



14 The LORD is my strength and my song, \* and he has become my salvation.  
 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \* in the tents of the righteous:  
 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
 the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"  
 17 I shall not die, but live, \* and declare the works of the LORD.  
 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, \* but he did not hand me over to death.  
 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \* I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.  
 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; \* he who is righteous may enter."  
 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \* and have become my salvation.  
 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \* has become the chief cornerstone.  
 23 This is the LORD'S doing, \* and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
 24 On this day the LORD has acted; \* we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
 25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! \* LORD, send us now success.  
 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \* we bless you from the house of the LORD.  
 27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; \* form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.  
 28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; \* you are my God, and I will exalt you."  
 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \* his mercy endures for ever.

**The Second Reading**

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

*People***Thanks be to God.****The Sequence Hymn***Celtic alleluia*

Gather 204

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.  
 (Repeat- 2 times before Gospel, 1 time after)

## **The Gospel**

John 20:19-31

*Deacon*

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."

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend Janet Fullmer

*Silence*

## **The Nicene Creed**

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**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.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

Gathered as believers in Christ, with the living Christ among us,  
let us offer prayers to God for the life of all the world, saying, Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For peace from on high and for our salvation.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For this holy gathering; for those who seek God, and those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For Stella Julia Lujan and all our new brothers and sisters illumined by the light of Christ.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Nedi, our Bishop; Janet, our Rector; Stephen, our Deacon; for the retired clergy of this parish, for Rustin, Lewis, John, Norman and Robert and for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for Wanda and Rule, and all who serve you in the church; for every member of this parish and all the holy people of God as they minister and serve in our church, our work, our community, and in the world around us.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, the dying and the dead.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For ourselves, our families, and those we love; for Bishop Rustin and the Diocese of Alaska as they elect their Bishop and prepare to move forward together in new life; the beauty and wonder of your creation and all the joys, challenges and love which surround us.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For our many blessings: our families, our homes, schools, community and church; for Habitat for Humanity, Community Meals, and the strength and desire to reach out to be a blessing as we love, care for, and help our neighbors near and far,

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For freeing us from our sins by the life, death and glorious resurrection of Jesus.

Hear the prayers we offer this day, and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For Susan, Lowry, and for all who grieve, as they find your presence with them in the difficult as well as the joyful times of their lives.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Remembering St. Paul, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves to the living God through Christ.

**To you, O Lord our God.**

**All O God of love and mercy, move our hearts to seek you above all things, and to find you around us, surrounding us and all your creation with your love, peace and joy. For all your love and mercy, we give you unending thanks and praise, O Lord our God. Alleluia! Amen.**

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Announcements, Thanksgivings and Celebrations of Life*

*Thank Offerings this quarter will be used for Microfinance loans for people in need throughout the world.*

# The Holy Communion Eucharistic Prayer A

The Offertory

Choir

The Doxology

Celebration Setting

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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, forever and ever .Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### **The Fraction Anthem**

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**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are welcome to receive communion, either in the bread and wine, or a blessing.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]*

### **The Communion Hymn**

*We Walk by Faith*

Gather 414

We walk by faith and not by sight: No gracious words we hear  
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, But we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side, Nor follow where he trod;  
Yet in his promise we rejoice, And cry, "My Lord and God."

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, And may our faith abound;  
To call on you when you are near, And seek where you are found:

That when our life of faith is done In realms of clearer light  
We may behold you as you are In full and endless sight.

*Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871*

### **The Postcommunion Prayer** *Please stand.*

*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 Easter Blessing**

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,  
he comes to claim the here and now and conquer every place and time.

Not throned above, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,  
but daily, in the midst of life, our Saviour with the Father reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn or wealth divide,  
he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.

Christ is alive! His spirit burns through this and every future age,  
till all creation lives and learns his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

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*Deacon and Children [Dismissal]*  
*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Servers This Morning: Celebrant: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Deacon: The Rev. Stephen Schafroth;  
Acolyte: Mike Fowler; Worship Leader: Don Dickinson; Eucharist Minister: Dewanda Clark;  
Lector: Anna Miller; Prayers of the People: Jim Shinn, Skip Fisher; Altar Guild: Janet Mabrey;  
Altar Bread: Lynne Gill; Sunday School: Marilyn Roth;  
Coffee Hour: Ron Fullmer; Greeter: Pat Fowler; Pianist: Gretchen Kimsey.*

***Thanks to all who provided the beautiful Easter Lilies!***

### **PLEASE PRAY:**

For our newest member of St. Paul's, Stella Julia Lujan, baptized on Easter Sunday, Mary and Ken, her parents, and all of her family; for Lowry Browning and family; Helen Felt and family; Sherrey Barrey and family; Susan Erikson, Emma and family; for Mark Braverman, the Diocese of Jerusalem, and the people of the Middle East; Fr. Noe Bernier, *L'Eglise d'Espirit*, and the people of Haiti; Fr. Daniel Kuot and the people of The Sudan; for Caroline and Dale; for Mark Nelson, David Youtz, Robert Pierre, Anthony Joseph, Angela Delores, Lida Beasley, Piper, Leslie, Cathy Dahl, Megan McCarren, Bryon Nixon, Bill Thomas, Blake Gallagher, and Bonnie Myatt.

