St. Paul’s
Episcopal Church

Eastertide

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Good morning! This bulletin accompanies our service gathering in the church yard and also using the Zoom platform. To attend in person, go to our website to see an outline of our precautions and procedures. To link to the service go to https://us02web.zoom.us/j/647333282?pwd=WmtlR3ppamVET1dhNHAxU0JVZUZmQT09 or call 1-646-558-8656 (Meeting ID:647 333 282; passcode 850475). Everything you need to participate is included here. We encourage you to follow, say the responses, and allow yourself to be pulled closer to God.

Welcome.
We are delighted you are joining us for worship today.
Our celebration of Easter continues - Christ is risen indeed!
As we gather, you are invited to center yourself and prepare for worship.

First, enjoy three deep breaths
• The first one to help you fully arrive in your body,
• The second one to clear your mind so you may be present to yourself and others,
• The third one to open your heart and welcome the Holy Spirit to engage you

Second, select one of these three entries into worship
Notice whichever one you feel drawn to... then do what you’re invited to do with it
Are you hopeful today?
• Pray a simple prayer of thanksgiving for the beacon of hope drawing you forward.
Are you looking for light today?
• Pray for the light of Christ to illumine you especially this morning, and also to illumine the world.
Are you in need of joy this morning?
• Pray that God would show you the simple, profound joys that surround you now.

Third, be still until worship begins
Empty your hands,
Close your eyes,
Breathe deeply and slowly,
Empty your mind.
Let sounds pass by you.
Find interest only in silent waiting upon God.
Prelude

All stand (as you are able). The Celebrant says
Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says the 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.

All say the Gloria
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.

Collect of the Day
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.
The Celebrant prays the Collect appointed for this day on the church calendar.

All sit.
First Reading
At the conclusion of the reading the Reader will say

The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm
Read by all

Second Reading
At the conclusion of the reading the Reader will say

The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
All stand for the

Holy Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ____________.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel reading the Celebrant will say

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please sit for the

Sermon

Musical Interlude

All stand and together say

The Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of the People Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Doug, our Bishop; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sam, our Rector; Jane our Priest Associate; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joseph, our President; Charlie, our Governor; and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We remember especially those on our parish prayer list. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.
We remember those who have died, especially those we name now either silently or aloud. Give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The Intercessor will offer various prayers on behalf of the community, after which others may add their own petitions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud. The Celebrant then adds a concluding Collect.*

**The Peace**

*Celebrant*  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*  
And also with you.

*Remaining in place, the ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Please be seated for**

**The Welcome and Announcements**

**Musical Interlude**

*The Celebrant prepares the table for Holy Communion.*

**Please note:** The clergy and church leadership have taken extra precautions to be sure that the administration of Holy Communion is safe for all. To ensure that safety, you are asked to do the following:

- Please remain at your seat throughout the Eucharistic Prayer and distribution of communion
- We will take only bread (wafers) at this time.
- The bread will be distributed to you at your seat; you may stand or sit to receive.
- Please be fully masked as the bread is dropped into your hands. (No physical contact - if the priest should accidentally touch a hand while distributing the bread, she/he will immediately stop to sanitize hands before proceeding.)
- If you do not wish to receive the bread, please fold your arms across your chest; the priest will offer a blessing without touch.
- AFTER the priest has given bread to the next separately seated individual/group after yours, you may take off your mask in order to consume the bread.

**The people stand (as you are able) for**

**The Great Thanksgiving**  
*Eucharistic Prayer A*  
*BCP p. 361*

*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 our thanks and praise.
Celebrant
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:

The Celebrant and the People say the Sanctus

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

The Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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.
Celebrant
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread
A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant   Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People  Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
Celebrant   The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The bread will be distributed according to the procedure outlined above.

If the service is only online due to weather, you may choose to pray the following as the altar party takes communion:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Musical Interlude

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

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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.
Blessing
The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Sending Forth
Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

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Service Schedule
Sundays, 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the church yard, weather permitting
Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayers - online via Zoom
For more information on connecting to worship, please visit our website: www.stpaulsstockbridge.org

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