

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
The Second Sunday of Easter 2011
Morning Prayer Officiant: Lynne Gill

Prelude

Willis H. A. Moore

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

The Opening Hymn

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Hymnal 205

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is risen today! Sing songs of praise along his way;
let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your Name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son, to God the Spirit, always One,
we sing for life in us begun: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Officiant 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 for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Jubilate *Psalm 100 BCP 82*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Collect of the day Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 16 Page 599, BCP

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in **you**; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all **other**."
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the **land**, *
upon those who are noble among the **people**.

But those who run after other **gods** *
shall have their troubles **multiplied**.
Their libations of blood I will not **offer**, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my **lips**.

O LORD, YOU are my portion and my **cup**; *
it is you who uphold my **lot**.
My boundaries enclose a pleasant **land**; *
indeed, I have a goodly **heritage**.

I will bless the LORD who gives me **counsel**; *
my heart teaches me, night after **night**.
I have set the LORD always **before me**; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not **fall**.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit **rejoices**; *
my body also shall rest in **hope**.
For you will not abandon me to the **grave**, *
nor let your holy one see the **Pit**.

You will show me the path of **life**; *
in your presence there is fullness of **joy**,
and in your right **hand**
are pleasures for ever-**more**.

The First Reading

Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the multitude, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know-- this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

The Word of the Lord.

Answer **Thanks be to God.**

9 The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce, Deus* *Isaiah 12:2-6*

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Answer **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 15 The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him * in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, * and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, * for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, * to Abraham and his children for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

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.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflection on the Readings

The Apostles' Creed *Officiant and People together, all standing*

**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.**

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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

The Peace

*Announcements, Thanksgivings, Celebrations of Life
Thank offerings this quarter will be used for teacher education for Haiti*

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!
 God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness:
 loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,
 led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ hath burst his prison,
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen;
 all the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
 with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;
 comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
 welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,
 nor the watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal:
 but today amidst thine own thou didst stand, bestowing
 that thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.

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The Doxology **Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Prayers *The People stand or kneel*

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.**

Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
 R. **And grant us your salvation.**
 V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
 R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
 V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
 R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
 V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
 R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
 V. Let your way be known upon earth;
 R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
 V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
 R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
 V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
 R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collects O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy 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.*

The Prayers

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 all of the newly baptized; for all our 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; for Janet and Stephen, our clergy; for our musicians, altar guild, vestry, staff, 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 our friends, families, coworkers and all those we love; for 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 HAVEN; for our mission and ministry at home and around the world; for the strength and desire to reach out in Christ's name 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 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: 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.

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

2 Corinthians 13:14

The Closing Hymn

Jesus is Lord

Hymnal 178

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. *Refrain*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain*

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live for ever. *Refrain*

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior *Refrain*

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The Dismissal Deacon

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

Postlude

Willis H. A. Moore

Today's Servers

Officiant: Lynne Gill; Deacon: The Rev. Stephen Schafroth; Organist: Willis H. A. Moore

PLEASE PRAY:

For Cursillo: For our St. Paul's Cursillistas: Walter Fields; Janet Mabrey; Amy McIlvenna and Marilyn Roth; For staff including Ron and Janet Fullmer, Laurance and Ava Kerr, Rustin and Gretchen Kimsey; For all who are participating in this Cursillo weekend in any way; For the Holy Spirit to renew the people gathered, and fill them with God's presence; For the weekend to be a time of blessing, refreshment and new life! The Cursillo weekend begins on Thursday April 28 and ends on Sunday, May 1.

For our diocese, friends and family: For Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton: Kenny King, Jean Cupp; Margaret Savage; Harold Kirby; Rosemary Applegate; Hyun Joo Yi; Chuck Hartmann, Jack Howe, Doris Abrams, Jane Schafroth; Marilyn, Michelle, Laurie, Greg, Nancy, and Dorothy.

For our Vestry and work groups: Building and Administration: Laurance Kerr, Junior Warden; Jill Durow, Pat Fowler, Jenny Curtis, Jerry Frazier, Treasurer; Relationship/Serving: Andrea Booren, Amy McIlvenna, Julie Reynolds, Diane Walworth; Worship/Education: Diane Walworth, Joann Manciu, Robert Kirby, Julie Reynolds, Monte Dickinson, Senior Warden; and Deb Hucke, Deputy Clerk.

For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country and for all those who serve and protect us, especially: Albert South, Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Kevin Gross, Travis Kennedy, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner, Amy and Gavin McIlvenna.

CALENDAR:

Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00 pm	<i>Mill Creek</i>	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:
Wednesday	Eucharist Service	Noon	<i>Diocesan Chapel</i>	Acts 2:14,36-41; Psalm 116:1-3,10-17
	Soup Supper	5:30-6:00 pm	<i>Taylor Hall</i>	1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35
Thursday	Healing Service	Noon	<i>St. Paul's</i>	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISCRETIONARY FUNDS- Today is the first Sunday of the month, which means that today's undesignated offerings will be used to fund the clergy discretionary funds, the primary source of money for immediate and direct relief and assistance to those in need. Offerings designated for the Discretionary Funds are welcomed at any time, of course! The Discretionary Fund is the primary source from which St. Paul's responds to special needs, including individuals who ask for help ranging from gas money, to food, to rent help, to emergency overnight stays at a hotel. It is not used to supplement the general budget or operational needs of St. Paul's. The decision of what help to give rests with the rector or deacon within canonical guidelines, and the ability to provide this kind of help is vital to the mission of the church. Thank you for giving!

ORGAN CRAWL TODAY- This afternoon you have the opportunity to go to several local churches to enjoy the organs at each- each played by a different organist. See the flier in the hallway for more information.

INQUIRERS' CLASS BEGINNING MAY 8- If you want to meet in a small group setting with interesting people who happen to come to St. Paul's... have an interest in baptism, confirmation, or the history of the church...want to become more familiar with the Book of Common Prayer... have questions about what we think or believe and why we think or believe it...or are ready to see what you might have missed along the way...please consider yourself invited to the Inquirers' group which have its initial meeting toward the end of coffee hour on May 8. Plan to meet for about an hour for this first session- lunch provided!

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH POTLUCK- May 4 is a potluck with a report from the New Orleans Rebuild Team. Please come at 5:30 or so to munch and set-up, 6:00 to eat, and at 6:30 or so, get the first hand report. Since the next day is May 5...aka Cinco de Mayo...be prepared for some lovely and spicy Mexican treats! Please come and enjoy a lovely time with an informative and inspiring look at the work that was done in New Orleans, as well as a hint of the work yet to be done.

VESTRY ORGANIZATION- Vestry news including an organizational chart and *Who's Who* for information, committees, etc; a church *Calendar at a Glance*; pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and other sundry items of interest are on the kiosk in the narthex and on the web site. Please check them out!

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 as they respond to emergencies throughout the world;

*Vestry news, pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and items of interest are on the kiosk in the narthex, the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the office, and the web site.

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