

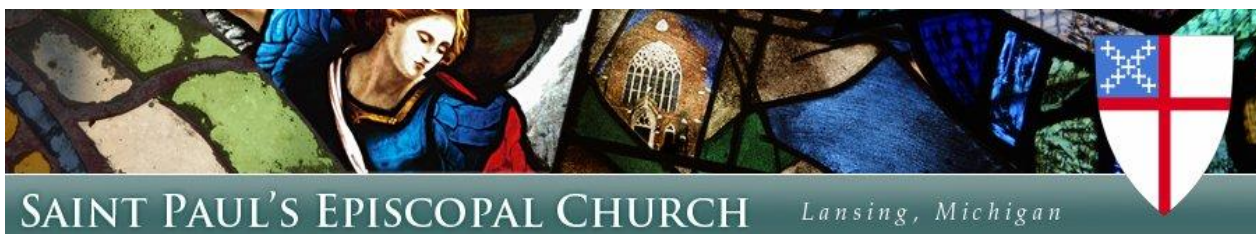
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The Fourth Sunday of Easter A Service for the Ending of a Pastoral Relationship Holy Eucharist – May 11, 2025

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
A SERVICE FOR THE ENDING OF A PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP
MAY 11, 2025

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

The strife is o'er

Hymn 208

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

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 people standing, the Officiant says

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Officiant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us.**

Officiant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Creator of all.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF 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.**

The people are invited to sit for the readings and the psalm

FIRST LESSON

ACTS 9:36-43

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

The King of love my shepherd is

HYMN 645



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er; Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

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

SECOND LESSON

REVELATION 7:9-17

Reader A reading from the Revelation to John

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

What wondrous love

Hymn 439

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835. Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; alt. acc. Carlton R. Young, b. 1926).

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 10:22-30

Then, all standing, the clergy person reads the Gospel, first saying

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

It was the festival of the Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Donna McNeil

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

THE ENDING OF A PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP

Just before the Peace, Donna addresses the congregation with these words:

On the first day of May in the year 2023, I began my ministry as your Associate Priest for Liturgy and Pastoral Care. I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities.

After prayer and careful consideration, it now seems to me that I should leave this ministry, and I publicly state that my tenure as your associate ends this day.

Donna may now state her plans for the future.

The Officiant says

Do you, the people of St. Paul's, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

The People respond **We do.**

Donna and the congregation then say together the following prayer.

O God, you have bound us together for a time as priest and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: we give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past.

Silence.

We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our many failures.

Silence

Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained.

Silence

We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son.

Silence

Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Donna then says

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor unto the Lord.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

