



**SAINT
PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL
DAYTON·OH**

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MORNING PRAYER
APRIL 28, 2024, 10:00 AM**

As a courtesy to others, please silence your cell phone.

We ask your prayers for: Jay, Joan, Doug & family, Jean, Marilyn, Elizabeth, Guy, Daniel, Dan T., Abby, Earl, Anne, Tom, Bob, and Emilee.

And for those serving in the Armed Forces and Diplomatic Corps of our Country: John Sampson, Isaac Maze, Brandon Wood, F. David Geesler, Dylan Ferguson, Brett Griffin, Joshua Elliott, R.J. DaPrato, and Philip Pretzinger.

See list of Birthdays in the weekly email.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer—The Church of Bangladesh.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer—Christ Church, Xenia; St. James, Zanesville; and Postulants and Candidates for Priesthood.

The Altar Arrangements are given to the Glory of God.

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PRELUDE: MEDITATION ON "O PERFECT LOVE"

DON HUSTAD

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN #296

ENGELBERG

OPENING SENTENCE, BCP, PG.77

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Officiant and People kneeling together

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.

ABSOLUTION

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.

Standing

INVITATORY

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:
People Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

PASCHA NOSTRUM HYMNAL #S46 (*Sung by all*)

Please be seated

PSALM 22:24-30 (*sung by the choir*)

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen. Alleluia.

FIRST READING: ACTS 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you

are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

(Standing)

CANTICLE 8, THE SONG OF MOSES (*Said by all, BCP pg. 85*)

Please be seated

SECOND READING: I JOHN 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Standing

CANTICLE 21, YOU ARE GOD HYMNAL #S288 (*Sung by all*)

THIRD READING: JOHN 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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HOMILY

RON BROWN-GRAY

Standing

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

Officiant Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

People **Who has made heaven and earth.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, by whose Word all things are sanctified, pour your blessings upon these prayer shawls, and grant that those who receive and use them with thanksgiving may, by the invocation of your holy Name, receive from you health of body and protection of soul, for you, O God, are the lover and healer of souls. We ask these things through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Officiant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Please be seated

OFFERTORY MUSIC: IF YE LOVE ME

TALLIS

Standing

HYMN #43, VS. 4

THE EIGHTH TUNE

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.

Standing or kneeling

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER, BCP P. 97

SUFFRAGES

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. **We praise your Name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. **For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

COLLECTS

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays: 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.**

A Collect for Mission: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

Standing

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

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 the ages. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

CLOSING PRAYER

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

HYMN #379


ABBOT'S LEIGH

POSTLUDE: FANFARE AND CHORALE ON ABBOT'S LEIGH

ROBERT HOBBY

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS





Hope April 28 | 4 p.m.
Rising St. George's
Convocation Episcopal Church
with The Rt. Rev. Kristin Uffelman White 5520 Far Hills Avenue
Dayton, OH 45429

*Come and meet our new Bishop and celebrate
The Episcopal Church in the Miami Valley!*

We will begin with *choral evensong*
followed by a *reception* to

- hear Bishop White's thoughts about mission strategy
- engage in conversation with Bishop White and others
- connect with congregations in our region

*An RSVP is not required. However, it is helpful.
Please scan the QR Code to RSVP.*



Movie Night - Tuesday, April 30 join us for the movie Roxanne (1987) starring Steve Martin, Daryl Hannah, Fred Wilard and Shelley Duvall. Perhaps the success of this modern day Cyrano de Bergerac retelling is the genius of Steve Martin's screenplay. Join us for dinner at 6:00 pm, movie at 6:30 and popcorn throughout.

More news on the St. Paul's App and at www.stpauls-dayton.org.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WELCOME!

We're glad you're here today! Your presence — in person, or online — with us is a blessing. We invite you to participate in worship, say the prayers, sing the songs, and introduce yourself. You'll find a visitor card in the pew back in front of you. We're so excited to meet you.

Communion Instructions *(When Communion is offered)*

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please proceed to the front of the church to the kneelers. Standing or kneeling, place one palm in the other to receive the host. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Communicants who wish to receive from the Common Cup may intinct or drink directly from the Chalice. Those who would like a blessing are invited to cross their arms over their chest, and a member of the Clergy will say a blessing.

WORSHIP TIMES

10:00 am - Sung Service with Hymns
(also available online)

Morning Prayer: Tuesday & Friday at 9:30 am

GROW! - 2nd & 4th Sunday every month at 5pm

Office hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday – Thursday
9:00 am - 12:00 pm on Friday