For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country and for all those who serve and protect us, especially Albert South, Mathew Ketchum, Jordan, Joshua Smith, Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Amy and Gavin McIlvenna, Jason Armstrong, Kevin Extine, Tim Gallagher, Kevin Gross, Gayle Johnson, Travis Kennedy, Robert Knick, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner.

### **CALENDAR:**

Monday	AA "open" meeting	7:00 pm Tayler Hall
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00 pm Mill Creek
Wednesday	AA Meeting	7:00 pm TH
Thursday	Healing Service	Noon
	NA Meeting	12:30 pm Tayler Hall

### ***NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:***

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Psalm 30;  
Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Thanks to all for the great celebration of Easter Sunday and the Baptism of Stella Julia!** Thanks also to the Altar Guild, and to Rule Beasley and the Choir for all their great work to prepare for and so reverently and carefully serve at each service during Holy Week.

Rule provided piano accompaniment for the services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday Stations of the Cross, the Great Easter Vigil, and then the Easter Sunday service as well! That's a lot of music, and it was all beautiful. Thank you Rule, for those services, and for your faithful service throughout the year! And thank you, Choir, for all the music you lead, and especially for the wonderful Easter anthem- it was stirring!

Although the Altar Guild mostly works behind the scenes, their careful preparations of the altar and sanctuary is integral to the experience of each service. They prepare the way for us to enter fully into the spiritual depth of the services. This year we had nine services in five days- that's a lot of preparation! Thank you, you good, and faithful, and dedicated servants!

**SUNDAY APRIL 18- EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT ST. PAUL'S BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK: Or, Enquirers Unite!** Gather to explore and rummage through the crooks and crannies of St. Paul's—both the building and the faith. Want to know where the sacristy is? Or *what* a sacristy is!? Where to turn the water on or off? Or, what's a bishop and why did she have that funny hat? Or anything else at all! If you have had questions or thoughts about St. Paul's, or just want to be in the company of some great people, have lunch, and see what's normally hidden or out of sight...please plan to join me in my office- which is across the hall from the church office- for a new thing: *A Rector's Introduction to St. Paul's*. This is meant to be fun! So, let's gather next Sunday, April 18, at Noon, and go from there. All are most welcome!

**RAGDOLLS TO LOVE: Thanks to all who have made** ragdolls to send to children in Haiti! Some of the dolls are in the narthex, and they're wonderful! During Easter season, the ragdolls will be blessed and sent on their way.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** St. Paul's is the sponsor for the home being built for Janeal Booren, so we are looking for 5 to 6 volunteers to work half-day shifts, 3 days per week for up to nine months. Please consider if you can volunteer for at least some of that time. Habitat also needs one person to coordinate these volunteers and to keep track of their time. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hall by the office.

**BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAYS** meets at Mill Creek Point at 1000 Vey Way.

Please come and join in scripture study that is interesting, provocative, fun, frequently inspiring, and always a help to hearing the lessons on Sunday.

You may find yourself thinking after a sermon...*And that's not the half of it!* So, you are warmly invited to come and share the fellowship, as well as to put in your 2 cents!

**REMINDER: PRAYER BASKETS, AND VESTRY AND PARISH NEWS, NOTECARDS FOR ERD**

\*Prayer baskets are located just as you enter the nave, and at the votive candles;

\*Packets of note cards made by P.K. Swartz are in the narthex: the proceeds support Episcopal Relief and Development- ministries throughout the world;

\*Vestry news, pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and items of interest are on the kiosk in the narthex and on the web site. Please check them out!

**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES AND NEWS FOR THE MESSENGER: *Next Sunday, April 18!***

**THANKS** to Laurance and Ava Kerr for organizing the wonderful Festive Coffee Hour on Easter; to Monte and Don Dickinson for the beautiful plants that grace the entrance, and to Ron Fullmer for today's treats!

***HAVE A JOYFUL AND BLESSED EASTERTIDE!!!***

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