

Third Sunday of Easter

4/18/2021

8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. (RITE II)

Prelude

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Opening Hymn

He rose

L-40

- 1 They crucified my Savior and nailed him to the tree,
they crucified my Savior and nailed him to the tree,
they crucified my Savior and nailed him to the tree,
And the Lord will bear my spirit home.

Refrain:

He 'rose, He 'rose, He 'rose from the dead!

He 'rose, He 'rose se, He 'rose from the dead!

He 'rose, He 'rose, He 'rose from the dead!

and the Lord will bear my spirit home.

- 2 Then Joseph begged his body and laid it in the tomb,

Refrain

- 3 Sister Mary, she came running, a looking for my Lord,

Refrain

- 4 An angel came from heaven and rolled the stone away,

Refrain

The Opening Sentences

The people remaining 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 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

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 thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father

Lord God, Lamb of God, **Chorus**

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 the Father. **Chorus**

Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Chorus

Glory, Glory, hallelujah,

Lord we praise your Holy name.

Glory, Glory, hallelujah,

Lord we praise your Holy name.

The Collect of 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

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

Sung by the Cantor

Psalm 4

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.
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.

The Epistle

1 John 3:1-7

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.**

The Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

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 Fr. Johnson

The Nicene Creed *(by all, standing)*.....

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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 Prayers of the People

Form III

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The Leader and People pray responsively

In the Anglican Communion, Pray for **Justin**, the Archbishop of Canterbury; and for **The Church of Ireland.** **In the Diocese,** pray for **St. George’s Church, Glenn Dale; St. George’s Church, Valley Lee; St. George’s, DC ; and International Earth Day (April 22) Pray for the Good Stewardship of the Earth.** 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, **Chilton**, our Assisting Bishop; **Allan** and **Douglas**, our Priests; **Krista**, our Associate for Parish Life; all who minister here 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: [**Virginia Keane, Jean Ringuette, Joan Williams, Paula S.F. Marshall, and Susannah Cernojevich**]. Let us pray for all others whose health and well being have been entrusted to our prayers, including: [**Sarah Woodbury, Bezelle Thomas, Bessie Mann, Marla Jones, Raven Taylor and family, Jeff Wilkerson, Ashley Walker and family, Bernard Walker, Beverly Taylor, Rosemary Nabor, Louise Cade, Kathy Mahoney and family, Andrea Rodgers, Jeannette Brownson and family, Booker Diggins, III, Joy Warde, Tiffany Fleming-Withrow, Evelyn Clay, Kathy Butler, Michael Mann, Al Moffet, Dave Morentz, William Bailey, Lauvinia Alston, Joetta Chaplin, Mark Firley, Rhonda Herndon, John Eng, Lydia Streit, William (Billy) Ravenell, and Abdul Latif Nasir**]. 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.

The Peace *(by all)*

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

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory

Officiant: Walk in love as Christ loved us and by whose death on the cross showed us the way to eternal life.



Please consider making your contribution to St. Paul's Saints' via our online giving portal at <https://www.stpaulsrockcreek.org/give-online/>. Due to the pandemic and our inability to gather in person, we experienced a shortfall in plate giving in 2020 pledge giving. Your gift provides support for our worship, ministries, and programs. Thank you for worshipping, sharing and, prayerfully supporting the life and ministries here at St. Paul's.

You may also support the mission and ministry of this parish by going to your Realm account and selecting "Giving."

Thanks To All for Answering the Call- The Lenten Challenge helped to raise **\$625.00 for the Capital Are Food Bank and \$250.00 for Church of the Holy Ghost, Genoa, Italy.** Not all contributions are in due to most received via mail, but with God's help, and yours, we may still meet our goal of \$2500. Your contribution, be it large or small, makes a big difference in support of our immediate, and distant neighbors.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus

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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.

The people remain standing. Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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

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The people and celebrant sing responsively.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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.

All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Others are welcome to the Altar for a Blessing.

Prayers when we cannot receive Holy Communion

Lord Jesus, I believe you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart so I may welcome your presence with joy. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

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Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Christ has arisen

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Christ has arisen, Alleluia.

Rejoice and praise Him, Alleluia.

For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,

Even from death dispelling its gloom.

Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy.

Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy,

Our sin forgiving, Alleluia.

Jesus is living, Alleluia.

