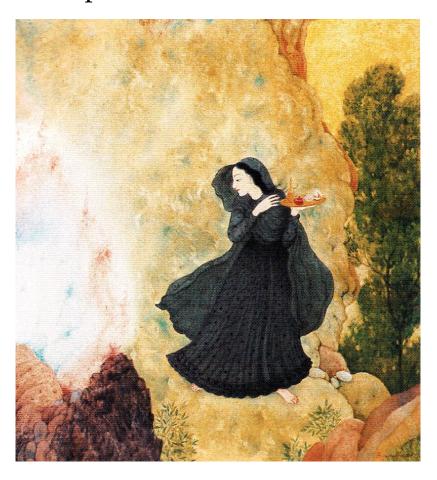
# The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul Newton Highlands, Massachusetts

# The Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter Day)

Holy Eucharist

April 20, 2025 at 10:00am



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# THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION (YEAR C) Holy Eucharist with Joyful Noise

Prelude *Musicians* 

# Gathering Rites / BCP p. 355

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# Gathering Hymn

Please rise as you are comfortable.

The Hymnal 1982, #207 - Jesus Christ is Risen Today





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# Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen!

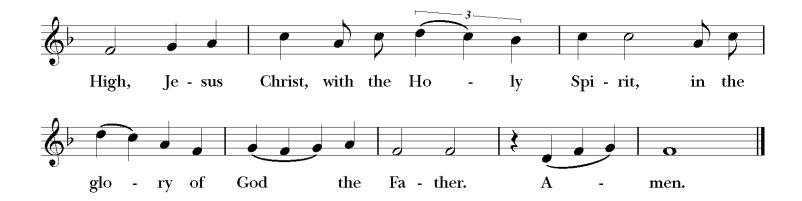
People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

# The Collect for Purity

Presider

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 Savior. Amen.





Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Together let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Child Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of Christ's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated

The First Reading - Scriptures of Israel

Isaiah 65:17-25

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;

- for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
- I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;
- no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.
- No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
- for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
- They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;
- for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
- They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity;
- for they shall be offspring blessed by our Godand their descendants as well.
- Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says our God.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (said responsively by whole verse)

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

Give thanks to God who is good, whose mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, "God's mercy endures for ever."

God is my strength and my song and has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Most High has triumphed; the right hand of the Most High is exalted; the right hand of the Most High has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live and declare the works of God.

God has punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death. Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to God.

"This is the gate of the Holy One; those who are righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is God's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: On this day the Holy One has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

(This week's Psalm is from the St. Helena Psalter, used by permission.)

The Second Reading - The Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam and Eve, our first parents, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in their own order: Christ the first fruits, then at Christ's coming those who belong to Christ.

Then comes the end, when Christ hands over the kindom to God our Creator, after Christ has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For Christ must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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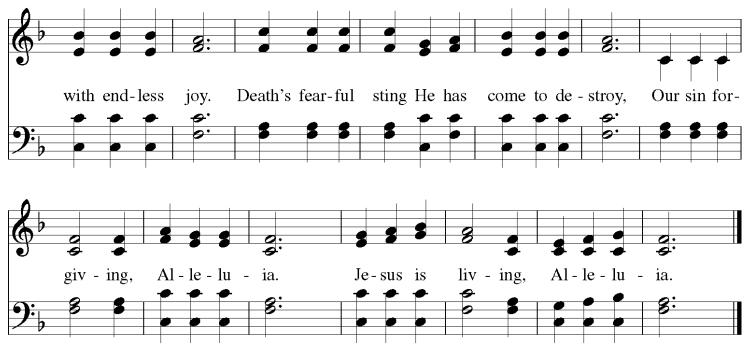
# Sequence Hymn

Please rise as you are comfortable.

#### LEVAS, #41 – Christ Has Arisen

We will sing twice before the Gospel, and once afterward.





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The Gospel John 20:1-8

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.People Glory to you, O Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Rabbi out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw

and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that Jesus must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken Jesus away, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried Jesus away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to our God. But go to the sisters and brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my parent and your parent, my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Rabbi"; and she told them that Jesus had said these things to her.

Priest The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Priest-in-Charge

### Statement of Faith

Intercessor:

Please rise as you are comfortable as we proclaim our Statement of Faith.

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all, and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, we put our trust in God; and in the name of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice, and to live in peace; to care for the earth, and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness; to live in the freedom of forgiveness, and the power of the Spirit of love. And in the company of the faithful we will be the church, a community of flawed and forgiving disciples, for the glory of God alone. Amen.

