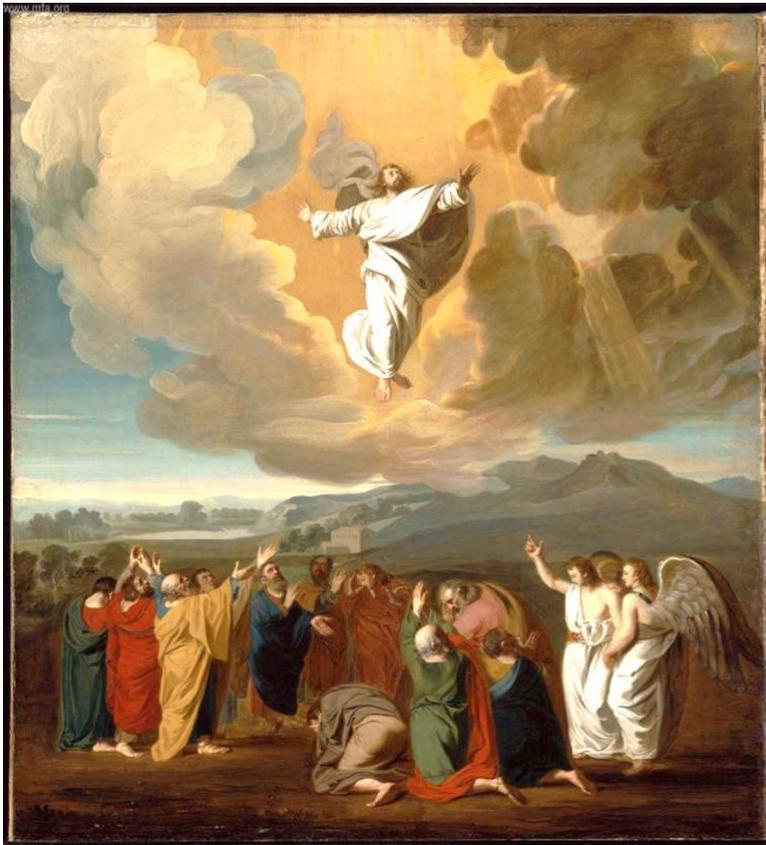


St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*We are called to gather around the sacred story and table of Christ
where all are invited to be fed and everyone's story matters.
All are welcome, no exceptions!*



**Feast of the Ascension
June 2, 2019, 8:00 A.M.
Rite I**

The Holy Eucharist Rite I

The Liturgy of the Word

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Assembly **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Collect for Purity

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.**

The Collect of the Day

Feast of the Ascension

Presider The Lord be with you.

Assembly **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father.

"This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Psalm

Psalm 47

**1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.**
**2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.**
**3 He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.**
**4 He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**
**5 God has gone up with a shout, *
the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.**
**6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**
**7 For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.**
**8 God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.**

**9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.**

**10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.**

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

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

Assembly Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "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. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Barbara A.T. Wilson

The Nicene Creed

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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.

Prayers of the People for Easter

Intercessor Let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need, saying, God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

With joy, we pray for all Christian who are united this morning at the empty tomb. Help us see you, O God, in those we do not expect to encounter and remove all fear from our hearts.

Silence

God in your mercy,

Assembly **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor With gratitude, we give you thanks for our newly baptized sisters and brothers in every land. Guide them and keep them, open their eyes again and again to your blessings.

Silence

God in your mercy,

Assembly **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor With humility, we pray for this planet, our home. Heal what we have scarred and broken; renew the face of Earth from north to south, from east to west so that your creation may speak to us of your goodness.

Silence

God in your mercy,

Assembly **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor With hope and love, we pray for the nations of the world, especially those places overwhelmed by war and conflict. By the light of the resurrection, destroy the shroud that is cast over all who live under dictatorship, in the clutches of propagandists, and in ignorance. Bless peacemakers who work to bring justice to their country, city, village, and household.

Silence

Intercessor God in your mercy,

Assembly Hear our prayer.

