

# 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!*



**Fifth Sunday after Easter  
May 19, 2019, 8:00 A.M.  
Rite I**

## The Holy Eucharist Rite I

### The Liturgy of the Word

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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### The Collect of the Day

**Fifth Sunday after Easter**

Priest The Lord be with you.

**People And with thy spirit.**

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The First Lesson

**Acts 11:1-18**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision.

There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

## **The Response**

**Psalm**

**Psalm 148**

**1 Hallelujah!**

**Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.**

**2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.**

3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.  
4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.  
5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.  
6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.  
7 Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;  
8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;  
9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;  
10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;  
11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;  
12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.  
13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.  
14 He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

## The Second Lesson

## Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

## **The Gospel**

**John 13:31-35**

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

**The Reverend Barbara A.T. Wilson**

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,

People 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,

**People 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,

**People 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,

**People 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,

**People**      **Hear our prayer.**

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

*Silence*

God in your mercy,

**People**      **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,

**People**      **Hear our prayer.**

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

*Silence*

God in your mercy,

**People**      **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**

Priest          The peace of the Lord be always with thee.

**People**      **And with thy spirit.**

## The Holy Communion

### The Offertory

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord.

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

### Eucharistic Prayer II

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### The Great Thanksgiving

Priest The Lord be with thee.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

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

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Priest

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.**

Priest

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 people 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.**

Priest           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.**

Priest:           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.

*(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 priest 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 priest will say a prayer for you.)*

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

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Priest           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**

### **Priest**

God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant, Jacob Maas, 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.**

### **Priest**

Gracious Creator: You blessed the marriage of two people 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.**

### **Priest**

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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Priest            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**

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

**People: 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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Marv Kombrink, Senior Warden,  
Maureen Gerrity, Junior Warden,  
Pat Brown, Treasurer, Rebecca Smith, Clerk,  
Terry Dickow, Donna de Oliveira

### This Week at St. Paul's

<b>Today, Sunday, May 19, 2019, Fifth Sunday after Easter</b>		
The Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
Children's Sunday School	9:30 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
Nursery and Childcare Available	9:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
<i>No Choir Rehearsal</i>		
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
Coffee and Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall
Vestry Meeting	12:15 P.M.	Conf. Room

<b>This Week - May 19, 2019 through May 26, 2019</b>			
Thu	May 23	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Parish Hall
		Adult/Youth Choir Rehearsal 7:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
Fri	May 24	Mindfulness Meditation 12:00 P.M.	Sanctuary
Sun	May 26	Holy Eucharist, Rite I 8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Children's Sunday School 9:30 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
		Nursery/ Childcare 9:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr
		The Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Coffee and Fellowship 11:30 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 people. 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 9<sup>th</sup> and will then be off for the summer, returning for rehearsals Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday worship services starting September 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **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](http://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 people 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 Prayers.** Long, K. B. (2013). *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year C.* Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville, Kentucky.

## **Household Prayer: Morning**

*Delivering God, each day we awaken to your goodness and our hearts cry out in praise as you set us to tasks for the life of the world. Do not let us hinder your love, but strengthen our will, as we offer thanks in every simple gesture of this day. Amen.*

## **Household Prayer: Evening**

*Faithful God, the nightly dance of earth, moon, and stars speaks of your gift: love given, love received. We give thanks this night for the love you have shown to us this day. Let us rest in your peace and awaken in joy. 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