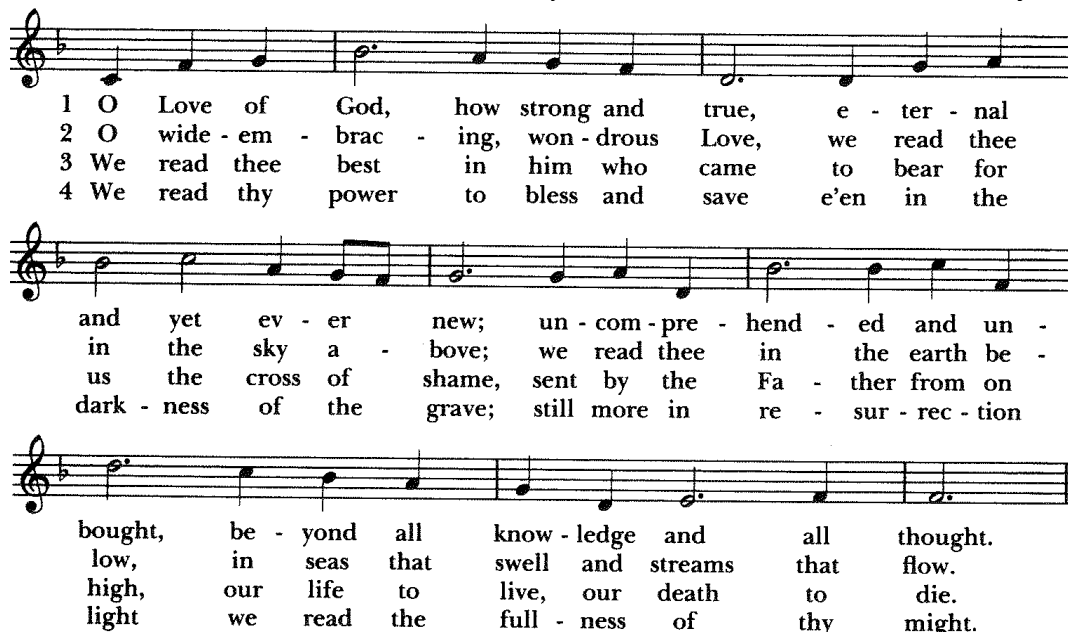
Christ is the World's Light

William Rowan

OFFERTORY HYMN

O love of God

Hymn 455



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
 2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee
 3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for
 4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the

and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
 in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
 us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
 dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion

bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.
 low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
 high, our life to live, our death to die.
 light we read the full - ness of thy might.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (b. 1894)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people standing, the Officiant says

Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed.**

Officiant Lift up your hearts.

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

Officiant Let us give thanks to God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Glorious God, we give you thanks and praise, for on this day creation sings, Christ is risen from the dead! He has burst forth from the tomb to break the tangles of despair and death. You brought your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land, and you brought your Son from the depth of death to the glory of resurrection life. Love is come again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

Officiant and People sing together

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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All embracing God, we give thanks for Jesus, the risen Lord of life, who rose victorious from the grave and made the whole creation new. He broke bread with sinners, fed the hungry, and healed the oppressed, then he poured out his life in death that we might live in love. Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God, for in your conquest of death, we see the destiny of every hope in you.

Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.

We thank you that 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.

Recalling his life, death, and glorious resurrection, we offer you these gifts of bread and wine, and our lives in thanks and praise. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be for us the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Breathe your Spirit upon the whole earth, that we may proclaim the good news to all the world and rise together as children of your new creation. Then bring us to that new heaven here on earth, O God, where death and pain are no more and you dwell with us forever.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you eternally in songs of pure unbounded praise. **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.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

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The Officiant breaks the consecrated bread



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INVITATION

Officiant The gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Gifts for Holy People.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All God's people are cordially invited to God's table, including children. Gluten-free wafers are available; please indicate to the priest that you require this alternative. We will be offering wine from the common cup to those who wish to receive in this manner. The chalice bearer will thoroughly wipe the space from which you drank prior to offering the cup to the next communicant.

Another alternative to receiving the wine from the common cup is through intinction. The priest will place the wafer in your hand; the chalice bearer will pick up the wafer, dip it into the wine, and replace it on your palm. No one is allowed to intinct with their own hand/fingers. This safeguards all who use the common cup. If you wish to receive communion in only one kind (bread), know that you have received full communion.

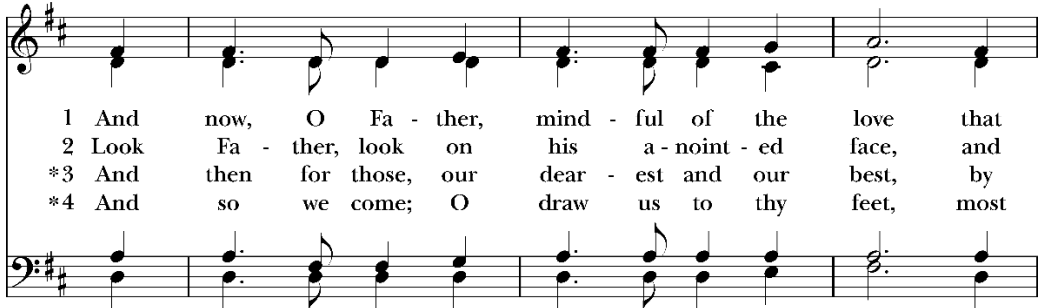
Those who are not baptized or those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. The ushers will guide you. If you are unable to come forward and wish to receive communion in your pew, please let one of the ushers know.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *My God, Thy Table Now is Spread*

