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# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024 10:00 A.M.

# Welcome to St. Paul's

No matter where you come from or where you're going No matter what you believe or what you doubt No matter what you feel or just don't feel today No matter whom you love You are welcome into this space to be met by God And to join fellow travelers. Welcome. It is good that you are here.

If you are visiting, please fill out a visitor card found in the pew racks, place it in the collection plate or give it to an usher or worship leader after the service. We want to get to know you.

Please join us for coffee hour in the Garden Room immediately following the service.



#### **Every Sunday Morning at St. Paul's**

9:00 am Adult Forum – Garden Room, 1st Floor Godly Play Spiritual Formation for Children - 3rd Floor Classrooms Nursery open

#### 10:00 am

Worship – Holy Communion - In the church nave Children's Worship – Liturgy of the Word - 3rd Floor Chapel (then to nave for communion)

The **nursery** is open on Sunday mornings for children four years and younger. It can be found by following the hallway through the bell tower on the east side of the worship space.

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We are so glad you are here to worship with us. Our community has been worshiping at 40th and Main in midtown Kansas City for over 100 years now. We worship each Sunday at 10:00am. The faith we share here finds its source in the Good News of God in Christ that promises an unending love, joy, and hope for all people, without exception. These promises are central to who we are, guide all that we do, and connect us more deeply to one another as we seek to make this same love, joy, and hope known to our world. We do this as we feed over 2000 people per month through our food ministries. We do this in our commitment to the faith formation of each person, life-wide and lifelong. We do this as we practice an historic, tradition-rich faith that speaks to our modern lives with beautiful worship and music. We have a day school with nearly 500 students, provide financial resources for our sister school in Haiti, and much more! In all of these, and more, we seek to be a community committed to learning and growing in faith, to sharing our lives with one another in all their ups and downs, to beauty in music and worship, and to service with and for our neighbors. Most of all, we are glad you are here and hope you join us again!

# The Liturgy of the Word

All stand





Words: Michael Weisse (1480-1534); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Christ ist erstanden*, melody from *Geistliche Lieder*, 1533; harm. after Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612).

Celebrant:Alleluia. Christ is risen.People:The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.Celebrant:There is one Body and one Spirit;People:There is one hope in God's call to us;Celebrant:One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.People:One God and Father of all.

# THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Celebrant:The Lord be with you.People:And also with you.Celebrant:Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**Amen.** 

All sit.

# The First Reading

*Reader:* A reading from the book of Acts.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Acts 3:12-19

Reader:The word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

The choir sings the antiphon which is repeated by the congregation. The congregation is invited to sing the antiphon at the indicated places, while the choir sings the verses of the Psalm.

#### THE PSALM K. Knecht O When I Lord, will call u - pon the he hear \_\_\_\_ me. 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \* you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer. 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \* how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?" Antiphon 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \* when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me. 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \* speak to your heart in silence upon your bed. Antiphon 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \* and put your trust in the LORD. 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \* Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD. Antiphon 7 You have put gladness in my heart, \* more than when grain and wine and oil increase. 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \* for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety. Antiphon

Psalm 4

# The Second Reading

*Reader:* A reading from the first book of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

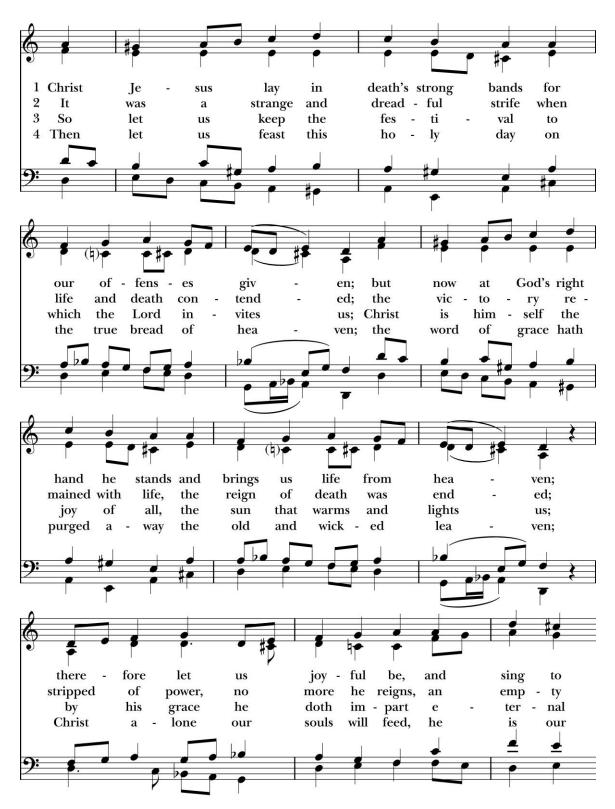
Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