Intercessor With compassion, wipe away the tears of all who weep. Give us the spiritual tools we need to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and comfort those who are in any trouble. Send your angels to watch over the vulnerable and sick. We pray especially for Gail, Puzz, John Lind, Tommie Vicente, the family of Dan Wilson, Colleen Wilson, Joyce Kotvan, Chris Rogers, Zachary and the Jacobs family, Marilyn, Dorothy, Margaret, Patty, Kathy, David, Myrna, Terry Costello, Donna, Mike, and Rosemarie.

Silence

Intercessor God in your mercy,

Assembly Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Strengthen our church's leaders, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Jeff our Diocesan Bishop, and Barbara our Presider.*For our companion dioceses of Southeast Mexico and Renk in the South Sudan.

Silence

God in your mercy,

Assembly Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We remember before you those who have died, that your steadfast love may shelter them in the peace of your eternal light.

Silence

Intercessor God in your mercy,

Assembly **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For all those needs still unnamed but placed before you now.
(The Assembly may add their prayers either silently or out loud.)

Silence

God in your mercy,

Assembly **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Passing from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life, we commend to you, gracious and ever-living God, all for whom we pray. **Amen**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with thee.

Assembly **And with thy spirit.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord.

Assembly **And of thine own have we given thee.**

Eucharistic Prayer II

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The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with thee.

Assembly **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

Assembly **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Assembly It is meet and right so to do.

Presider

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

All

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

Presider

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy Assembly do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion

and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

(Anyone seeking a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ is welcome to come forward to share the bread ("host") and wine at the Lord's table. The host is placed in your open hands; please assist in guiding the chalice to your lips, or dip the host in the wine. We have gluten free hosts available, ask the Presider at the rail. It is acceptable to

receive only the bread or the wine. If you would rather not receive communion, you are invited to come to the rail for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the Presider will say a prayer for you.)

The Post Communion Prayer

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Presider Let us pray.

In Unison

Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Announcements, Special Prayers and Blessings

For Birthdays

God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant Sean Sitzes, as he begins another year. Grant that he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Wedding Anniversaries

Gracious Creator: You blessed the marriage of two Assembly, Deb and Jordan Meyers, with your love years ago. Amid the joys and struggles of their life you have preserved and strengthened the covenant between them; bless and renew that covenant now, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace, so that surrounded by their children, family and friends, they may always rejoice in the gift of their love for one another and for your enduring love that blesses their days together. This we ask through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Travelers

O God, whose beauty and intention fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel; surround them with your

loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing

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Presider The peace of God, which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Presider: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ

Assembly: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church
DeKalb, Illinois, Diocese of Chicago
Member of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion**

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
Sundays 8:00 AM (spoken service); 10:30 AM (with music)

Child care for infants & young children is available
Sundays 9:15 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. in the Nursery.

Christian Education Classes
Sundays: Christian formation classes for all ages.
Children meet in the St. Timothy Center, Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:15 AM
Adult Formation meets in the Conference Room or Parish Hall

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Julie Rogers, Brittany Altepeter, Karyn Perkins, Nursery Attendants

Our Wardens and Vestry,
Marv Kombrink, Senior Warden,
Maureen Gerrity, Junior Warden,
Pat Brown, Treasurer, Rebecca Smith, Clerk,

This Week at St. Paul's

Today, Sunday, June 2, 2019, Feast of the Ascension		
The Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
Nursery and Childcare Available	9:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
Choir Rehearsal	10:15 A.M.	Parish Hall
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
Coffee and Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall

This Week - June 2, 2019 through June 9, 2019				
Thu	Jun 6	Children's Choir Rehearsal TBD	6:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
		Adult/Youth Choir Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
Sun	Jun 9	Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Nursery/ Childcare	9:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr
		Choral Anthem Rehearsal	10:00 A.M.	Parish Hall
		The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Garden Blessing	11:30 A.M.	Garden
		Coffee and Fellowship	11:45 A.M.	Parish Hall

Announcements

Welcome! If you are worshipping here for the first time, please sign our guest book. You are welcome to join us for refreshments after the service in the Parish Hall.

