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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2026
10:30 AM

MORNING PRAYER II
In person and Zoom Church



Welcome to St Paul's Church.

Whether you are here for the first time or a long-time member, your presence celebrates God's activity in our parish. We believe that God has fashioned us into a church for ALL people – including you. Our mission is to love God with all our heart, soul, and being, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Through the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will work to equip, support, and affirm all people for this ministry of Christ's love.

Prelude

Opening Hymn 184 Christ the Lord is risen again

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
All kneel

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

INVITATORY & PSALTER

All stand

Officiant O Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia**

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, * therefore let us keep the feast, Not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, * but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; * death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once; * but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin,*

but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

**Christ is risen from the dead, *
and become the first fruits of them that slept.
For since by man came death, *
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
Alleluia.**

All sit

Psalm *See Readings*

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson *See Readings*
All stand

Canticle K **A Song of Our Adoption**
Ephesians 1:3-10

**Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, * for you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.
Before the world was made, you chose us to be yours in Christ, *
that we should be holy and blameless before you.
You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ,*
according to the good pleasure of your will,
To the praise of your glorious grace, *
that you have freely given us in the Beloved.
In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ,
the forgiveness of our sins,
According to the riches of your grace * which you have lavished upon us.
You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, *
the mystery of your will,
According to your good pleasure which you set forth in Christ, *
as a plan for the fullness of time,
To gather together all things in Christ, *
things in heaven and things on earth.**

All sit

The Second Lesson *See Readings*
All stand

Hymn 343 **Shepherds of souls, refresh and bless**

All sit

The Third Lesson *See Readings*

The Homily

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All stand

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

**and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the**

Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with
you,

People **And also with you.**

Offertory

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

Offertory "Dona Nobis Pacem"

arr. Joshua Specht

All stand as the offerings are presented at the altar

**Presentation Hymn 205 Good Christians all,
rejoice and sing vs. 5**

THE PRAYERS *All kneel or stand*

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

**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.**

Suffrages

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

***R.* Govern them and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

***R.* We praise your name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

***R.* Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

***R.* For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

***R.* And we shall never hope in vain.**

The Collect of the Day *see lectionary insert*

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord,

to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, you humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord, ***Amen.***

O God of all mercy, look with favor on your servants...who are in sickness, danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble. Give them, we pray, courage and hope, and a happy issue from all their afflictions; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in whose hands are the living and the dead: We give you thanks for all your servants who have entered into your rest, especially... Grant them your mercy and the light of your presence; and give us such an awareness of your righteous will, that the work which you have begun in them may be perfected in us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. ***Amen.***

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen..

Announcements/Birthdays/Anniversaries

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**
Ephesians 3:20,21

**Closing Hymn 708 Savior, like a shepherd
lead us**

Dismissal

Postlude