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The Fourth Sunday of Easter

APRIL 21, 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)

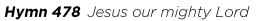
The **nursery** is open on Sunday mornings for children four years and younger. It can be found by following the hallway through the bell tower on the east side of the worship space.

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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







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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen. *People:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE 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.**



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

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

The First Reading

Reader: A reading from the book of Acts.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Acts 4:5-12

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
I will dwell in the house of the Lord, for - ev - er, Hal - le - le	u - jah.
1 The LORD is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.	
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.	Antiphon
3 He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.	
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.	Antiphon
5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.	
6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.	Antiphon

Psalm 23

The Second Reading

Reader: A reading from the first book of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

1 John 3:16-24

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

All stand.

Hymn 645 The King of love my shepherd is

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Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: St. Columba, Irish melody, harm. Hymnal 1982.

THE GOSPEL

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

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

John 10:11-18

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

The Sermon

All stand.

THE NICENE CREED:

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.

Please kneel or stand.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the course of silence after each bidding, you are welcome to add your own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for... In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for...

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **People: That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Diane our Bishop, and for all bishops, priests, deacons, and laity;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joseph, the president, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; *People:* That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *People:* That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on [those in the prayers of this parish], and on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; *People:* May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others; especially our food ministries, the people of South Sudan, Holy Cross School, Ravine a l'Anse, Haiti, St. Paul's Day School, Gordon Parks School, and Citizens of the World Academy.

We invite your intercessions and petitions, silently or aloud.

The Celebrant adds a Collect

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Bishop Search Prayer.

All: O Creator God, giver of every good gift, look graciously on us in the Diocese of West Missouri and guide us as we discern our call of a new bishop. O Jesus, be present in our discernment, and lead us to a shepherd who will invite us to live out the Gospel every day. O Holy Spirit, inspire us with your wisdom, and kindle our hearts with the fire of your love, that we may be renewed as we prepare to welcome the ministry of our next bishop. This we ask trusting in You. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: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: Psalm 23 from Requiem

Herbert Howells

St. Paul's Choir Katilyn Sanders, soprano Deanna Ray Eberhart, mezzo-soprano JW Keckley, tenor

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: Thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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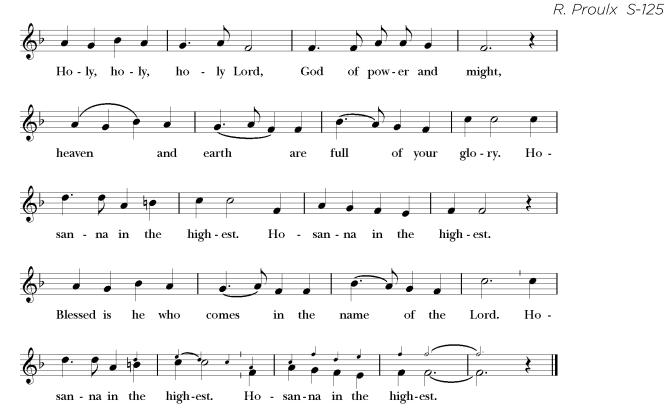
Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Celebrant:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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:

Sanctus



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.

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.

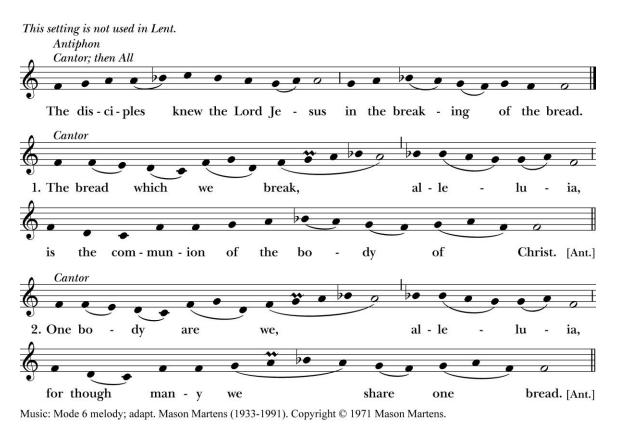
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put 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



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.