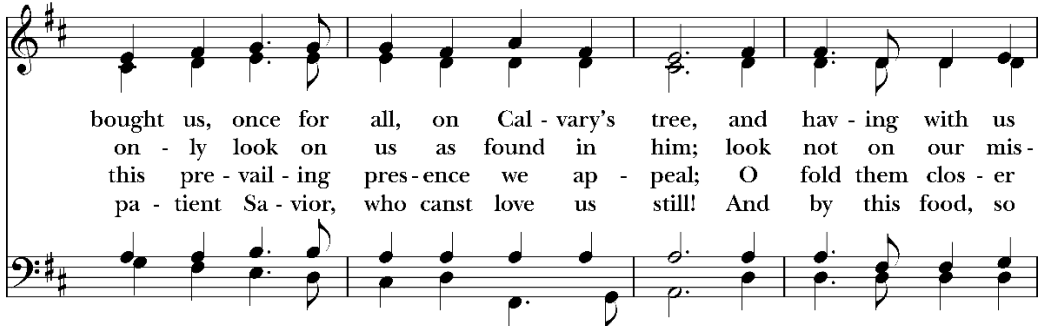
Hal H. Hopson

COMMUNION HYMN *And now, O Father, mindful of the love*

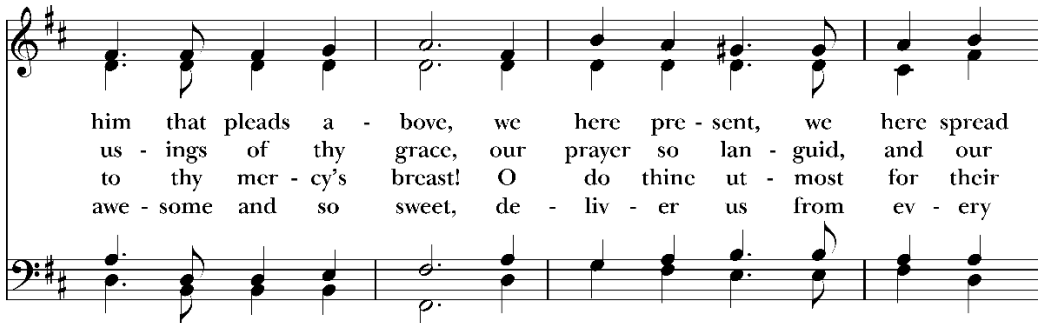
Hymn 337



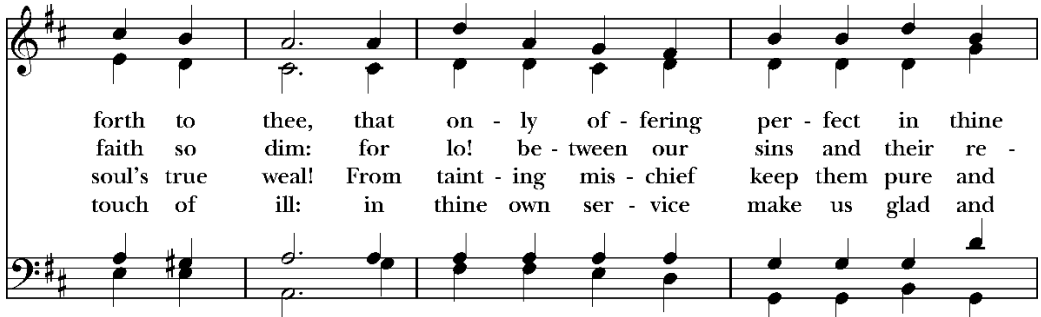
1 And now, O Fa - ther, mind - ful of the love that
 2 Look Fa - ther, look on his a - noint - ed face, and
 *3 And then for those, our dear - est and our best, by
 *4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet, most



