

# The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul

Newton Highlands, Massachusetts

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Holy Eucharist

May 3, 2026 at 10:00am



*From wherever you have come, with whatever you bring, you are welcome here.*

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

## Holy Eucharist with Joyful Noise

Prelude

*Musicians*

### Gathering Rites / BCP p. 355

From wherever you have come, with whatever you bring, you are welcome here.

### Gathering Hymn

*Please rise as you are comfortable.*

*The Hymnal 1982, #518 – Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

*Descant*

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of  
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O God of  
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of our God, and pre - cious,  
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion  
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er



with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter  
bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in  
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter  
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.  
help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Section: The Church Title: Christ is made the sure foundation Meter: 87. 87. 87 Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1856), alt. Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929) Copyright: Music: Descant by permission of Church Society, London.

## Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen!

*People* Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## The Collect for Purity

*Presider* Together we pray

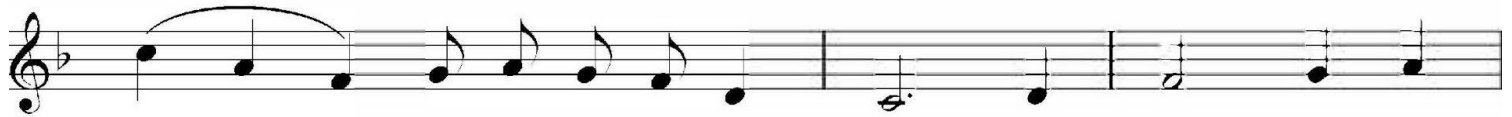
**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*The Gloria*

*The Hymnal 1982, #S280*



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 2. O God, Ma - jes -



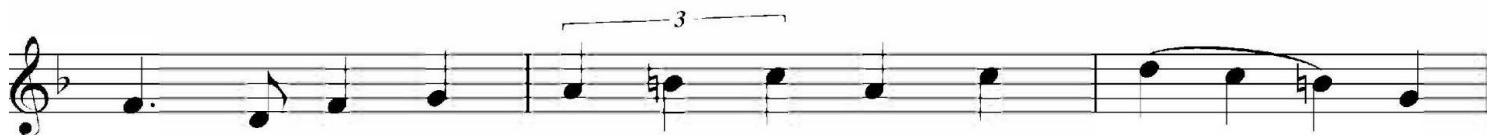
ty, al - might - y God, Cre - a - tor, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. O Je - sus



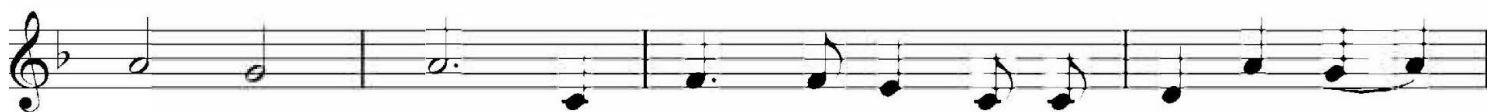
Christ, on - ly Child of the Au - thor, O God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Au - thor: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



you a - lone are our God, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God Cre - a - tor. A - men.

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## Collect of the Day

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Beloved One Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow Christ's steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Beloved our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please be seated*

The First Reading

*The Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Child of Humanity standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "O God, Jesus Christ, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down

and cried out in a loud voice, “Christ Jesus, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

*Psalm 31:1-5,15-16*

*We will pray the psalm responsively by whole verse.*

In you, O God, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.

**Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold;  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.**

Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O God of truth.

**My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.**

*All:* **Make your face to shine upon your servant,  
and in your loving-kindness, save me.”**

*This week’s Psalm is from the St. Helena Psalter, used by permission.*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that God is good.

Come to Christ, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in this stone will not be put to  
shame.”

To you then who believe, Christ is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner”,  
and

“A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called you out of darkness into God's marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

### Sequence Hymn

*Please rise as you are comfortable.*

### *The Hymnal 1982, #536 – Open Your Ears, O Faithful People*



1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,  
2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage,  
3 Is - ra - el comes to greet the Sa - vior,  
4 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,



o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O  
they who have ears, then let them hear. They who would learn the  
Ju - dah is glad to see the day. From east and west the  
o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O



roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.  
way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.  
peo - ples trav - el, God will show the way.  
roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.



