

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Seventh Sunday in Easter

Sunday, May 12 at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Please note the Sunday services are Live Streamed and recorded for our YouTube Channel.

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE PRELUDE (10:00) *Spring Comes to Xinjing River* **OPERA PRELUDE FOR YANG-QING, BEIJING, CHINA, 1605**

OPENING HYMN 495 (10:00) *Hail, thou once despised Jesus!*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST (8:00)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God, and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;**

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

GLORIA HYMNAL S-280 (10:00)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray. *(Silence may be kept.)* O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

(Please be seated for the readings.)

THE FIRST LESSON: A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 1:15-17, 21-26

In this lesson we hear of the death of Judas and the selection of Matthias to take his place as one of the twelve apostles. It is also prophesied that another should replace him. This person is chosen from among those who were Jesus' companions and who can be witnesses to his resurrection.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place

in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People. **Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 1

The Lord makes fruitful the lives of those who choose the way of righteousness.

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE EPISTLE: A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN 5:9-13

In this reading disciples are bid to believe in the testimony that God has born to Jesus, the Son of God. They are to have confidence that their prayers are heard and that in the Son they have eternal life. Elsewhere in this letter it is indicated that God's witness to Jesus is especially made known through the experience of love, a love made manifest in Jesus. Those who trust in Jesus as the Son of God realize this testimony within their own hearts. Refusal to accept this witness means to lose the possibility of true life.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People. **Thanks be to God.***

SEQUENCE HYMN (10:00) *When Christ was lifted from the earth* **HYMN 603 v. 1-2**

THE HOLY GOSPEL *(Please rise as able.)*

JOHN 17:6-19

In our Gospel lesson Jesus prays for his disciples shortly before his death, asking for their unity and sanctification in the truth. He prays that they may be protected in the Father's name, that is, by God's true character as it has been made known by Jesus. Because of Jesus' revelation to them, the disciples are set apart from disbelieving worldly society. Yet, in another important sense, they remain a part of this world and are consecrated to witness to the truth in it.

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no

longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SEQUENCE HYMN (10:00) *When Christ was lifted from the earth* **HYMN 603 v. 3-4**

THE HOMILY **REV. NANCY PACKARD**

THE NICENE CREED **P. 358**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM IV **P. 388**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MINUTE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY (10:00) *Bless the Lord, O My Soul* **IPPOLITOV/IVANOF**

DOXOLOGY (10:00) **HYMN 380 v.3**

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

All things come from You, O Lord,
And of Your own have we given to You.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A **BCP P. 361**

SANCTUS (10:00) **HYMNAL S-130**

(The people stand, sit, or kneel as able).

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(chanted, led by the choir)* **BCP P. 364**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (4:30 PM, 8:00 AM)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI (10:00) **HYMNAL S-164**

THE INVITATION

All who yearn to be transformed and fed by God are welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ at the Lord's Table. Come forward to the altar rail, hold out your hands, and the priest will offer you the host, then the Eucharistic Minister will offer you the cup, take the rim of the cup and drink from it. Please do not intinct (dunk) the host. If you choose not to drink from the cup, please cross your arms and please allow the Eucharistic Minister to say the words: "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation." Then return to your seat. Please let us know if you require a consecrated gluten-free wafer.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION (10:00)

*Lord Jesus, think on me
Teach Me, O Lord*

**CHATFIELD/SOUTHWELL
ATTWOOD**

SENDING OUT LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 494 (10:00) *Crown him with many crowns*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

In Tēponástli in cāmpānquíza **ARCHIVO GUADALUPE, MISSA AZTECA VII, c.1545**

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Betty Outwin by Holly & Jerry Tepe
Anne Pike, Fanny Kimball & Dorothy Pike by Anne K. Pike*

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**We are all (including you!) called to be ministers to one another.
and to those around us by participating in God's work in the world.**

Ministers serving at worship today.

Clergy

Rev. Jean Beniste, Rector

Clergy in Residence

Rev. Mary Beale, Br. Charles Edward OLW,
Rev. Nancy Packard, Rev. Nancy Baillie Strong

Choir Director

John Spring

Organist/Piano

R.P. Hale, Catharine Dornin

Altar Guild

Barbara Collins, Signa Watts

Lectors (8:00)

Elaine Verne, David Preece, Deb Baker, Ginnie Schartner

Chalice (8:00)

Kim Wheeler, Linda Douglas

Acolytes (8:00)

Phil Denoncourt

Ushers (8:00)

Beth Nagy, Jay Nagy

Vestry on Duty (8:00)

Tamar Roberts

Video (8:00)

Jim Webber

Lectors (10:00)

Bob Samson, Cassandra Bush, Cindy White, Edie Perkins

Chalice (10:00)

Bob Cotton, Barbara Collins

Acolytes (10:00)

Jim Barker

Ushers (10:00)

Kerry Purse, Harriet DeGreenia

Vestry on Duty (10:00)
Video (10:00)

Kate Ess
Randy Roberts

Coming Up This Week

Tuesday & Thursday

7:30 am: Morning Prayer on Zoom
12:10 pm: Noon Day Eucharist in the chapel

Saturday, May 18

4:30 pm: Worship service in the chapel

The Day of Pentecost, May 19

8:00 am: Worship service
10:00 am: Worship service, with incense and music

Announcements

From Deep Roots NEW LIFE Funding a Flourishing Church – Public Phase of the campaign begins! The Episcopal Church of New Hampshire is seeking to raise \$2 million to invest in people for leadership. There is currently \$1.6 pledged and you can help with the remaining \$400,000 to reach the goal. Please pick up a brochure or go to www.FromDeepRootsNewLife.org for more information.

New Training for Worship Leaders, please plan to attend:
Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, and Clergy in Residence will meet June 1 at 10:00 am
Lectors will meet June 2 between services

St. Paul's Church would love to have more worship participants. If you are a parishioner who would like to be involved as an acolyte, usher, lector, or Eucharistic minister, please see Tamar Roberts or email admin@stpaulsconcord.org.

RaiseRight Gift Cards Graduations are coming! If you have a graduate in your life, consider purchasing your gift with a RaiseRight gift card so that a portion of the sale can support Saint Paul's. You can find a list of participating retailers at raiserright.com. Please see Theresa Neves during coffee hours for more info.

The Comfort Food Ministry takes meals to parish members who have a need due to short term health or mobility issues. If you are interested in volunteering to prepare a meal occasionally, please see Mary Waples or email your name and contact info to admin@stpaulsconcord.org.

St. Paul's Ministry of Presence is rooted in Pastoral care, with a group of lay people serving as a valuable liaison between the clergy and parishioners. We provide compassionate support and encouragement to all those who are in need of pastoral and spiritual companionship, making visits to homebound parishioners unable to attend in-house worship services. We also receive prayer requests, send cards and assist parishioners in finding rides to church. If you would like more information or know someone in need of this ministry, please contact the coordinator, Kim Wheeler or the parish office 603-224-2523.

Save the Dates!

June 8, 10:00 am – Diocesan Ordination of Deacons held at St. Paul's Church. AshleyJane Boots will be ordained Deacon at this service and will be our guest preacher that weekend. Reception following.

June 15, 11:00 am – Diocesan Ordination of Priests held at St. Paul's Church.

June 18, 6:00 pm – the Installation of Rev. Jean Beniste as Rector of St. Paul's Church. Please note this will be a high festival service with incense. Reception following.