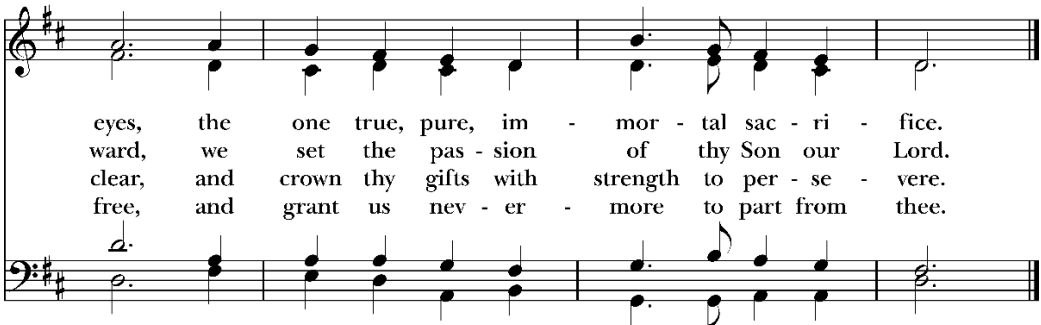
bought us, once for all, on Cal - vary's tree, and hav - ing with us
 on - ly look on us as found in him; look not on our mis -
 this pre - vail - ing pres - ence we ap - peal; O fold them clos - er
 pa - tient Sa - vior, who canst love us still! And by this food, so



him that pleads a - bove, we here pre - sent, we here spread
 us - ings of thy grace, our prayer so lan - guid, and our
 to thy mer - cy's breast! O do thine ut - most for their
 awe - some and so sweet, de - liv - er us from ev - ery



forth to thee, that on - ly of - fering per - fect in thine
 faith so dim: for lo! be - tween our sins and their re -
 soul's true weal! From taint - ing mis - chief keep them pure and
 touch of ill: in thine own ser - vice make us glad and



eyes, the one true, pure, im - mor - tal sac - ri - fice.
 ward, we set the pas - sion of thy Son our Lord.
 clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to per - se - vere.
 free, and grant us nev - er - more to part from thee.

Words: William Bright (1824-1901), alt. Music: *Unde et memores*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The Officiant and People say together:

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants of your Word and Sacraments. We thank you especially for the work of Donna among us. Grant that both she and we may serve you in the days ahead, and always rejoice in your glory, and come at length into your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

The People prayer together

Creator God, we thank you for the many mothers we have had in our lives – for all they mean or have meant, for the love they have shown and the care they have given. We thank you for the qualities of mothers – their patience, their kindness, concern and understanding.

To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms – we need you. To those who have warm and close relationships with your children – we celebrate with you. To those who have disappointment, heart ache, and distance with your children – we sit with you. To those who have not known their mother or whose mothers have died – we grieve with you.

To those who have lost a child or are unable to have children, forgive us when we say foolish things – we don't mean to make this harder than it is. To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains – we appreciate you. To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood – we are better for having you in our midst.

We give you thanks, Lord, for the part mothers have played in our lives and we thank you for this opportunity to say what we so often mean to say but so rarely do. For mothers and motherhood, for those who have supported us when times were hard, may they have the joy of knowing that they too are children held in the love and care of God. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May God, who has led us in the paths of justice and truth, lead us still, and keep us in his ways. Amen.

May God, whose Son has loved us and given himself for us, love us still, and establish us in peace. Amen.

May God, whose Spirit unites us and fills our hearts with joy, illumine us still, and strengthen us for the years to come. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Hymn 708

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
 2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
 learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
 with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

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

DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
 People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God
 and in thanksgiving for the ministry of
 The Rev. Dr. Donna McNiel
 by the entire St. Paul's Community.*

Assisting in today's service

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| Crucifer | Debbie Parks |
| Subdeacon | Henrie Parks |
| Lector | Susan Kendall |
| Prayers of the People | Larry Clark |
| Chalice Bearers | Justin Alexander, Jen Humphries |
| Altar Guild Members for the Week | Nancy Merriman (chair), Jane Bryce, Theresa Milne |
| Ushers | Joe Lehning, Josh Freeman, Michael Hart, Mark Rudd |
| Counters | Martha Seaman McKee, Margaret Schulte |
| Coffee Hour | Vestry |
| Greeters | Joe Lehning |
| Blessing Box | John David Hawkins |
| Recycling Team | Bob Merriman |
| Sunday School Mentors | Isaac Francisco, Allan Boron |
| Vestry Person of the Day | Herb Tanner |

Musical selections licensed through Rite Song.

