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PAUL'S  
EPISCOPAL  
DAYTON·OH**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 26, 2026, 9:30 AM**

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

**We ask your prayers for:** Greg and family, Natalie, Bill, Jennifer, Evan, Yimaira, Connie, Jamie, Otto, Jim, Beth, Joern, Valerie, Helen, Sherrie, Candace, Kim, and Ella.

**And for those serving** in the Armed Forces and Diplomatic Corps of our Country: David Craddock, John Sampson, Brett Griffin, Zachary Falter, and Isabel Steen Falter.

**And for those having Birthdays please see the weekly email.**

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**—Christ Church, Dayton; and Education for Ministry.

**The Altar Arrangements** are given to the Glory of God.

<b>SERVING TODAY. - 4/26/26 - 9:30AM</b>		<b>SERVING NEXT SUN. - 5/3/26 - 9:30AM</b>	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Ellen Foster Ellen Walters	<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dana Cunningham Barbara O'Hara Ada Hawrylak
<b>Reader</b>	Mary Ellen Foster Laura Walters	<b>Reader</b>	Mike Miller Teena Baldrige
<b>Ushers</b>	Charlie Campbell Micky Neben	<b>Ushers</b>	Margaret Sampson Diane Labrie
<b>Crucifer/ Chalice</b>	Kathleen Walters	<b>Crucifer/ Chalice</b>	Shea Sampson
<b>Book</b>	Jay Woodhull	<b>Book</b>	Kathleen Walters

*All Hymns are in the Blue, 1982 Hymnal or Lift Every Voice & Sing (referred to as LEVAS).*

**PRELUDE:** Pastorale, movements 1 and 2

*J.S. Bach*

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PROCESSIONAL:** HYMN #495, Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!

*In Babilone*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*Celebrant* 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.**

**GLORIA, HYMNAL #S278**

**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.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**FIRST READING: ACTS 2: 42-47**

A Reading from Acts

**T**hose who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day,

as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

**THE RESPONSE:** PSALM 23 (*SUNG BY THE CHOIR*)

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

**SECOND READING:** 1 PETER 2:19-25

A Reading from 1 Peter

**I**t is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

*All stand as they are able.*

**GOSPEL PROCESSION:** HYMN #645 (vs. 1 - 3), The King of Love My Shepherd is  
*St. Columba*

**THE GOSPEL:** JOHN 10:1-10

*Deacon*           The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*           **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**J**esus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

*Deacon*           The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*           **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**HOMILY**

THE REV. JEAN VARGO

*All stand as they are able.*

**THE NICENE CREED**

**W**e believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

**W**e 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.

**W**e 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** - From the book *"Hear Our Prayer"*

After each petition the people respond with *"Hear Our Prayer"*.

#### **PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING**

*Officiant*           The Lord be with you.  
*People*               **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*           Let us pray.

May God's grace be upon this shawl warming, comforting, and enfolding. May this mantle be a safe haven, and sacred place of security and well-being, sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May the ones who receive this shawl be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in God's love. **Amen.**

*Please stand or kneel if able.*

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Celebrant*           Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*Silence may be kept.*  
*Leader and People*

**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.

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **THE PEACE**

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

*People* **And also with you.**

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:** Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

*Harold Friedell*

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; For when humbly, in thy name,  
Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:  
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,  
That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.  
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully,  
We will serve thee faithfully.

Please stand if able.

HYMN #41 in LEVAS, Christ Has Arisen

Haya Tune

Christ has a - ris - en, Al - le - lu - ia. Re - joice and

praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia. For our Re - deem - er burst from the

tomb, E - ven from death dis - pel - ling its gloom. Let us sing praise to Him

with end - less joy. Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy. Our sin for -

giv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia. Je - sus is liv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia.

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## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 367

*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 him 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:

**SANCTUS**, Hymnal #S128

**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.**

*All kneel if able.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*      **We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER, BCP 364**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *BCP 364*

FRACTION ANTHEM, #37, from *Enriching Our Music*, volume 1



A - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us; there-fore let us



keep the feast. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN: #377, All People that on Earth do Dwell

*Old 100th*

*Please stand or kneel as able.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**E**ternal 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 OF THE PEOPLE**

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.