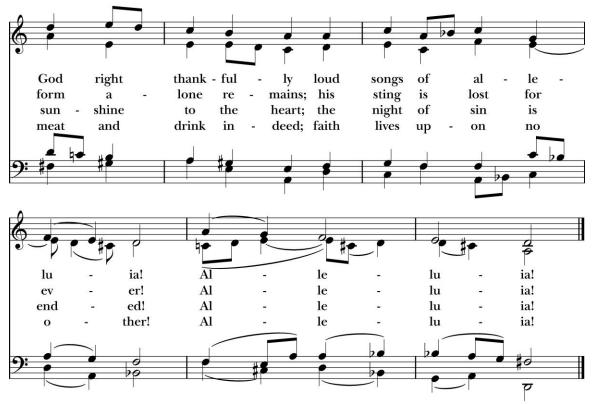
Reader:The word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

1 John 3:1-7

#### All stand.

Hymn 186 Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands





Words: Martin Luther (1483-1564); tr. Richard Massie (1800-1887), alt. Music: Christ lag in Todesbanden, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

# The Gospel

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "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.

Luke 24:36b-48

Reader:The Gospel of the Lord.People:Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Steven King

# Holy Baptism

All stand.

# Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

#### Daniel Christopher Hofman

Celebrant:	The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Parents and Godparents:	I present Daniel Christopher Hofman to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
Celebrant:	Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present
	is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Parents and Godparents:	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant:	Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow
	into the full stature of Christ?
Parents and Godparents:	I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question:	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer:	l renounce them.
Question:	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer:	I renounce them.
Question:	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer:	I renounce them.
Question: Answer:	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior? I do.
Question:	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer:	l do.
Question: Answer:	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord? I do.

*Celebrant:* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

### *People:* We will.

*Celebrant:* Let us join with Daniel who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

# The Baptismal Covenant

# *Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?*People:* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People:I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.<br/>He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit<br/>and born of the Virgin Mary.<br/>He suffered under Pontius Pilate,<br/>was crucified, died, and was buried.<br/>He descended to the dead.<br/>On the third day he rose again.<br/>He ascended into heaven,<br/>and is seated at the right hand of the Father.<br/>He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

- *Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
- *Celebrant:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

## *People:* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

#### People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

#### People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

## *People*: I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

## People: I will, with God's help.

# PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

*Celebrant:* Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth. Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. Leader: People: Lord, hear our prayer. Open his heart to your grace and truth. Leader: People: Lord, hear our prayer. Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit. Leader: Lord, hear our prayer. People: Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church. Leader: Lord, hear our prayer. People: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit. Leader: Lord, hear our prayer. People: Send him into the world in witness to your love. Leader: Lord, hear our prayer. People: Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory. Leader:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

*Celebrant:* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.** 

Please be seated

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant:The Lord be with you.People:And also with you.Celebrant:Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People:It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Celebrant:* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land in promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Baptism

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

*Celebrant:* Daniel, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Celebrant and People:* Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.** 

*Celebrant:* Daniel, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Celebrant and People:* Amen.

*Celebrant:* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

#### Celebrant and People:

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACECelebrant:The Peace of the Lord be always with you.People:And also with you.

# THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

More information can be found on the insert, by visiting our website, stpaulskcmo.org, or scanning the QR code on the back cover of the bulletin.

To make a contribution online, choose the QR code here.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

# The Liturgy of the Table

# Offertory:

Greater Love Hath No Man

St. Paul's Choir

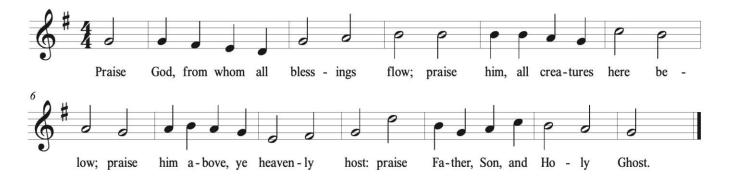
Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who His own self bare our sins in His own Body on the tree, That we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed; ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the name of the Lord Jesus; Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, That ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, Holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

All stand.

