



Old St. Paul's
Anglican Church



Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Paul Tree (Organist) and Barry Schneider (Violinist)

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Opening Hymn

CP 206 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (Vs 1-3 & 5)

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Opening Greeting

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.

People **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Words of Welcome & Introduction

This morning, on this second Sunday of Easter we continue to celebrate and give thanks for the hope and promise of the resurrection. We remember that Easter isn't about one day at it's very least it is a season that lasts until the Ascension but truly Easter is a faith we hold on to and proclaim every day of our lives.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God,

All **to you all hearts are open,**

all desires known,

and from you no secrets are hidden.

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.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Family Hymn

Forgive One Another (Video)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

First Reading: Acts 5: 27 - 32

A Reading from the Book of Acts

²⁷ When they had brought the Apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm (Sung)

CP 309 Praise the Lord With the Sound of Trumpet

Second Reading

Second Reading: Revelation 1: 4 - 8

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

⁴ 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,⁵ 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,⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.⁷ 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.⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

Holy Gospel

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

John 20: 19 – 31

¹⁹ 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.”²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”²⁴ But Thomas, who was called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ 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.”²⁶ 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.”²⁷ 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.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ 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.”³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in

the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ 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.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Response

Sermon – Rev'd Canon Tony

Liturgy of Release and Renewal for Old St. Paul's Church

Celebrant Beloved in Christ, We gather in a place filled with memory - A place where prayers have been whispered, tears have been shed, songs have been lifted, and lives have been changed.

This house of worship has held us, and we give thanks.

All We remember with gratitude all that God has done in this place.
We honour the past with love. We bless those who came before us.
We give thanks for sacred moments shared in these walls.

Celebrant And yet, even as we remember, we feel the ache of change. Some pews are emptier now. Some voices are no longer heard. Some traditions have faded and our hearts carry both love and loss. Today, we make space to release - Not to forget, but to entrust the past to God's keeping.

All We release what has been.
We forgive what we cannot hold.
We lay down our sorrow and longing.
We trust that what is sown in love is never lost.

Celebrant Now, as we release, we also renew. We open our hearts to the breath of the Spirit - The same Spirit who filled the Upper Room, who speaks through quiet winds and rushing fire, who is here, even now.
God is not finished with Old St. Paul's.

All We receive Your Spirit, Lord.
Renew our hope.
Revive our calling.
Restore our unity.
Reignite our faith.

Celebrant: Breathe on us again, Holy Spirit. Fill this church not only with memories - but with mission, mercy, joy, and a focus on the future. Make us a people of peace, a house of healing, a light for our and future generations.

All: From this house, send us.
From these walls, call us forward.
From what was, lead us into what can be.
We are Yours.
We are ready. **Amen.**

Musical Presentation

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All **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.**

Flowers on the Altar

The Flowers on the Altar today are dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Florence “Teen” Dafoe.

Prayers of the People

Today we pray For Todd, our Bishop, Anne, our Metropolitan and acting Primate Chris, National Indigenous Bishop, and Marinez, Bishop of Amazonia, and for Tony our Interim Priest, the presbyters, the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Let us Pray to the Lord

***All* Hear our prayer and move our hearts to action**

God of love hear the cry of those who yearn for love; fractured families, broken homes, the neglected, the unwanted, and those who are alone.

God of love

***All* Hear our prayer and move our hearts to action**

God of justice hear the cry of those who yearn for justice; persecuted and oppressed, exploited, ill-treated, broken.

God of justice

***All* Hear our prayer and move our hearts to action**

God of peace hear the cry of those who yearn for peace; in battle zones and broken states, especially in Gaza and the Ukraine. The frightened, fearful, and anxious

God of peace

All Hear our prayer and move our hearts to action

God of healing hear the cry of those who yearn for healing; physical and spiritual hurt, the weakened, the depressed.

God of healing

All Hear our prayer and move our hearts to action

God of mercy Hear the cry of those who yearn for mercy; convicted, in need of your Grace, contrite, humble, bowed down,

God of mercy

All Hear our prayer and move our hearts to action

Today we pray especially for those who are sick or infirm that need our prayers:

Names

and now for all those who you wish to name either silently or aloud that are in need of our prayers today.

Let us Pray to the Lord

All Hear our prayer and move our hearts to action

I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

May you know

The peace of God

The love of God

The justice of God

The healing and mercy of God

This day and all days

Amen

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,
**All 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 neighbours 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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

CP 614 Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive (tune CP 52)

Doxology

CP 666 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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. Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts

God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 2

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 We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus CP 719 (Sung)

***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.
Hosanna in the highest.***

Celebrant Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, “Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you.”

In the same way he took the cup, saying, “This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me.”

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People Amen (Sung)

The Lord's Prayer – (Sung)

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All **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.

The Breaking of Bread 8 Easter Season

Celebrant Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All **Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.

All **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant Live in us, that we may live in you.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

Agnus Dei

The introduction for the first Communion Hymn will play while Slides explaining Communion play while Choir receives their Communion.

Communion Music

Hymns: CP 207 *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

CP 360 *Bless the Lord, My Soul*

CP 66 *And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love*

Prayer After Communion

Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,
All whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Benediction/The Blessing

Amen- Sung

Announcements

Benediction Song

My Peace

Closing Hymn

CP 220 Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Risen

Choir and Clergy depart after singing completed

The Postlude

Dismissal

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God, Alleluia!

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