

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



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WELCOME

The congregation gathers in the Cathedral Rain Garden and receives bulletins, candles, and instructions for the procession that will make its way down 9th Street after the Paschal candle is lit. The congregation will enter the church via the entrance on 9th and High Streets. Those who need a level entry are invited to use the north door from the parking lot.

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Celebrant

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing God's Word and celebrating the Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

A Deacon or acolyte strikes the flint for the new fire

Celebrant

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The image contains three staves of musical notation. The first staff is for the Deacon, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you." The second staff is for the People, with the lyrics "And al - so with you." The third staff is for the Deacon, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics "It is right to give him thanks and praise." Each staff begins with a treble clef and a flat key signature (B-flat).

Deacon
The Lord be with you.

People
And al - so with you.

Deacon
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Cantor

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

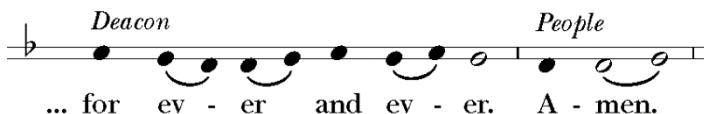
This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning – he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The congregation is seated throughout the readings, musical responses, and collects.

The Celebrant Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

The choir extinguish their candles. Congregation candles may remain lit through the four Old Testament prophecies.

The Story of Creation	[Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 2]	Mr. John Zickefoose
Choral Response	<i>Hymn 385 (St. 1)</i>	DAKOTA INDIAN CHANT

The Rev. Don Keeler

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Flood	[Genesis 7: 1 – 5, 11 – 18; 8: 16 – 18; 9: 8 – 13]
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Choral Response	<i>Canticle 9, The First Song of Isaiah</i>	Ms. Phyllis Melton
		CANON MARK BABCOCK

The Rev. Jean McCarthy

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea [Exodus 14: 10 – 31, 15: 20 – 21]

Mr. Jonathan Hansen

Choral Response *Canticle 8, The Song of Moses* Babcock

The Rev. Kenneth Messer

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Valley of Dry Bones [Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14] Ms. Sara Early

Choral Response *Dry Bones* Ben Allaway

The Rev. Michael Monnot

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gathering of God's People [Zephaniah 3: 12 – 20]

Ms. Diane Gillott

Choral Response *Sing Praise* Taizé

The Rev. Nicola Bowler

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The Celebrant leads the people in renewing their baptismal vows and asperges the people with Holy Water as a reminder of the waters of our own baptism.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People 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.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People 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.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

EASTER GREETING

The Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

The frontal is revealed and the candles at the Altar are now placed and lighted from the Paschal Candle. The lights rise, and the people extinguish their candles.

The Gloria

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The Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church the Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

THE EPISTLE

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

[6: 3 - 11]

Hymn 178 (St. 1)

Alleluia

ALLELUIA No. 1

The Holy Gospel

[Matthew 28: 1- 10]

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Tom Early

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Easter Anthem

William Billings

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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Sanctus

(in the front section of the Hymnal)

S124

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Fraction Anthem *(in the front section of the Hymnal)* S160

All who seek a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion by moving forward to the altar rail or by remaining in your place and indicating to an usher that you would like to receive. Alternatively, you are welcome to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are not yet baptized and feel drawn to receive Holy Communion, please speak with a priest about baptism after the service.

Communion Music *O Filii et Filiae* Ivo Antongini

POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP p. 365

THE BLESSING

May almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 205 (St. 1 – 3) *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!* GELOBT SEI GOTT

DISMISSAL

Organ Voluntary

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PARTICIPANTS IN TONIGHT'S LITURGY

Celebrant	The Rt. Rev. Betsey Monnot
Bishop's Chaplain	The Rev. John Doherty
Minister of Ceremonies	The Rev. Nicola Bowler
Homilist	The Rev. Tom Early
Deacon of the Gospel & Dismissal	The Rev. Jean Davis
Deacon of the Table	The Rev. John Doherty
Crucifer	Mr. Ned Whipple
Thurifer	Mr. Alex Kane
Boat Bearer	Ms. Jolene Phelps
Vigil Collect Intercessors	The Rev. Don Keeler
	The Rev. Jean McCarthy
	The Rev. Kenneth Messer
	The Rev. Michael Monnot
	The Rev. Nicola Bowler
Story Tellers	
The Creation	Mr. John Zickefoose
The Flood	Ms. Phyllis Melton
The Red Sea	Mr. Jonathan Hansen
The Valley of Dry Bones	Ms. Sara Early
The Gathering of God's People	Ms. Diane Gillott
Epistler	Ms. Peggy Aerisolphal
Cathedral Organist/Choirmaster	Canon Mark A. Babcock
Cantor	Mr. Austin Rozendaal
Choir	St. Paul's Cathedral Choir
Eucharistic Ministers	The Rt. Rev. Betsey Monnot, The Rev. Nicola Bowler, The Rev. Tom Early, Mr. Scott Jeneary, Mr. Mike McCarthy, Ms. Anna Whipple
Audio	Mr. Harold Alexander
Video	Mr. Josiah Sutton
Ushers	Ms. Anna Whipple and Mr. Tim Whipple

