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# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 7, 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)

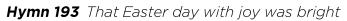
The **nursery** is open on Sunday mornings for children four years and younger. It can be found by following the hallway through the bell tower on the east side of the worship space.

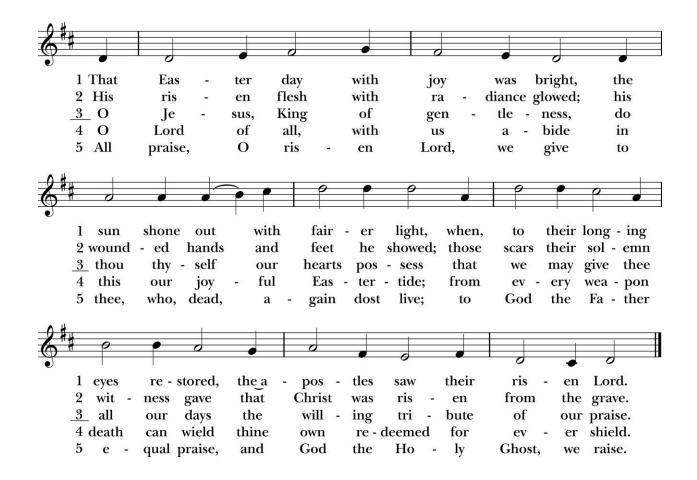
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We are so glad you are here to worship with us. Our community has been worshiping at 40th and Main in midtown Kansas City for over 100 years now. We worship each Sunday at 10:00am. The faith we share here finds its source in the Good News of God in 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





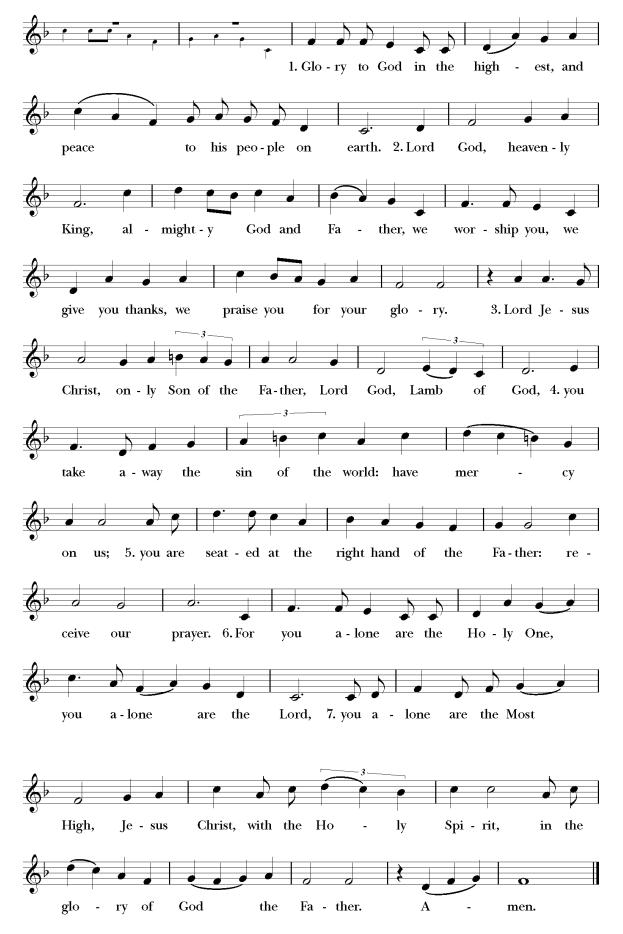


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Celebrant:Alleluia. Christ is risen.People:The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## 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

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

All sit.

## The First Reading

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

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Acts 4:32-35

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



2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*

that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*

and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \* that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \* life for evermore.

Antiphon

Antiphon

## The Second Reading

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

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us - we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

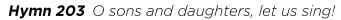
This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

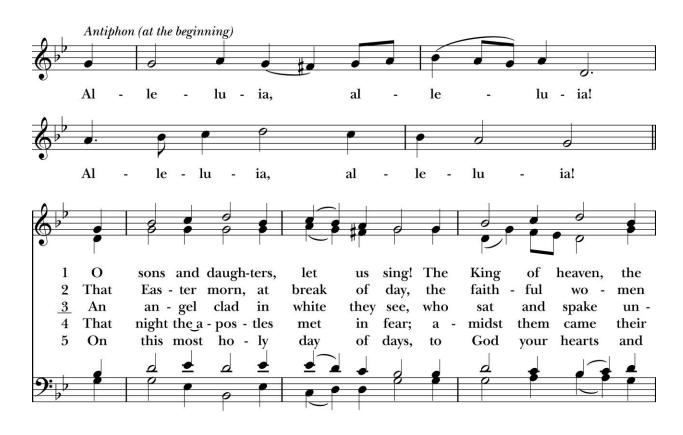
My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 1:1-2:2

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

#### All stand.







Words: Jean Tisserand (15th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866). Music: O filii et filiae, melody from Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et noëls, 1623; harm. Hymnal 1982. Harmonization Copyright © by The Church Pension Fund.

## The Gospel

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Continued...

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:19-31

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

## The Sermon

The Reverend Brittany Sparrow Savage

#### 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 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.

On the first Sunday of each month, undesignated offering is given to the St. Paul's Clergy Discretionary Fund, which provides financial support to anyone in need.