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

**RECESSIONAL:** HYMN #708, Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*Sicilian Mariners*

## **THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

**POSTLUDE:** In dir ist Freude (In Thee is Gladness)

*J. S. Bach*

## OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **NEW: BIBLE LISTENING starts TODAY at 10:50am in the library**

Join us for a time of sharing where and how we hear the voice of God in our lives. Bible Listening (as opposed to Bible Study) focuses on listening to the voice of God. It is a time to share, rather than discuss or debate. Bible listening's goal is to move from hearing the word of God to acting on it; therefore it does not include teaching. Sometimes various translations are used to enrich the listening experience. The scripture from the Sunday lectionary will be utilized.

The format is as follows:

- 1.**Reading (Word/Phrase):** A reader reads the passage slowly. Participants listen for a word or phrase that strikes them, sharing it briefly without discussion.
- 2.**Second Reading (Life Application):** The passage is read again, preferably from a different translation. Participants reflect on where this passage touches their life today and share it with the group.
- 3.**Third Reading (Action):** The passage is read a final time. Participants reflect on what God is calling them to **be** or **do** in response.

If you'd like to learn more, please contact Jeff Baldrige or Rev. Jean.

### **Jimmy Leach Jazztet at Christ Episcopal Church TODAY, April 26 at 3pm**

Christ Episcopal Church (20 W. First St. Dayton) cordially invites everyone to a delightful jazz concert featuring trumpeter and singer Jimmy Leach who will perform the great jazz standards of the 20th century. Reception to follow.

### **2026 Diocesan Rogation Celebration - 10:00 am, Saturday, May 16 at Procter Center**

You are invited to come and celebrate Rogation - a special time when we bless the land as a diocese at Procter Farm!

Bishop White will lead the procession as we visit various stations around Procter that represent our common life together. We will also have a picnic, lawn games, kite flying, fishing, and more! If the weather cooperates we will also offer a Hayride to Procter Woods. Participants are invited to bring soil, water, and seeds from their homes or congregations to share and be blessed.

Registration Deadline: May 11

<https://diosohio.wufoo.com/forms/annual-dso-rogation-picnic-rsvp-2026/>

Cost: The celebration is free of charge; we ask for donations for meals \$15 per adult and \$10 per child, 5 and older as you are able.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Join us for the Dayton Dragons baseball game on Tuesday, May 26 at 7:05 pm. See the display in the Cloister and sign up to attend this fun event!


## **Ongoing Outreach Opportunities**

**Socks for Tots** - Socks for Tots benefits homeless preschool children at St. Vincent de Paul's homeless shelter. They are ages 2 - 6 years old. Add your donations to the box in the Narthex. Questions? Please contact Cathy Fain. Thank you!

**Food Bank Donations - Your Efforts Make a Difference!** - Please fill yellow donation bags with food (no glass jars please) and personal care items and bring them to church to be blessed and delivered to the Food Bank. Questions? Please contact Diane Labrie. Thank you!

**Egg Cartons for the Procter Center** - The Procter Center Farm reuses clean dozen-egg cartons. Please place your donated cartons on the table next to the Parish Hall Library.

**LIONS Recycle For Sight. . . And St. Paul's Helps!** - Do you have old or extra eyeglasses you no longer use? Please bring them to St. Paul's and deposit them in the Lions Club box in the Narthex. Thank you!



You are invited to join  
St. Mark's and St. Paul's Episcopal Churches  
and the Lutheran Church of Our Savior for a  
midday luncheon.

Come share a fun-filled time of socializing, enjoying  
deliciously prepared food, trivia food facts, and  
music!

Door prizes will be awarded. Sign your name on the  
ticket and drop it in the basket for your chance to  
win!

Where: St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
33 W. Dixon Avenue

When: Saturday, May 30, 2026

Time: 11:00 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$15 Reservations due by May 22.  
Questions? Call St. Paul's office at 937-293-1154.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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### WELCOME!

We're glad you're here today! Your presence 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.

### WORSHIP TIMES

**9:30 am** - Worship Service with Hymns

**Office hours:** 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday – Thursday

9:00 am - 12:00 pm on Friday

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### ST. PAUL'S VESTRY

**Class of 2027** - Cheryl Strine, Kathleen Walters

**Class of 2028** - Jill Davis

**Class of 2029** - Cathy Fain, Diane Labrie, Steve Ireland

**Senior Warden** (*term expires 2027*)- Chris Brandt

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