National Cathedral on **May 3rd and/or May 4th**. The Cathedral uses the money from the sale to benefit All Hallows Guild which is responsible for maintaining the grounds. If you'd like to bake anything, it will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Royan Miller Morgan at 202-489-8776 if you'd like to contribute your baking talent.

The General Convention of the Episcopal Church: The 81st General Convention will take place **June 23 – 28, 2024** in Louisville, Kentucky at the Kentucky International Convention Center. Registration fees have been set as follows:

- Bishops/Deputies/Alternates: \$675
- ECW Delegates: \$550
- Visitors (Pre-registered): \$150

[Please use this link for registration](#) or go to <https://registration.generalconvention.org>.

Save the Date: Strawberry Festival- Saturday, June 8, 2024

WORSHIP SCHEDULE & CALENDAR

Birthdays and Anniversaries

April 2024

Birthdays

Karen McCrory 1st
Dana Lindsay 2nd
Eliza Ragsdale 3rd
Jacqueline Alcock 4th

Drew Young 5th
Corrina Robinson 11th
Ada Robinson 14th
Athara Lindsay 18th

Rhina Bobb 18th
April Garner 18th
Duane Young 20th
Krystle Robinson 20th

Dolores Martin 23rd
Eden Edwards 24th
Mary Branton 27th
Karen Hardwick 29th
Oswald Carter 29th

Anniversaries

ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY

Old Testament

Barbara Walker Jeremy Roither

Epistle

Lauren Walker-Green Mingo Roberts

Prayers of the People

Lauren Walker-Green Royan Miller-Morgan

Broadcast Team

Brandon Gallas & Oswald Carter

Vestry Persons of the Day

Walter Roberts Jr. & Jael Anker-Lagos



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“Come alive by coming together at St. Paul’s Rock Creek!”

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