

May 4th, 2025 Third Sunday of Easter

Thought to ponder: *"May the Force be with you"*
- Obi-Wan Kenobi

Welcome

Announcements, Life & Work of the Church

Prelude:

Passing the Peace:

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you

Acknowledgement of the Territories:

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

Call to Worship:

One: Sing praises to the Lord,

All: We will give thanks to God's holy name.

One: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

All: We will give thanks to God's holy name.

One: God has turned our mourning into dancing! Let us praise and not be silent!

All: Lord our God, we will give thanks to your holy name, now and always!

Hymn: Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world

You stepped down into darkness

Open my eyes let me see.

Beauty that made this heart adore you

Hope of a life spent with me.

So here I am to worship,

Here I am to bow down

**Here I am to say that you're my God.
And you're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me.**

King of all days oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above.

Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor.

Refrain

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

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Gathering Prayer:

God of the Risen Christ and the rising earth, we come giving thanks for all the wonder in your creation: for the tiny perfection revealed in a baby's fingers grasping ours, in each daffodil unzipping its jacket to greet the spring, and each rock face worn by wind and water, bearing its rugged beauty with your praise. These details lift our hearts to praise you, too. So let the details of the story of the Risen Christ lift our hearts this day, that we may greet a new week as an occasion to discover him in our midst, making all things new with the springtime of your Spirit. Receive our heartfelt worship, O God, Creator, Christ and Spirit, ever Three and ever One, now and evermore. Amen.

Children's time: Pen or Pencil

Hymn: VU #567

Will You Come and Follow Me vs 1,2,4,5

**Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me?**

**Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?**

**Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.**

**In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.**

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Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture:

Psalm 30 God turned my mourning into dancing

Luke 24: 13-35 The Road to Emmaus

Ministry of Music: You Say

Reflection: and on this path

Hymn: VU #184

As We Walked Home at Close of Day

**As we walked home at close of day,
A stranger joined us on our way.
He heard us speak of one who'd gone,
And when we stopped, he carried on.**

**Why wander further without light?
Please stay with us this troubled night.
We've shared the truth of how we feel
And now would like to share a meal.**

**We sat to eat our simple spread,
Then watched the stranger
take the bread;
And, as he said the blessing prayer,
We knew that someone
else was there.**

**No stranger he; it was our eyes
Which failed to see,
in stranger's guise,
The Lord who, risen from the dead,
Met us when ready to be fed.**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
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As Mary and our sisters said,
The Lord is risen from the dead!**

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Prayers of the People:

One: In your great mercy,
All: Hear our prayers.

The Lord's Prayer:

**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.**

Invitation to Generosity:

Prayer of Dedication:

Gracious God, you have given us life and furnished it with much beauty and blessing. In Christ you have given yourself to us. So we offer to you a portion of what we have received to share in the work of your kin(g)dom. Use our energy and ability for your purposes for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

Hymn: VU #166 Joy Comes with the Dawn

**Joy comes with the dawn;
 Joy comes with the morning sun;
 Joy springs from the tomb
 And scatters the night with her song,
 Joy comes with the dawn.**

Weeping may come;
 Weeping may come in the night,
 When dark shadows cloud our sight.

Refrain

Sorrow will turn,
 sorrow turn into song,
 And God's laughter make us strong.

Refrain

We will rejoice,
 we will rejoice, and give praise,
 To the One who brings us grace.

Refrain

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Benediction:**Sung Benediction: Celtic Alleluia**

**Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia**



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Announcements

May 4th, 2025 Third Sunday of Easter.

Reader for this week: Elaine

Reader for next week: Daniel

Greeter this week: Donna Adair

Greeter next week: Gordon and Karen

Tellers this week: Susan and Lori

Tellers next week:

A/V this week: John

A/V next week: Lisa

Sunday

9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Sunday Service

Wednesday

6:00 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

6:00 Kiwanis - Muriel

6:30 Youth Group

Friday 11-1 takeout Luncheon

Next Sunday 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Sunday Service in sanctuary
via Facebook and Zoom

Coffee and conversation after the service

Interested in joining the membership of St. Paul's either through confirmation or transfer of membership? Please contact Rev. Jenn.

The Plant sale will be coming soon. Start preparing your perennials for dividing and potting then bring them to us the last week of May for the plant sale on May 31st.

Women of the bible Do you have a favourite woman of the Bible? Write her name on the white board. This summer we will be talking about the incredible women of the bible.

Grad Sunday June 15. Please let us know if you have a family member graduating from high school, college or university. Let Lisa know or sign the sheet in the Narthex.

Good News and Caring Corner: If you have some good news you want shared with the congregation, let us know and we'll pass it on. If there is someone you think should have a card from the caring corner for whatever reason, please see the attendant in the corner, or call the office.

Offering Envelopes are available at the office or on the table in the entryway. If you are using them for the first time, be sure to have your name and

address on the first one so we can get you your tax receipt at the end of the year.

Grocery Cards: It's an easy fundraiser as we all buy groceries so why not do it via grocery cards as it results in income for the church. We will be available (as we are able) before and after church for you to purchase cards. As well, cards are available for purchase in the office during regular business hours.

Contact information: Please keep your contact information and addresses updated so we can get information out to you. An inaccurate address may lead to delays for tax receipts. Thanks.

A reminder that you may be on our video presentation as we are broadcasting our services on Facebook.

Join in or listen to any of the Zoom calls via Internet using the link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/179750852?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/179750852?pwd=7IAYtPHcGTE)
pwd=7IAYtPHcGTE

If you know of anyone needing help, please contact the office or Rev. Jenn Brown