(Statement of Faith adapted from the Iona Abbey Worship Book, © 2001, The Iona Community.)

# Prayers of the People

Almighty One, you have filled your Church with new life and empowered us through the conquering love of Jesus: Raise us with your Spirit that we may live in the power of Christ's resurrection to bring life and light to all the world. Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The right hand of the Most High has triumphed over evil and death, bringing new hope to all the world: Speak your living truth unto everyone who leads and holds authority among the nations, that they may be agents of life and justice. We pray especially for all those

working in our world to bring a quick end to violence and suffering. Either silently or aloud, for whom and what do we pray this day? (The people may add petitions.) Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Apostle Peter has taught us, O God, that you show no partiality but accept all who live reverently and do right: Let your peace extend to every person, that the power of evil and injustice may be banished, and all people may live as beloved children of the divine. Either silently or aloud, for whom do we pray this day? (The people may add petitions.) Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Be with us in this community of the Parish of Saint Paul that we may be glad witnesses of your goodness, O Holy One. Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Let Christ's resurrection power bring healing and hope to those for whom we pray, especially Gary and Barry Koger, Robert Koger and Joyce Connolly, Charles and Mary Lou Montgomery, Kristin, Deb, David Murphy, David Tabors, the family of Mangok Bol and Thon, Magot, Ajoe, and Majuei Mach, Paul Friedman and Bernice Cramer, John McDargh, and Jacob and Leslie Cathers; and the Global Village Children's Project, the Centre Street Food Pantry, AA, and NewCity Church. Either silently or aloud, for whom else do we pray this day? (The people may add petitions.) Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Hear our prayers of grateful gladness this Easter Day as we give thanks for the blessings in our lives. Either silently or aloud, for whom and what do we give thanks this day? (The people may add thanksgivings.) Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Remember in the light of the resurrection those who have died and all those in whose memory this year's Easter flowers are given. Either silently or aloud, whom do we remember by name this day? (The people may add names.) Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed.

Prayer for the Social Order (BCP p. 823)

Intercessor Together let us pray.

All

Alleluia!

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

Presider offers a collect.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

All And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to exchange signs of peace.)

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

Choir

# The Doxology – Tune: Old Hundredth Please rise as you are comfortable.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise God all creatures here below Praise God above all life and death Creator, Christ, and Holy Breath.

You are invited to rise, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

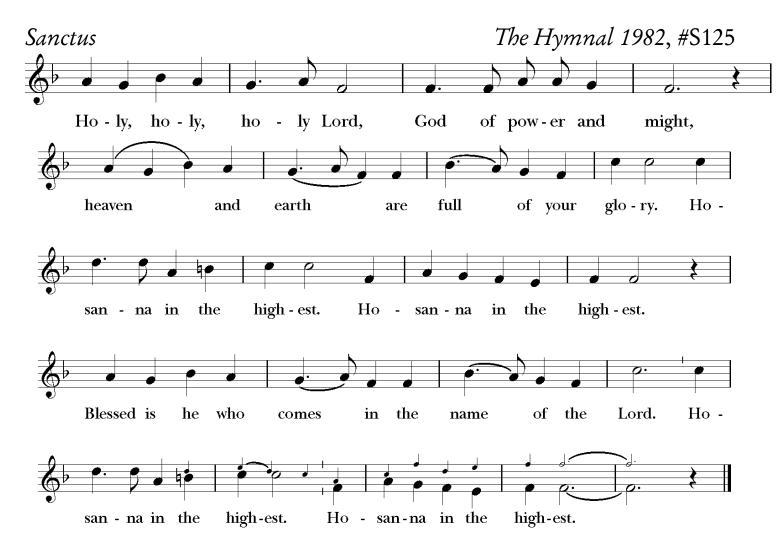
People We lift them up to God.

Presider Let us give thanks to our loving God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

#### Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Child Jesus Christ our Savior; for Christ is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By Christ's death he has destroyed death and by Christ's rising to life again Christ 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:



The Presider continues – you are invited to rise, sit, or kneel as you are comfortable. Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

#### Presider

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kindom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All AMEN.