St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral Leaders

The Rt. Rev. Betsey Monnot	<i>Bishop of The Diocese of Iowa</i>
The Rev. Nicola Bowler	<i>Acting Dean of the Cathedral</i>
The Rev. Jean McCarthy	<i>Priest Associate</i>
The Rev. Kenneth Messer	<i>Priest Associate</i>
The Rev. Michael Monnot	<i>Priest Associate</i>
The Rev Jean Davis	<i>Deacon</i>
The Rev. John Doherty	<i>Deacon</i>
Canon Mark Babcock	<i>Organist/Choirmaster</i>
Jonathan Hansen	<i>Formation Missioner</i>

Announcements for April 8, 2023

Thank you for joining us tonight. God bless you.
We hope you will join us for Easter Services tomorrow
either in person or online.

Easter Sunday Services at 8:00 & 10:00 am 10:00 am service will be livestreamed

*Please note that the Cathedral Office will be closed
on Easter Monday, April 10, 2023*

Connection Café: All are welcome to help make sandwiches after both services.
We will serve Monday, April 10, 2023.

St. Paul's Cathedral Arts offers Choral Evensong on the third Sunday of the month
Sunday, April 16 at 4:00 p.m.

**More information about all our activities can be found on the handouts
and on our website: www.stpaulsdm.org**

About tonight's cover:

Tonight's cover features a detail of the window given in 1885 by John L. Weeks and his wife Deborah. Designed by the Philadelphia firm of Groves & Stiel, the windows in the Nave are original to St. Paul's, and they reflect two artistic influences at the time: the Gothic Revival and the Aesthetic Movement. The floral symbolism is noteworthy: passionflowers for the Christian faith, and lily-of-the-valley for purity and humility.



**Easter Offerings and Flowers are Given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of:**

As of April 8, 2023

Peggy Aerisolphal
Michael & Ro Ruth-Bany

*In honor of my grandchildren
In memory of Minnie & Percy Bany, Hilda &
George Ruth, and other late family members*

Dean Bice
Barbara Duro
Leighton & Carla Carlson
Barbara & Douglas Hein

In memory of Ronald & Anna Bice

*In memory of Barbara N. & Marshall G. Linn,
Marilyn L. & Hubert Hein, and The Rev.
Muffy Harmon*

Mark Babcock & Anthony
Braida
John & Jan Doherty

In memory of our grandparents

*In memory of Joe & Nia Doherty, Frank & Jean
Cate*

John Fletcher & Mark
Thompson
Bill & Patti Graham
Carol Hall
Henry Harmon
Barbara & Douglas Hein

*In memory of Timothy & Geraldine McCarthy
In memory of John D. Hall
In memory of The Rev. Muffy Harmon
In memory of Barbara N. & Marshall G. Linn,
Marilyn L. & Herbert Hein, & The Rev. Muffy
Harmon*

Marian Jacobs
Allen & Katie Kaufman

*In memory of Dr. George & Ginny Mastio,
O.J. & Barbara Kaufman*

The Komy Family

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Terry & Phillis Melton
Bob & Sue Owens

*In memory of Thomas & Suzanne
In memory of Arthur & Crystal Owens,
Ernest & Eva Wright*

Jo Sloan
Laurie Theis
Jacob Wal

In memory of Steve Theis

John & Ann Wetherell
John W. & Suzanne Wetherell

In memory of John & Jo Wetherell

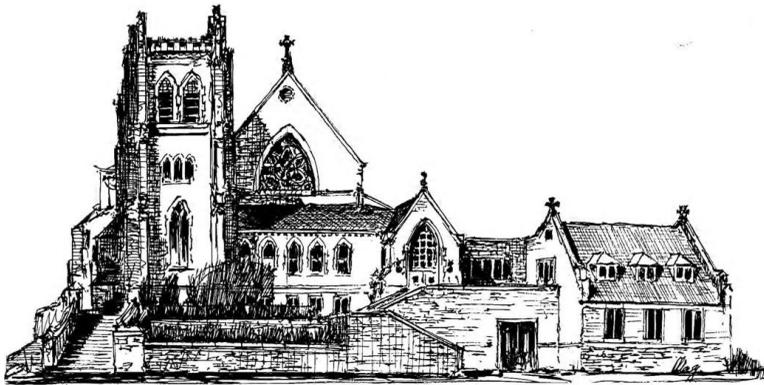
Mary Whisenand
Rick Williams, Jill Williams
Ayers, & Nancy Williams
Dotson

*In memory of my parents & brother
In memory of Marvin F. Williams, Betty M.
Williams, & Sue Williams Deever*

Stephanie Wells
Robert & Laura Wootten

*In memory of Deborah Suzanne Wells
In memory of J. Robert Wootten, Mary Lou
Avery, James & Martha Dacus*

John Zickefoose & Elvin
McDonald



Dedicated on Easter Sunday in 1885, St. Paul's is on
The National Register of Historic Places.

Have a Joyous Eastertide!