Assisting Next Sunday, May 18, 2025

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| Crucifer | Amy Wortley |
| Subdeacon | Greg Wortley |
| Lector | Herb Tanner |
| Prayers of the People | Martha Seaman McKee |
| Chalice Bearers | Amy Wortley, Greg Wortley |
| Altar Guild Members for the Week | Bobbi Tisdale (chair), Marilyn Earley, Steven Kandow, Maria Wawro |
| Ushers | John Nevin, Jack Baker, Jamal Dillman-Hasso, Bob Merriman |
| Counters | Larry Clark, Leslie Hall |
| Coffee Hour | |
| Greeters | |
| Blessing Box | Ann & Mike Sanders |
| Recycling Team | Kelly Hackett |
| Sunday School Mentors | Carol Thomas, Susan Henderson |
| Vestry Person of the Day | Jane Bryce |

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Opportunities for Prayer
May 11, 2025

We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers: Melissa, Tom, Peter, Sebastian, Natalie, Julie, Bill, Robin, Samantha, Leigh, Everett, and David. **Due to privacy concerns, we will now be posting first names only on our prayer list.*

We pray this week for the following St. Paul's members: Deborah McMartin-Finkel and Donna McNiel.

We pray this week for the following community service agency: Community Mental Health Authority, 812 E Jolly Rd, Lansing, MI 48910.

We pray for our downtown church community: Cathedral Church of St. Mary; Central United Methodist Church; Christ Community Church; and First Presbyterian Church.

We pray for our worshipping communities: St. Michael's, Grosse Pointe Woods; St. Barnabas', Chelsea; St. Joseph's, Boca Chica, DR.

We pray for those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Diocese of Mishamikoweesh of the Anglican Church of Canada.

We pray for: Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York; Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Bonnie A. Perry, our bishop; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A. Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our retired bishop, Wendell Gibbs; Karen C. Lewis, our rector; Donna McNiel, our associate for liturgy and pastoral care; Dick Hamlin and Gail Shafer, our priest associates; our worship ministers, St. Paul's staff and our diocesan household.

Announcements for The Week
May 11, 2025 - May 18, 2025

Frances Park Worship & Potluck: Join us June 15th at Frances Park pavilion, 2701 Moores River Dr, Lansing 48911 for worship at 10:00am and a potluck and games following the service. There is a signup in the Merrifield Room. St. Paul's will provide the burgers & hot dogs.

Remembering the Days of Old - Boosting your research with records of the Episcopal Church, Mon, May 19, 2025 6:00pm - 7:30pm: Join Jamal Dillman-Hasso, Ph.D. candidate in History at the University of Michigan and Archivist and Historiographer for the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, for a talk about the history of the church's records at the Bentley Historical Library, and how the public can use these papers to answer their own research questions. Attendees will learn how to access materials at the archive and see examples of important documents in person. There is free parking in the Bentley lot to the south of the building. You may also park across the street to the west (the lot opens after 5pm). Location: Bentley Historical Library, 1150 Beal Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48109 Register at <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/u4fq57j>

Bulletin: Please submit information by noon on Tuesday, in writing or by e-mail, to office@stpaulslansing.org to ensure accuracy.

Blessing Box: Sign up in the Merrifield Room to fill the Blessing Box for a week.

Evening Meeting Times & Parking Ramp Hours: All evening meetings and classes should begin no earlier than 6:15pm and end by 8:45pm for access to the parking ramp. Regular parking ramp availability M-Th 6:00pm-9:00pm and Saturday & Sunday 7:30am-6:00pm.