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Celebrant:The Lord be with you.People:And also with you.Celebrant:Lift up your hearts.People:We lift them to the Lord.Celebrant:Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People:It is right to give God thanks and praise.



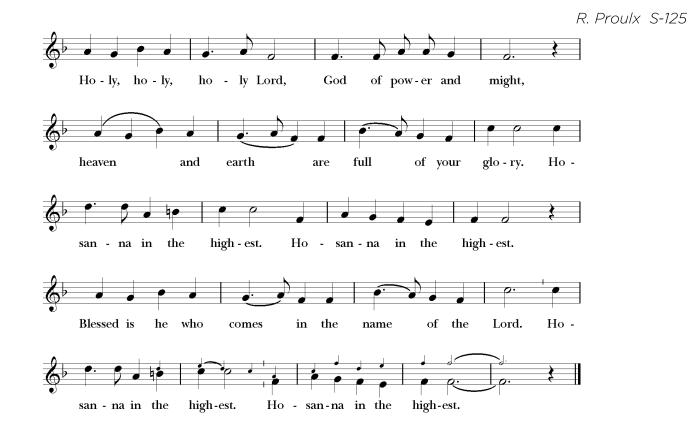


Ireland

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he 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:



Music: From Missa Marialis; Plainsong, Mode 5; Mass 9; adapt. and acc. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944) and Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947)

#### Please kneel or stand.

Sanctus

*Celebrant:* 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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant & People: We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory; *Celebrant:* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

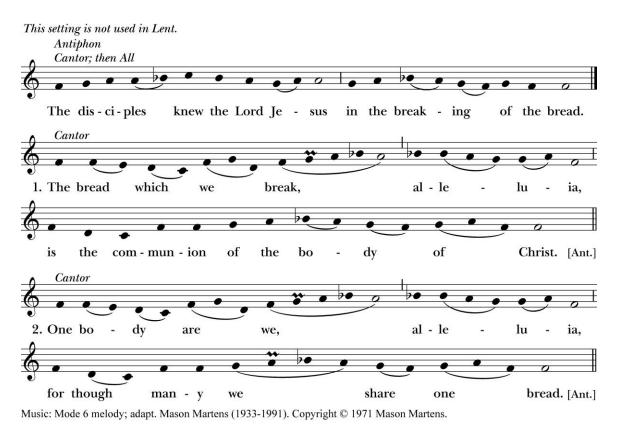
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

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

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Fraction Anthem

M. Martens S-167



Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All who feel called by God are invited to the altar. Those who wish only a blessing should come forward and cross their arms in front of their chest while at the altar rail. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

All sit until dismissed by the usher to receive Communion.



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Please kneel or stand.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER: *Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, Be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing



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## The Dismissal

Deacon: Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE Alla Marcia

J. Ireland

Preacher & Celebrant: Assistant Rector:	The Reverend Steven King The Reverend Brittany Sparrow Savage
Music Director: Organist:	Sam Anderson Kurt Knecht
Readers:	Lillian Hosty Kent McCall
Prayers of the People:	Nancy Franklin
Chalice:	Liz Barnes Meredith Seaton
Acolytes:	Lillian Hosty
Ushers:	Easom Bond Paul Herbers Marie Thompson

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# PRAYER LIST

Merciful God, we bring before you those who seek our prayers. We ask that you would look with compassion on the whole human family, and guide, guard and protect all people who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life. Lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God. Amen.