# The Lord's Prayer

You are invited to say whatever version of the Lord's Prayer is meaningful for you today

#### Presider

As our savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

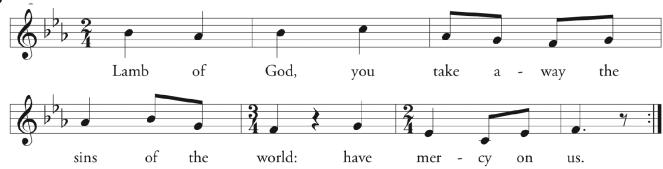
Our God in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kindom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kindom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

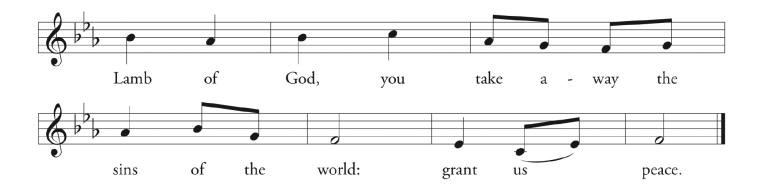
# The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.







#### Presider

These are the Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ lived and loved, died, and rose for you, and feed on Christ in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

#### Communion

*Jesus says*, "Come and see."

You are welcome at this Table, exactly as you are, because of who you are. If you feel called to the Table, please come forward to receive Communion.

At this time, the Parish of St. Paul offers a common cup as well as individual cups for receiving the consecrated wine. Please either take an individual cup (found on a front pew on the right as you approach the altar for communion) or indicate to the Lay Eucharistic Minister that you would like to receive from the common cup. If you do not wish to receive the consecrated wine, please know that receiving the consecrated bread alone constitutes a full Communion.

If you do not desire Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire a blessing.

#### Prayer of Spiritual Communion

(The following prayer of Spiritual Communion is said privately and is intended for individuals participating remotely, and for individuals who may not wish to receive Communion or a blessing.)

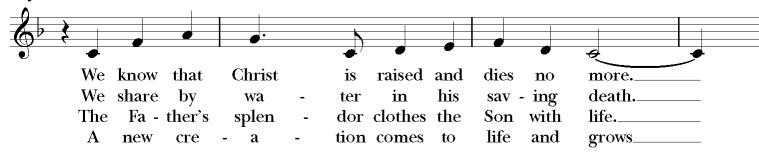
In union, O God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and

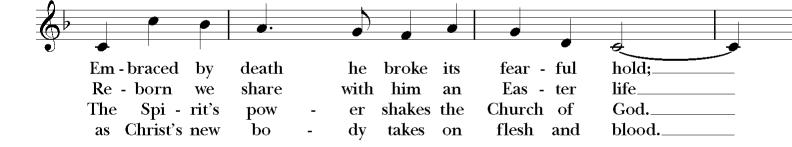
thanksgiving. And since I cannot receive you today in the sacrament of bread and wine, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

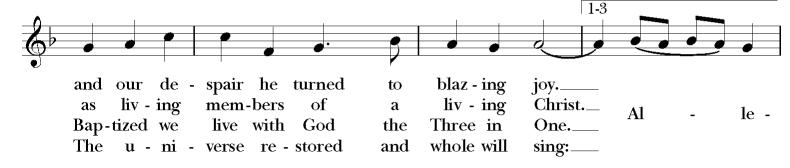
# Postcommunion Hymn

You are invited to stand, sit, or kneel as you are comfortable.

Hymnal 1982, #296 - We Know That Christ Is Raised and Dies No More









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# Postcommunion Prayer

You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.

# People and Presider

#### God of abundance,

you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of compassion.

You have united us with Christ,

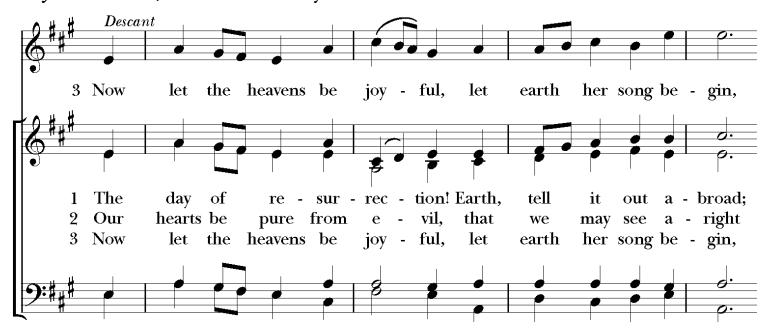
and you have made us one with all peoples and creatures in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that our lives may give birth to your love in the world, and that we may continue to make our home in your life. Amen.