God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!

And God's words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu -  
jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to the peo - ple,  
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,  
Hal - le - lu - jah! And God's words are  
To - rah o - ra, *Da Capo*  
words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah!  
To - rah o - ra, Hal - le - lu - jah!

“Torah ora” is Hebrew for, “The Law is our Light.”

Section: The Church's Mission Title: Open your ears, O faithful people Meter: 98. 95 with Refrain Words: Willard F. Jabusch (b. 1930), alt. Music: *Torah song* [*Yisrael V'oraita*], Hasidic melody; arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937) Copyright: Words: Copyright © 1966, 1984 by Willard F. Jabusch. Music: Arrangement © 1985, G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

## The Gospel

*John 14:1-4*

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

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In the Holy One’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to Jesus, “Rabbi, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Parent except through me. If you know me, you will know my Parent also. From now on you do know God and have seen the Holy One.”

Philip said to Jesus, “Rabbi, show us the Parent, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Parent. How can you say, ‘Show us the Parent? Do you not believe that I am in the Parent and the Parent is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Parent who dwells in me does God’s works. Believe me that I am in the Parent and the Parent is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Parent. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Parent may be glorified in the Child. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

*Priest*      The Gospel of Christ.  
*People*      Praise to you, O Christ.

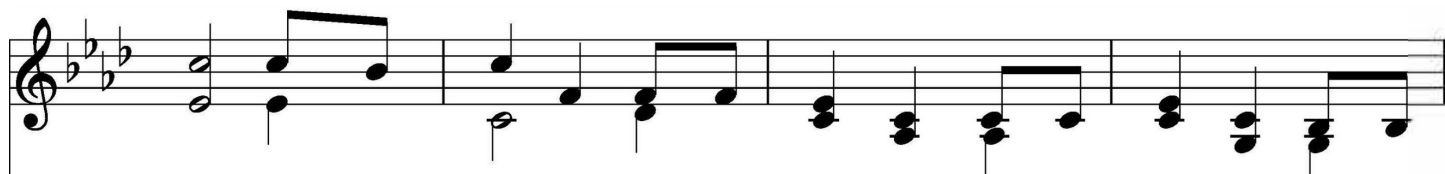
Sermon

*Priest-in-Charge*

## The Nicene Creed

*The Nicene Creed is the historic statement of faith of the Church. It helps to knit the Church together across peoples and places, time and space. We pray it together as a single body, a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.*

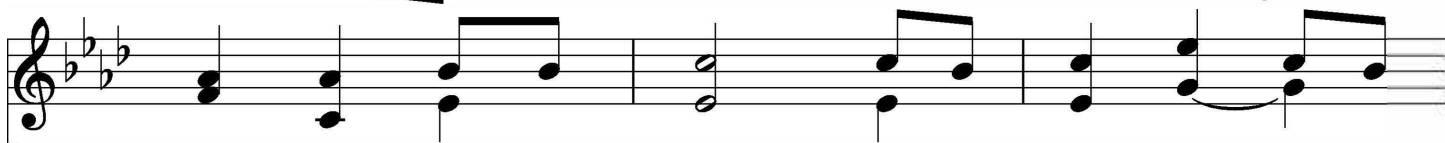
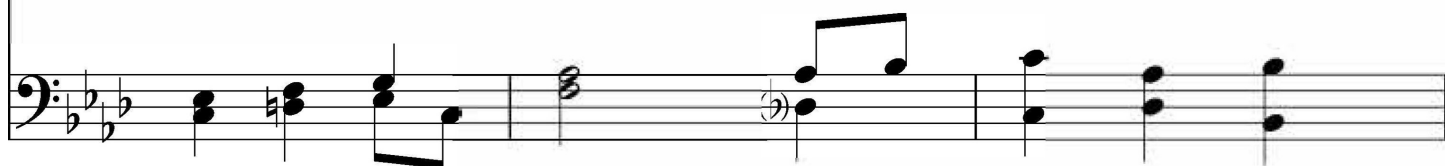
1. We be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that  
 2. We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci -  
 3. We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with-



be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and  
 fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied - True Life there had tru - ly  
 in One church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from



sea. We be - lieve in God's Child, Je - sus, now for  
 died. We be - lieve that on the third day Christ was  
 sin; in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the



us Rab - bi and Christ, of the Spir - it and of  
 raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed to God's  
 break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's ev - er -



Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.  
 right hand. Christ will come to judge and save.  
 last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.



Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993). Music: Domhnach Trionoide, Gaelic melody; harm. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

## 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 what nations and leaders do we pray this day? *(The people are invited to offer their own 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 are invited to offer their own petitions.)* Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Be with us in this community of the Parish of Saint Paul, and with the whole Church, that we may be glad witnesses of your goodness, O Holy One. Either silently or aloud, for whom and what in the Church universal do we pray today? *(The people are invited to offer their own petitions.)* 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 Will; Charles and Mary Lou Montgomery; Alicia; Jennifer; John; Gabriel and his family; Phil; Julia; Ryan; Nancy

Williamson; Jim Nolan; David Murphy; David Tabors; Kristin; Deb; Tom; Sean and Jack; and for 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 are invited to offer their own petitions.*) Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Hear our prayers of grateful gladness this Easter season as we give thanks for the blessings in our lives. We pray especially for Robin Barber and Craig Blay, who celebrate birthdays this coming week. Either silently or aloud, for whom and what do we give thanks this day? (*The people are invited to offer their own thanksgivings.*) Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Remember in the light of the resurrection those who have died. Either silently or aloud, whom do we remember by name this day? (*The people are invited to offer names.*) Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Prayer for the Social Order (*BCP* p. 823)

*Intercessor* Together let us pray.

*All* **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 Savior. 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*

### I'll Fly Away

*Some glad morning when this life is o'er*

*I'll fly away*

*To a home on God's celestial shore*

*I'll fly away (I'll fly away)*

*Chorus*

*I'll fly away, oh glory*

*I'll fly away (In the morning)*

*When I die, Hallelujah, by and by*

*I'll fly away (I'll fly away)*

*When the shadows of this life have gone*

*I'll fly away*

*Like a bird from prison bars has flown*

*I'll fly away (I'll fly away)*

*I'll fly away, oh glory*

*I'll fly away (In the morning)*

*When I die, Hallelujah, by and by*

*I'll fly away (I'll fly away)*

*Just a few more weary days and then  
I'll fly away  
To a land where joy shall never end  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)*

Words and Music: Albert Brumley (1905-1977)

Arr: Joel Raney (b. 1956)