The Dismissal

The Priest dismisses the congregation with these words

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Sundays at St. Paul's

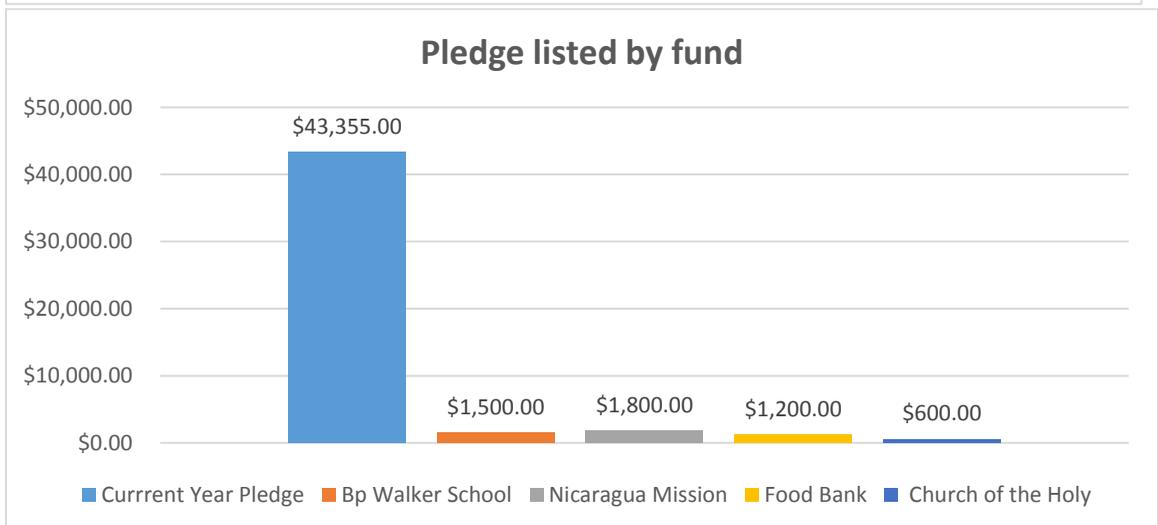
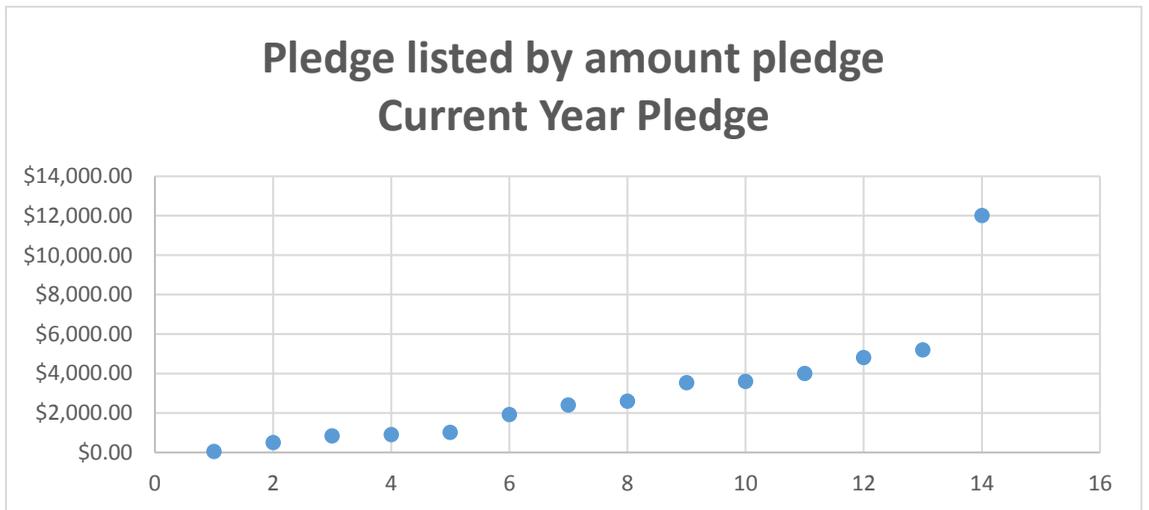
Today	Fr. Johnson preaching
Apr. 25	Rev. Krista preaching
May 2	Fr. Johnson preaching
May 9	Mother's Day ; Fr. Greenaway preaching

Upcoming Events at St. Paul's

April 21st	Vestry Meeting, Zoom @7 PM
May 10th	Finance Meeting, Zoom @6 PM

STEWARDSHIP –

Thanks To All Parishioners who have made their 2021 pledge. To date, we have received 13 pledges out of a possible 68 pledging units, totaling \$43,355.00. We had projected a very conservative pledge of \$200,000.00 for 2021. Not all pledges are in, so with God's help, and yours, we may still meet our goal. If you have not yet made a pledge for 2021, please do so. Your contribution, be it large or small, makes a big difference in the life and ministry of our parish.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE & CALENDAR

Birthdays and Anniversaries

April 2021

Birthdays

Karen Keane McCrory 1st

Dana Lindsay 2nd

Jacqueline Alcock 4th

Drew Young 5th

Ada Robinson 14th

Athara Lindsay 18th

Rhina Bobb 18th

April Garner 18th

Duane Young 20th

Krystle Robinson 20th

Dolores Martin 23rd

Mary Branton 27th

Karen Hardwick 29th

Oswald Carter 29th

Anniversaries

ASSISTING AT THE SERVICE TODAY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

8:00 a.m......**10:30 a.m.**

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LECTORS

Old Testament

George Gordon.....Joseph Alcock

Epistle

Barbara Walker Rhina Bobb

Prayers of the People

Iris SnowdenAnne Robinson



Mission Statement

To be one family in Christ using our gifts and resources to respond to the spiritual, social, and human needs of our parish and community.

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