Carmen, Carly, Scott, Mamaw Palmer, Mary, William, Jesse, Willard, Karen, Paul, Michael, Kathy & Jim, Lonnie, Tom, Courtney, Stephanie, John, and Crystal

# Upcoming Events

#### Embracing Easter: Hope, Love, and Resurrection in Today's World

What difference does Easter make today? Join us during the Sundays in Easter for a series of insightful forums exploring the profound impact of the Easter season in our modern lives. Whether through war and violence, illness, or any other troubles, we know that as followers of Jesus, hope, love, and joy always find a way. Together, let's reflect on embodying these promises amidst the woes of today's society. Next Sunday, April 21: "Confronting Hate, Embracing Love: Unveiling the Power of Compassion - Part 2"

#### Acolyte and Chalice Bearer Training

Join us for an Acolyte and Chalice Bearer training session in the Nave following the service on April 21. Acolyte positions are open to any baptized individual aged nine and above – adults are warmly encouraged to participate as well! Any confirmed individual, under the guidance and approval of the clergy, is invited to become a Chalice Bearer.

Curious about the roles of Acolyte or Chalice Bearer? You're welcome to attend the training to learn more. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### David von Drehle Author Talk: The Book of Charlie

Join us on Friday, April 26th from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM for a special event featuring renowned author and journalist David Von Drehle. He'll be discussing his heartwarming book, "The Book of Charlie: Wisdom from the Remarkable American Life of a 109-Year-Old Man."

Why is this event special?

- Local Connection: Charlie, the book's central figure, was a beloved parishioner at St. Paul's! This is a unique opportunity to hear his story and how it's intertwined with our church community.
- Meet the Author & Get Your Book Signed: Mingle with David Von Drehle and get your copy of "The Book of Charlie" signed at the reception following the discussion. Rainy Day Books will be on-site selling copies.

Praise for "The Book of Charlie": The Wall Street Journal calls it "an original and highly readable account of a splendid American life" that explores the secrets to living a long and happy life. Grab a copy at Rainy Day Books!

About David Von Drehle: Mr. Von Drehle is a deputy opinion editor and columnist for The Washington Post, where he writes about national affairs and politics from a home base in the Midwest. He joined The Post in 2017 after a decade at Time magazine, where he wrote more than 60 cover stories as editor-at-large. During a previous stint at The Post, Von Drehle served as a writer and editor on the National staff, in Style, and at the magazine. He is the author of a number of books, including the award-winning bestseller "Triangle: The Fire That Changed America."

## Every Sunday

#### Children in Worship

People of all ages are welcome to worship in the Nave. In the narthex, you can find children's bulletins and a support shelf with resources for adults, youth, and children that can aid in engaging in the liturgy. There is also a listening pew, located at the front row on the left side for families with young children to have more space for movement.

#### Nursery

Children four and under are welcome in the nursery, professionally staffed by two licensed childcare providers. Conveniently located near the nave, off the tower door. Just follow the blue signs. The nursery operates from 9 a.m. until the end of the Sunday service.

#### Children's Worship

Children 5 through 8 years of age are also welcome to attend Children's Worship. Children's Worship uses an adapted liturgy of the word that includes a conversational sermon. During the passing of the peace, children will come into the Nave for the second half of the service called the liturgy of the table.

Please ask an usher to help guide you to the nursery or the Children's Chapel.

## Upcoming this Summer

- Episcopal Mega Camp | June 2-8 | 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade
  - The Diocese of West Missouri is excited to partner with the Diocese of Kansas to provide Camp for Children and Youth. Camp Wood features a variety of activities such as horseback riding, archery, climbing tower, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, water slide, mud slide, arts and crafts, and sports. The volunteer Episcopal staff provides solid Christian education featuring worship, music, small group discussions, and prayer. Use the QR code to learn more and sign up!
- VBS at St. Paul's | Linked by Love | July 15-19 | 1st through 5th grade
  - St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Summer in the City are excited to offer a VBS specialty camp Linked by Love. God's love can be experienced in so many different ways. Over the week, kids 1st-5th grade will explore Bible stories, sing songs, play games, and engage in service projects, inviting kids to reflect on how God's love links us to one another and God. VBS will run from 9 am to noon. However, the Summer in the City staff has graciously allowed us access to early drop off at 7:45 am and lunch, which will be served at the school at 12. Use the QR code to learn more and sign up!

#### Would you like to Volunteer, Participate, or ask Questions?

Use the QR code to visit our website and reach out to Mtr. Brittany.



#### What's Next?

- April 21 Acolyte & Eucharistic Minister training
- April 26 Author talk, The Book of Charlie
- April 27 Safeguarding Training
- April 28 Book Club
- May 19 Pentecost and Parish Picnic