From Mother Barbara

I have a huge request to make of everyone at the Episcopal Church of St. Paul, at least for the next year or so, while I am acclimating myself to St. Paul's culture and how you do things, as I hope to learn how best to support you all in your various endeavors as God's Assembly. Please run all announcements, ideas for projects to enhance the life of the congregation, past me before sharing them generally with the congregation. This will help me to understand how things generically flow from your ministries and the overall ministry of St. Paul's into the community. I welcome everyone's observations regarding this and your feedback! Thank you.

In Christ,
Barbara+

The St. Paul's Choirs Schedule

Will be singing with our worship services up through Pentecost. The choirs will be singing for Pentecost Sunday, June 9th and will then be off for the summer, returning for rehearsals Thursday, September 5th and Sunday worship services starting September 9th.

Garden Blessings

Have you checked out the Garden in back? The rain finally stopped long enough to plant! The front beds will be planted with flowers and they are

looking for any perennials you might be able to share. There will be a Garden Blessing after the service on **June 9th**.

Summer Programming

A **Children's Eucharist** is planned for Pentecost Sunday, **June 9th**, with special roles for the children during the service.

Mindfulness Meditation on Fridays will be cancelled for the summer months.

Movie Night will resume on Friday, **June 28th** with the movie, *Inside Out*: "When 11-year-old Riley moves to a new city, her emotions team up to help her through the transition. Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness work together, but when Joy and Sadness get lost, they must journey through unfamiliar places to get back home." Entertaining for kids but also relevant and entertaining to adults. Domino's basic Pepperoni or all cheese pizza provided once everyone arrives for a "head count." Some soft drinks provided or BYO. Let's assemble in the Parish Hall at 6 PM. The movie runs about an hour and a half--should be fun!

Summer Adult Formation will study The Book of Revelation through a series of discussions and video presentations of the work of two prominent scholars: Elaine Pagels, author of "Revelations: Visions, Prophecy, and Politics in the Book of Revelation," and the Rev. Michael Battle's, "Heaven on Earth: God's Call to Community in the Book of Revelation," from 9 AM to 10 AM, beginning **June 16th**, in the conference room. It would be helpful though not required, if participants get a copy of Elaine Pagel's book to read along with discussion. The course will run about 8 sessions.

Rector's Discretionary Fund Collection Today

Donations allow us to assist people in need in our community. Checks can be written to "St. Paul's" with "Rector's Discretionary Fund" in the memo. Thank you for your contributions to this important ministry.

Communication!!!!

There are a lot of things happening at St. Paul's! A new form has been developed so that the office can keep up with events and programs and be sure information is communicated to all who should know. In addition, the new Audio Video System in the Parish Hall has many capabilities for streaming, playing DVD's, slide shows, music, etc. To both ends, we are asking that you fill out a Communication and Tech Request Form for your events and email or turn it in to the office. Copies of the form will be available in the Parish Office and on the table in the Parish Hall. If you need help putting an announcement together, Susan is happy to assist.

For more information about St. Paul's

Go to our website, www.stpaulsdekab.org - to hear the Sermons, Announcements, Schedules, Mars Hill Newsletter, etc. The Church of St. Paul is on Facebook! Like our page and sign up to follow us to get the latest updates on what's going on!

St. Paul's is an affirming and inclusive Christian community!

Striving through worship, love and service to welcome all Assembly just as God created you. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender expression, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we! All are welcome, no exceptions!

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Household Prayer: Morning

Gracious God, we thank you for bringing us through the night and for making this new day. You send us out rested and uplifted by your presence. Wherever we go, whatever our work today, whomever we meet, help us to greet our tasks and our leisure with joy. We give you thanks, through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Wondrous Lord, we marvel that this day has ended, filled with marks of your love even in moments of strife. Now give us rest. Comfort those who have no bed this night, and keep them safe. We bow our heads in gratitude for food, work, friends, family, challenges, and accomplishments. We pray this in the name of the One who watches over us day and night. Amen.

A word about the Household Prayers:

These prayers are printed on a page of their own so that you can tear them out and use them in your devotions at home. These prayers come from an anthology titled *Feasting on the Word*, that includes several liturgies for services. The prayers reflect the readings of the week, including special feast days