The service of Compline is offered Wednesday evenings at 9 pm on Zoom with The Very Rev. Gail Shafer, our priest associate. The current liturgy is from the Book of Common Prayer. A recording of the service will be posted to St. Paul's Facebook page. Please feel free to either join the Zoom meeting, or the service posted on Facebook. The Zoom link will be listed in the weekly email.

Recycle ink cartridges: Bring your used ink cartridges into the parish office for recycling and help reduce our paper costs. We get discounts on office supplies and paper through the Staples recycling program.

Reminder: Please schedule all meetings (in-person and online) with the office in advance. We want to assure you that there is space for you to meet and that someone will be available to open the building. For online meetings, we want meetings to be available to all parishioners. **Please** notify the office if you have a **cancellation** to ensure building and staff security.

Coffee Hour sign up: We need two family units per week to bring treats, serve & provide cleanup for coffee hour following the 10:00am services. There are signup sheets in the Merrifield Room. Sign up with a friend or extended family. If no one signs up, we will not have coffee hour.

St. Paul's Recycling: Please sign up in the Merrifield Room to take some of the recycling either to your home bin or to a recycling drop off center. We are committed to reduce, reuse, and recycle at St. Paul's. See one of the Milnes or Borons for more information.

Altar flower requests: There are openings for the upcoming Sundays for altar flower dedications. Flowers are always given to the glory of God, and then in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a person or occasion. Dedications and **\$120** payment must be received in the church office no later than the Monday before the date of the dedication. **More than one dedication can be made if you and a friend want to share the cost of the flowers.** Altar Flower forms available on the signup table, or you can email your dedication to office@stpaulslansing.org.

Please sign up to be a Greeter: One of the faith outreaches we have at St. Paul's is the Sunday morning greeters. We can extend our faith by welcoming our fellow parishioners and visitors each week. Remember that you are the first face they will see as they enter the church. A welcoming hand and face always lift our spirit, what a way to start a day and you play an important part in that.

- **Signup sheets are in the Merrifield Room** – Need two greeters at the back door.
- Be at the back door 20 minutes before the service.
- Greeters should remind parishioners to pick up their nametags and ask visitors to fill out the guest book located in the cloister outside the chapel and to join the parish after the service for coffee and fellowship in the Merrifield Room.

Contributions Last Week: For the week of May 4, 2025, St. Paul's received \$7,840 in contributions as follows:

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| Pledge Income | \$6,475 |
| Operating Income | \$290 |
| Loose Offering | \$30 |
| Noisy Offering | \$120 |
| Easter | \$50 |
| Christian Formation Family Ministry Restricted | \$250 |
| Memorial Restricted | \$600 |

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| <p align="center">This Week at St. Paul's May 11, 2025 - May 18, 2025</p> |
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| Sunday, 05/11: | Barb Heany Away |
| | Mother's Day |
| 9:15am | Choir Rehearsal |
| 9:45am | Sunday School |
| 10:00am | Worship & Holy Communion |
| 11:15am | Coffee Hour |
| Monday 05/12: | Barb Heany Away |
| 6:30pm | Mission & Outreach Meeting - Merrifield Room |
| Tuesday, 05/13: | Barb Heany Away |
| Wednesday, 05/14: | Barb Heany Away |
| 12:00pm | Noon Book Study - Zoom |
| 7:00pm | Bible Study - Zoom |
| 9:00pm | Compline - Zoom |
| Thursday, 05/15: | Barb Heany Away |
| 7:00am | Men's Breakfast @ Flap Jack Restaurant |
| 7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| Friday, 05/16: | Barb Heany Away |
| | Office Closed |
| Saturday, 05/17: | Barb Heany Away |
| Sunday, 05/18: | Barb Heany Away |
| 9:15am | Choir Rehearsal |
| 9:45am | Sunday School |
| 10:00am | Worship & Holy Communion |
| 11:15am | Coffee Hour |
| 11:15am | Pack lunches for Punks with Lunch |
| 12:00pm | Drumming Session - Sanctuary |