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. Amen.*

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

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer B

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

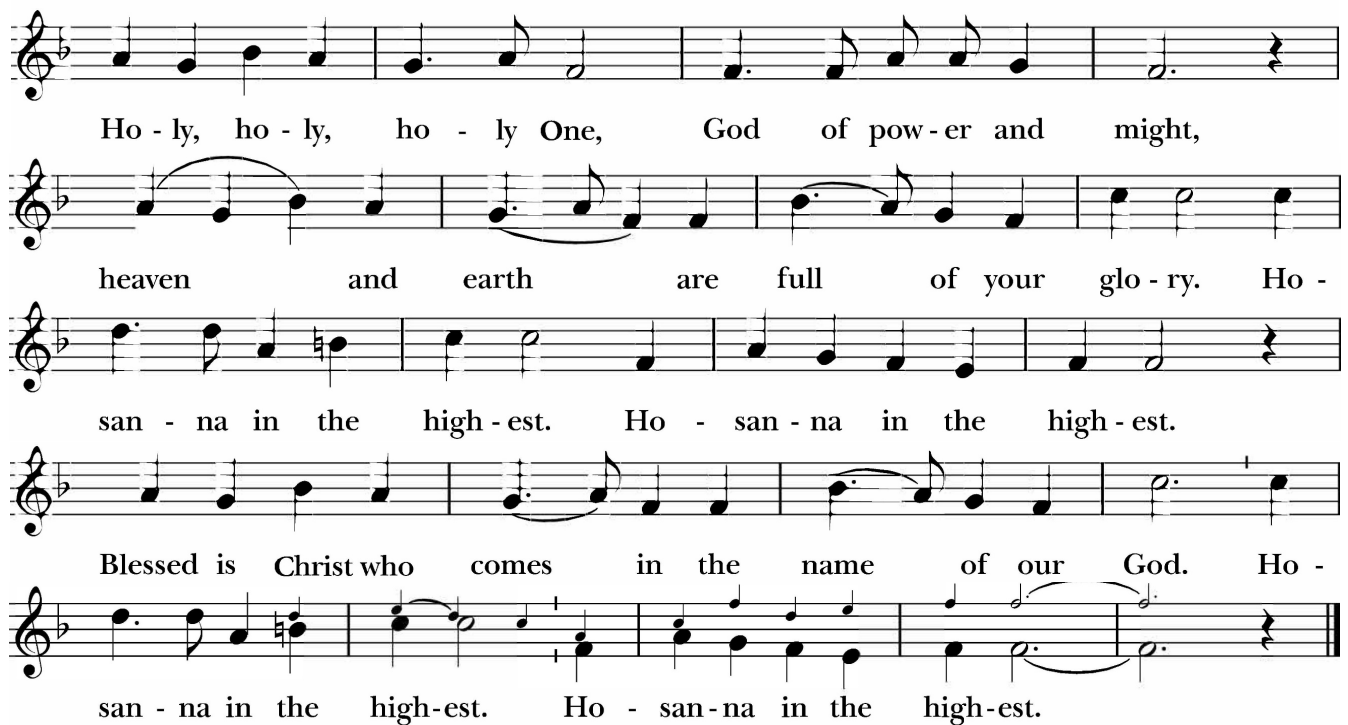
*People* **We lift them up to God.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Holy One our 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:



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

### *The Presider 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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus 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 Jesus died for us, 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 Jesus 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."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

*Presider and People*

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again**

*The Presider continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 the Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are all acceptable to you, 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 [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

**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 Loving 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.

# *Agnus Dei*

*The Hymnal 1982, #S171*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

*Antiphon: Cantor; then All*



Be known to us, Christ Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

*Cantor*



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,

is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]  
*Cantor*

2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,  
 for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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*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.*

*Gluten-free communion bread is available. Please let the priest know when you come for communion.*

*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.*

### *The Hymnal 1982, #487 – Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a  
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a  
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill eth death.  
length; such a strength as makes the guest.  
part; such a heart as joys in love.

Section: Jesus Christ our Lord Title: Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life Meter: 77. 77 Words: George Herbert (1593-1633) Music: *The Call*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

## Postcommunion Prayer

*You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.*

*People and Presider*

**Eternal God,**

**you have graciously accepted us as living members**

**of our Savior Jesus Christ,**

**whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,**

**and you have fed us with spiritual food**

**in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,**

**in the promise of Christ's love, which defeats evil and death,**

**and grant us strength and courage,**

**in face of fear and doubt,**

**through the power and breath of the Holy Spirit,**

**to be the church, a community of flawed and forgiving disciples,**

**to love and serve you,**

**to seek justice and to live in peace,**

**with gladness and singleness of heart;**

**through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*The Postcommunion Prayer is an adaptation from the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (Expansive Edition) and the Statement of Faith from the Iona Abbey Worship Book (2001).*

## Easter Blessing

*(The Book of Occasional Services 2022)*

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us God's own children through the resurrection of God's Child Jesus, our Savior, bestow upon you the riches of God's blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty – the Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier; the Parent, the Child, the Holy Spirit – be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## Processional Hymn

*The Hymnal 1982, #542* – Christ Is the World's True Light

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,  
2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,  
3 One God, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;  
the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting:  
cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own Christ's sway:  
when Christ is throned as God all shall for - sake their fear,  
the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom its bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.  
to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.  
to heal its an - cient wrong, come, God of Peace, and reign.

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## Announcements

### Dismissal

*You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.*

*Presider* Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Resurrection.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!