On the 3rd Sunday of each month a team of parishioners offers private prayers for you, or with you on behalf of someone else. All are invited to come to the tower room on the east side of the Nave at any point during communion, regardless of which side you are sitting. You are also welcome to fill out a Prayer Request Form, available there and at the entrance (the narthex).



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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

Hymn 708 Savior, like a shepherd lead us



Words: Hymns for the Young, ca. 1830, alt. Music: Sicilian Mariners, Sicilian melody, from The European Magazine and London Review, 1792.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE Allegretto in F

Preacher: Celebrant:	The Reverend Brittany Sparrow Savage The Reverend Steven King
Music Director: Organist:	Sam Anderson Kurt Knecht
Readers:	Donna Roath Ed Shultz
Prayers of the People:	Marie Thompson
Chalice:	Bev Elving Sterling Roath
Acolytes:	George Carignan Lillian Hosty
Ushers:	Paul Herbers Richard Martin

The Vestry of St. Paul's

Richard Scarritt

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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.

Scott, Michael, Carmen, Carly, William, Jesse, Wilbur, Karen, Paul, Kathy & Jim, Mamaw Palmer, Mary, Lonnie, Tom, Courtney, Stephanie, John, Alane, Lia, Carol, and Alan

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 28: "Walking the Emmaus Road: Finding Jesus' Abiding Presence" - Bible Study on Luke 24:13-35

Local Legend's Story Comes Alive! Author David Von Drehle at St. Paul's

Join us for a heartwarming evening with renowned author David Von Drehle (Washington Post) on Friday, April 26th (5:30 PM - 7:30 PM) here at St. Paul's!

Why this is BIG:

- Hear the story of Charlie: the beloved St. Paul's parishioner at the center of Von Drehle's book, "The Book of Charlie: Wisdom from the Remarkable American Life of a 109-Year-Old Man."
- Meet the author, get your book signed, and enjoy a reception: Mingle with Von Drehle, enjoy a glass of wine, and get your copy signed after the discussion. Books will be available for purchase, courtesy of Rainy Day Books.
- Discover what it means to live a long, happy life: Inherit wisdom gleaned from Charlie's extraordinary journey.

P.S. The Wall Street Journal calls "The Book of Charlie" "an original and highly readable account of a splendid American life."

We look forward to seeing you there! If you incur childcare expenses to attend this event, please submit them to the church office for reimbursement.

Volunteer for St. Paul's Food Ministries

We are in need of help! We are especially short of food distribution volunteers on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 to noon, but other opportunities are also available. If this ministry might speak to you, please reach out to the church office, and we'll link you up with Paul Herbers.

St. Paul's Choir Concert May 15 - Save the Date!

Save the date for a wonderful concert full of high Anglican choral music presented by St. Paul's Adult Choir, led by Sam Anderson. We're still ironing out some exciting details, so the exact location has yet to be determined. In any case, we would love to see you there to support our outstanding St. Paul's musicians. Be on the lookout for more details in the near future.

Save the date for food and fun at St. Paul's Annual Pentecost Picnic!

May 19th after church under the tents on the upper field. Please bring a generous side dish - enough for your family and a few more ~ e.g. salads, beans, casseroles, rice, cookies, etc. St. Paul's provides the chicken, biscuits and drinks.

Stay Connected with St. Paul's!

Are you following us on social media? St. Paul's is active on both Facebook and Instagram! We share inspirational messages, upcoming events, photos capturing our shared life together, and more.

By following us and engaging with our posts, you'll help us spread the word about St. Paul's to a wider audience. Every like, comment, and share helps us connect with more people in our community.

Find us here:

Facebook: facebook.com/StPaulsKCMO Instagram: instagram.com/saintpaulskcmo

We look forward to connecting with you online!

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 5 Handbell Concert
- May 15 St. Paul's Choir Concert
- May 19 Pentecost and Parish Picnic
- June 8 Pride Mass