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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 126, 2026
 8 AM

MORNING PRAYER I
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.

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.
All kneel

People **Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost**

sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.
Amen.

INVITATORY & PSALTER

All stand

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.
People **And our mouth shall show forth thy 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.**

Officiant The Lord hath manifested forth his glory:
People O come, let us adore him.

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 the Readings*

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson *See the 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 the Readings*

All stand

A Song to the Lamb *Dignus es*

Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and for evermore.

All sit

The Third Lesson *See the Readings*

The Homily

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All stand

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.

**He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
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 with thy spirit.**

All sit

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

Offertory

All stand as the offerings are presented at the altar

THE PRAYERS *All kneel or stand*

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
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.**

∨ O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. And grant us thy salvation.
∨ Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
∨ Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in thee can we live in safety.
∨ Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
**R. And guide us in the way of justice and
truth.**
∨ Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. Thy saving health among all nations.
∨ Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
∨ Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day *see lectionary insert*

O God, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy 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 thy servants...who are in sickness, danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble. Give them, we beseech thee, 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 thee thanks for all thy servants who have entered into thy rest, especially... Grant to them thy mercy and the light of thy presence; and give us such a lively sense of thy righteous will, that the work which thou hast begun in them may be perfected in us; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, who hast made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after thee and find thee; bring the nations into thy fold; pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; and

hasten the coming of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen

Announcements

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Dismissal