



**SAINT
PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL
DAYTON·OH**

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 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 Pakistan (United).

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer—Good Shepherd, Athens; and St. John’s, Columbus.

The Altar Arrangements are given to the Glory of God.

SERVING TODAY - 5/10/26 - 9:30AM

Altar Guild Paul T.
Diane Labrie

Reader Paul T.
Laura Walter

Ushers Linda Miller
Jeff Baldrige

**Crucifer/
Chalice** Bob Neben

Book Teena Baldrige

SERVING NEXT SUN. - 5/17/26 - 9:30AM

Altar Guild Mary Ellen Foster
Barbara O’Hara

Reader Charlie Campbell
Jill Davis

Ushers Jim Filson
Mary Beth Coker

**Crucifer/
Chalice** Randy Young

Book Jay Woodhull

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

PRELUDE: Christ lag in Todesbanden (Christ lay in death's fetters)

Samuel Scheidt

PRAYER REQUESTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL: HYMN #398, I Sing the Almighty Power of God

Forest Green

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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: ACTS 17:22-31

A Reading from Acts

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To

an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE: PSALM 66:7-18 (*SUNG BY THE CHOIR*)

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
 make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
 and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
 you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
 you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
 we went through fire and water; *
 but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
 and will pay you my vows, *
 which I promised with my lips
 and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
 with the smoke of rams; *
 I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 3:13-22

A Reading from 1 Peter

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able.

GOSPEL PROCESSION: HYMN #513, Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Bridegroom

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 14:15-21

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

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

We 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.

We 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*".

All stand or kneel as 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: If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may bide with you forever,
ev'n the spirit of truth.

All stand if able.

HYMN #41 in LEVAS, Christ Has Arisen

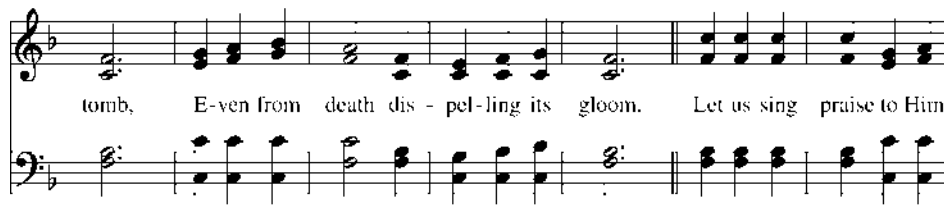
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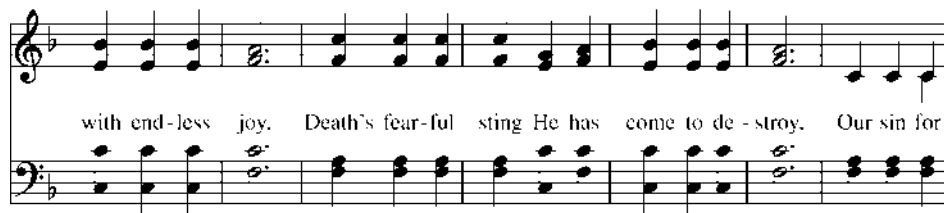
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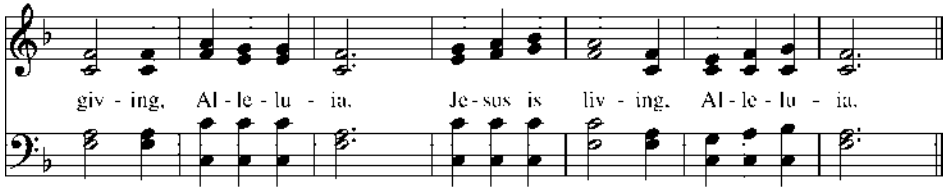
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tomb, E - ven from death dis - pel - ling its gloom. Let us sing praise to Him



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



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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, p.#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, P. #364

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



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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: #593, Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

Dickinson College

All stand or kneel as able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal 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 #405, All Things Bright and Beautiful

Royal Oak

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

POSTLUDE: Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, der den Tod überwand

(Jesus Christ our Savior, who overcame death)

J.S. Bach

OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW: BIBLE LISTENING 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.

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 is tomorrow, 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!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

JOINT WORSHIP SERVICES/EVENTS FOR ST. MARK'S AND ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, May 24 - Pentecost - Service at St. Paul's at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 26 - Dayton Dragons Baseball Game at 7:05 p.m. - Sign up in the Cloister.

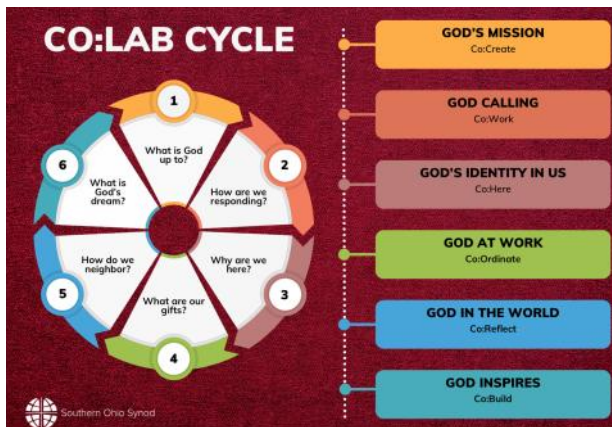
Saturday, May 30 - Luncheon at St. Paul's beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall (see pg. 15 of this service bulletin for details)

Sunday, June 28 - Outdoor service - 10:00 a.m. Potluck Picnic to follow. Location to be determined.

Sunday, August 2 - Outreach Project and Worship Service at St. Paul's - 10:00 a.m.


The Outreach Committees at both parishes will work together to organize details for a joint outreach project.

Sunday, October 4 - Outdoor Worship service & Pet Blessing - 10:00 a.m. Location to be determined.



The Transition Process is cyclical, it starts with discovering what God is up to in our community. We observe, ask questions, and look for ways that God is doing small and big acts with great love. We look into the neighborhood. We learn what the needs are of our neighbors. Our neighbors might be next door and they might be in the next suburb or town. As we discover their needs we also pray and think about our own passions both individually and collectively. We

remember the words: go and make disciples, I am sending you...and Isaiah's words: I am making all things new. These passions, paired with our calling of the spirit, are then shaped to intersect with the needs of the community. To be the church, to live the gospel is seeing and being a part of God's work, it is experiencing God's work in the community. Being the church is not as much getting people in the pew or paying the bills, as important as that is, but it is certainly about being Christ to another, living and caring and offering mercy to those around us and in our world. It is being the hands and feet of Christ wherever we are. As we shape our goals for our parishes we shape them to meet the needs of our neighbors. We offer a way for the community to get to know our church as a church that cares about them, that is here for them, that prays for them. As God inspires us to be the church the cycle starts all over again, discovering the need, seeing where God is at work, and listening to the Spirit. Let the Spirit of God inspire you and direct 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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