

# 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!*



**Sixth Sunday after Easter  
May 26, 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

**Sixth Sunday after Easter**

Presider The Lord be with you.

Assembly **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### The First Lesson

**Acts 16:9-15**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.

A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

## **Psalm**

## **Psalm 67**

**1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.**

**2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.**

**3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.**

**4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.**

**5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.**

**6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

**7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.**

## The Second Lesson

Revelation 21:10,22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

## The Gospel

John 5:1-9

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

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

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.

When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

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 priest. \*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 people 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**

Priest            The peace of the Lord be always with thee.

Assembly        **Hear our prayer.**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory**

Presider        All things come of thee, O Lord.

Assembly        **Hear our prayer.**

### **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 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.**

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 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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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**

#### **Birthdays**

God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **Wedding Anniversaries**

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.**

#### **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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**Our Wardens and Vestry,**

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 26, 2019, Sixth Sunday after Easter</b>		
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	10:00 A.M.	Parish Hall
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
Coffee and Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall

<b>This Week - May 26, 2019 through June 2, 2019</b>				
Thu	May 30	Children's Choir Rehearsal	6:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
		Adult/Youth Choir Rehearsal	6:15 P.M.	Parish Hall
Sun	Jun 2	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
		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>. Please note the rehearsal time for May 30<sup>th</sup> is at 6:15 PM.

### Depicting DeKalb County

Cliff Cleland invites you to see the upcoming art exhibit at the Ellwood House Museum. He is one of the twenty-two artists whose work was selected for this project, and two of his photos are in the exhibit. Please join him for the opening reception on **Thursday, May 23, 6:30-9:30 PM** or visit the Ellwood House Museum Gallery from May 21- July 7.

## Summer Programming

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

**Movie Night** will skip the May 31<sup>st</sup> presentation but resume on Friday, **June 28<sup>th</sup>** 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 16<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

## 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 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.stpaulsdekalb.org](http://www.stpaulsdekalb.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 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