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

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

#### OFFERTORY: God Be in My Head

## Henry Walford Davies

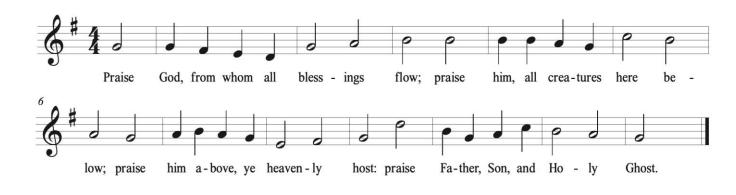
St. Paul's Choir

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at mine end, and at my departing.

#### All stand.

#### DOXOLOGY

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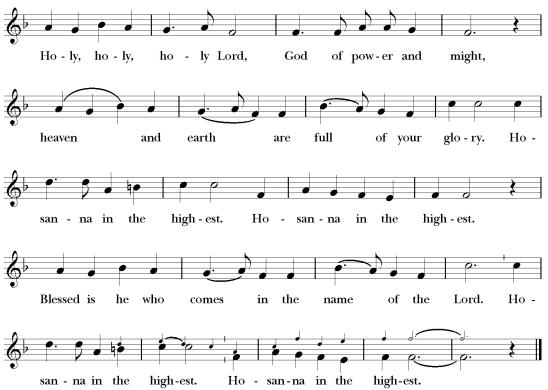


| The Lord be with you.                      |
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| And also with you.                         |
| Lift up your hearts.                       |
| We lift them to the Lord.                  |
| Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.    |
| It is right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

*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.

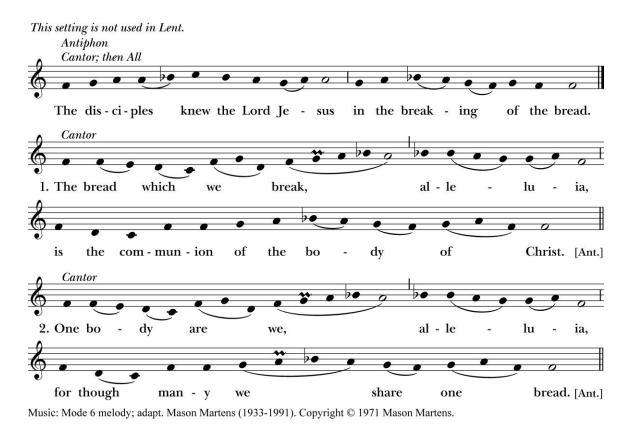
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

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**

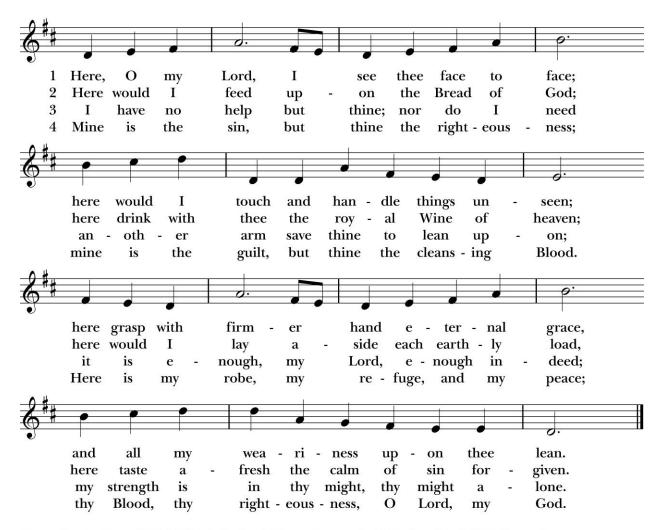
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*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the People of God.

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



Words: Latin, 1695; tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt. Music: *Victory*, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. and arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

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

THE POSTLUDE Fugue in D major

J.S. Bach

| Preacher & Celebrant:<br>Rector: | The Reverend Brittany Sparrow Savage<br>The Reverend Steven King |
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| Music Director:<br>Organist:     | Sam Anderson<br>Kurt Knecht                                      |
| Readers:                         | Larry Hamel<br>Lillian Hosty                                     |
| Prayers of the People:           | Evan Heronemus   |
| Chalice:                         | Nancy Day<br>Bob Kissick   |
| Acolytes:                        | Liz Barnes<br>Lillian Hosty                                      |
| Ushers:                          | Easom Bond<br>Richard Scarritt                                   |

Ed Schultz

## The Vestry of St. Paul's

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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 14: "Confronting Hate, Embracing Love: Unveiling the Power of Compassion - Part 1"

#### 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."

#### April Birthdays

Walker Adams, Reas Bowman, Alex Boyd, Bryant Calloway, Kristina Carignan, Alexandra Connors, Paula Connors, Michael Doubleday, Erik Elving, Ella Howard, Lynnis Jameson, Reece Jones, Wade Kerrigan, Kent McCall, Robert Moriarty, Mary Ann Nelson, Alex Powell, Anna Rudy, Kate Shlesener, Zach Schneider, Scott Seitter, and Lucy Wagner.

#### **April Anniversaries**

TR & Nancy Franklin, Jonathan & Janette Platter, and John & Ann Readey

If your name is missing from our birthday or anniversary list, please email stpauls@stpaulskcmo.org.

## 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 | 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 12 TGIFF at the home of Richard Barrows
- April 14 Baptism
- April 26 Author talk, The Book of Charlie
- April 27 Safeguarding Training
- May 19 Pentecost and Parish Picnic