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

### Postlude

*Musician*

Ave Verum Corpus, K. 618

W.A. Mozart, Arr. F. Liszt



## TODAY'S LITURGY

### Participants

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

Dustin Ledgard – Keyboardist

Kathryn Anderson – Lector of First Reading and Leader of Psalm

David Montgomery – Lector of Second Reading

Carter Lustig – Acolyte

Natalie Brelsford – Intercessor and Lay Eucharistic Minister

Mary Lou Pierron and Margaret Hummel – Altar Guild

Eliza Blay – Usher/Attendance

Lee Hatfield and Chris Gruener – Counters

Aaron Montgomery – Tech

### Front Cover Art

Anonymous. Jesus the Holy Mural, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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## PRAYERS

### In Our Diocesan Cycle Of Prayer:

For the Episcopal Church; for Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Julia Whitworth, our Diocesan bishop, and Ian Douglas and Mary Glasspool, our Assisting Bishops; all ministers, lay and ordained; and we pray for our own Parish of St Paul; Trinity Parish of Newton Center, Newton Centre; Parish of the Good Shepherd, Waban (Newton); St. Andrew's Church, Wellesley; and Allston Abbey, Boston.

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

Will; Charles and Mary Lou Montgomery; Alicia; Jennifer; John; Gabriel and his family; Phil; Julia; Ryan; Nancy Williamson; Jim Nolan; David Murphy; David Tabors; Kristin; Deb; Tom; Sean and Jack; and for the Global Village Children's Project, the Centre Street Food Pantry, AA, and NewCity Church.

## SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday Robin Barber (May 5)!

Happy Birthday Craig Blay (May 6)!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### What's Happening at POSP

- **Friday, May 8:** Pizza and Compline at 7pm
- **Saturday, May 16:** Parish Clean-Up Day (Part 1) from 8am-Noon
- **Saturday, June 6:** Boston Pride for the People Parade with Diocesan Contingent
- **Sunday, June 7:** The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach, Canon for the Diocesan Central Region, Guest Preacher
- **Sunday, June 14:** Newton Highlands Village Day - Shared Worship and Street Festival

### Pizza and Compline - Friday, May 8 at 7pm

Grounded in the night prayers said before bed at the end of the monastic round of daily prayer (the liturgy of the hours), Compline is a simple evening service of readings and prayers. We will gather at 7pm for pizza, followed by Compline at 7:30pm. If you can, please rsvp (using the QR code or telling Rev. Meghan) by Thursday, May 7 so we have a sense of how much food to order.



### The Yale Society of Orpheus and Bacchus Concert at St. Paul's – Saturday, May 9 at 7pm -

The Yale Society of Orpheus and Bacchus will again be offering a community concert at St. Paul's on Saturday, May 9 at 7pm. *Admission is free for all members of the parish* as a thank you to the parish from the group and David Montgomery, who is hosting them (David sang with this group as an undergrad).

### Ascension Day Liturgy - Thursday, May 14 at 7pm

All are invited! Join with other parishes in the Charles River Deanery for an Ascension Day Liturgy on Thursday, May 14 at 7pm at Trinity Parish, Newton Centre.

## Morning Prayer on Thursdays at Grace Church, Newton Corner

Grace Church, Newton Corner offers Morning Prayer on Thursday mornings at 8am in the chapel. POSP parishioners are invited to attend.

### Prayer List

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please email Lise in the parish office or use this QR code.



### Altar Flowers

If you would like to contribute altar flowers for a thanksgiving or memorial, please be in contact with Lise in the parish office.

### 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 in-person conversation about something of concern.

### 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.

### 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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## **Episcopal Leadership**

The Rt. Rev. Julia E. Whitworth – Bishop Diocesan, The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts (diomass.org)

The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas and the Rt. Rev. Mary Glasspool, Assisting Bishops, The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

The Most Rev. Sean Rowe – Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church (episcopalchurch.org)

## **Staff and Office Hours at the Parish of St. Paul**

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 – office@parishofstpaul.org. Office Hours (may vary): Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-1pm

## **Vestry at the Parish of St. Paul**

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to be in touch with your vestry. The next Vestry Meeting is on May 20.

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## **Elected Parish Leaders at St. Paul's**

Delegates to the Charles River Deanery: Eliza Blay, Kim Koger, David Montgomery, and Mary Lou Pierron


Delegates to the Diocesan Convention: Jack Blay and Tricia Tyler; alternate Kim Koger

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