# Easter Blessing

# Processional Hymn

Hymnal 1982, #210 - The Day of Resurrection





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#### Announcements

#### Dismissal

You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.

Presider Our worship has ended, let our service begin. Go in peace to

love and serve God and God's people. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!



#### **TODAY'S LITURGY**

#### **Participants**

The Rev. Dr. Meghan T. Sweeney - Priest-in-Charge

Brenda Carter - Keyboardist

Bernice Cramer - Lector of First Reading and Leader of Psalm

Tricia Tyler - Lector of Second Reading

Phil Whitbeck / Eliza Blay - Intercessor

Jack Blay / Eliza Blay - Lay Eucharistic Minister

Margaret Hummel and Jack Blay - Altar Guild

Kim Koger - Usher/Attendance

Chris Gruener and Kathryn Anderson - Counters

Will Holz - Tech

Easter memorial flowers are given today by parishioners for the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones whose names are listed on the insert.

#### Front Cover Art

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#### **PRAYERS**

#### In Our Diocesan Cycle Of Prayer:

For the Episcopal Church; for Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, and Julia Whitworth, our Diocesan Bishop; and for the following churches of the Charles River Deanery: Church of the Redeemer, Chestnut Hill (Newton), Boston College Campus Ministry, Chestnut Hill, St. Dunstan's Church, Dover, Christ Church, Needham, and for the Church Periodical Club.

#### Parish Prayer List - Prayers are Requested for:

Gary and Barry Koger, Robert Koger and Joyce Connolly, Charles and Mary Lou Montgomery, Kristin, Deb, David Murphy, David Tabors, the family of Mangok Bol and Thon, Magot, Ajoe, and Majuei Mach, Paul Friedman and Bernice Cramer, John McDargh, and Jacob and Leslie Cathers; and for the Global Village Children's Project, the Centre Street Food Pantry, AA, and NewCity Church.

(To add a name to the prayer list, please contact Lise at <a href="mailto:office@parishofstpaul.org">office@parishofstpaul.org</a> or Rev. Meghan, or use the QR code here.)

#### **SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Happy Birthday Robert Pandorf (April 21)! Happy Anniversary Lee and Keith Hatfield (April 25)!

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Easter Day Coffee Hour

Today, Easter Day, we will have a shared coffee hour with NewCity Church, which will also include an egg hunt for kids in the two congregations and an appearance by the Easter Bunny!

#### Choral Evensong - Sunday, May 4 at 5pm

The Jubilate Chamber Choir returns to POSP to offer Evensong on Sunday, May 4 at 5pm with a light reception to follow. Invite your friends and neighbors!

### Vestry Mutual Ministry Review

On March 8, your vestry and priest-in-charge gathered on Zoom to undertake a mutual ministry review, facilitated by the Rev. Canon Greg Perez, with the purpose of checking in about the past few months since Rev. Meghan arrived, and, very significantly, to articulate short and long-term goals for the parish. At its Vestry meeting on March 19, the vestry began to discuss the MMR conversation and began to think about short and long term goals. To access the notes from the MMR, please use the following QR code (hard copies of the notes are also available on the table by the baptismal font). The vestry will continue discussing the MMR at its monthly meetings (approved minutes of which are found on the bulletin board in parish hall). If you have thoughts, ideas, etc., please be in contact with Rev. Meghan or a vestry member.

#### **Pastoral Care**

If you desire pastoral care for a particular need, please be in contact with Rev. Meghan. It could be as simple as a private prayer request emailed to her, or an inperson conversation about something of concern.

#### Receive the Parish Newsletter!

The newsletter is sent about once per week (occasionally more often if there is a pressing notice, for example, of snow cancellation, etc.). The newsletter contains reflections from parishioners, and *lots* of information and announcements about our diocese, the greater church, and other goings-on in and around town and in the world, that are not printed in this bulletin.

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#### Can Redemption Volunteers

Volunteers sought to assist with can redemption for the Plenty ministry. Please connect with Christopher Gruener or speak with Rev. Meghan if you can assist.



#### Staff and Office Hours

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Dr. Meghan T. Sweeney – meghan@parishofstpaul.org. Office Hours: In-Person, usually on Wednesday, 9am -1pm and by appointment (please email Rev. Meghan directly if you would like to make an appointment).

Parish Administrator: Lise Brody – <u>office@parishofstpaul.org</u>. Office Hours (may vary): Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-1pm

#### Vestry

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to be in touch with your vestry. The next Vestry Meeting happens on Wednesday, May 21.

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