



**SAINT
PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL
DAYTON·OH**

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 2026, 9:30 AM

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

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

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 Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer—St. Mark's, Upper Arlington; and Our Priests.

The Altar Arrangements are given to the Glory of God.

SERVING TODAY - 5/17/26 - 9:30AM

Altar Guild Mary Ellen Foster
Barbara O'Hara

Reader Mike Miller
Jill Davis

Ushers Jim Filson
Mary Beth Coker

**Crucifer/
Chalice** Randy Young

Book Jay Woodhull

SERVING NEXT SUN. - 5/24/26 - 9:30AM

Altar Guild Cheryl Strine
Mary Anna Conley
Ada Hawrylak

Reader Mary Beth Coker
Mary Ellen Foster

Ushers Charlie Campbell
Micky Neben

**Crucifer/
Chalice** Bob Neben

Book

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

PRELUDE: Introduction from “Suite Gothique”

Boëllmann

PRAYER REQUESTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL: HYMN #214, Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

Llanfair

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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:6-14

A Reading from Acts

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses

in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE: PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36 (*SUNG BY THE CHOIR*)

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A Reading from 1 Peter

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able.

GOSPEL PROCESSION: HYMN #552, Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might *Pentecost*

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 17:1-11

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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: The Lord Ascendeth Up on High

Michael Praetorius

The Lord ascendeth up on high,
The Lord hath triumphed gloriously,
In power and might excelling;
The grave and hell are captive led.
Lo! He returns, our glorious Head,
To his eternal dwelling.

The heavens with joy receive their Lord,
By saints, by angel hosts adored;
O day of exultation!
O earth, adore thy glorious King!
His rising, his ascension sing
With grateful adoration.

Our great High Priest hath gone before,
Upon his Church his grace to pour,
And still his love he giveth.
O may our hearts to him ascend;
May all within us upward tend
To him who ever liveth!

All stand if able.

HYMN #41 in LEVAS, Christ Has Arisen

Haya Tune

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

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Christ has a - ris - en, Al - le - lu - ia. Re - jice and".

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

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are: "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, 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

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: #460, Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Hyfrydol

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 #450, All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Coronation

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

POSTLUDE: Christ is Arisen

Flor Peeters

OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for Bible Listening

Sundays at 10:50 a.m. in the Parish Library

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84552326439?pwd=05TCyW32UkAdnVdVr1B5LREnmguTr3.1>

Bible Listening focuses on listening to the voice of God. It is a time to share, and to move from hearing the word of God to acting on it. The scripture from the Sunday lectionary will be utilized.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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

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

Every time I feel the spirit moving I will sing. . . Let's celebrate the birth of the church, let's make it special and grand, and spiritually alive and fulfilling. Wear red if you like, and bring your spirit of celebration! COME and worship, Come and worship. . .It is Pentecost!

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 will be Delco Park, Shelter #3.

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.

Men's Group - Kick Off Social Event - It's BACK!!! Yes, the Men's Group is back, and the initial event will be 6-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24. The plan is to conduct a meeting of minds on the last Wednesday of each month. This is purely a social event, no programming, no pressure, no attendance roster. Show up, eat, drink, and be merry! The location will be announced soon. This group is open to all men of St. Paul's and St. Mark's. Feel free to invite your friends! Questions? Please contact St. Paul's Sr. Warden, Chris Brandt at cbrandt0619@gmail.com.

May 31 — “Free Play in the Park” Episcopal Young Adult Gathering

Sunday, May 31 beginning at 12:30pm, Cooper Park on St. Clair St.

The next Dayton-area Episcopal Young Adults (20s & 30s) Group gathering will be hosted at Cooper Park (next to the Main Library Downtown). You're invited to gather together and connect with your inner child by enjoying unstructured play time in the park — activities ranging from croquet to crochet, frisbee to coloring.

Questions? Contact Stephanie Sexton at stephaniesexton96@gmail.com

Summer Drop-in Choir Opportunities

While our adult choir is on recess for the summer, that does not mean the singing has to stop! There are four selected dates in which congregation members are invited to sing as part of the “Drop-in Choir” during the offertory. Rehearsal will take place on each of those mornings, at 9:00 a.m. in the choir room. Mark your calendar and plan to sing with us. No musical training or prior experience is necessary.

6/21/26 (also Father’s Day): The Gift of Love (sung to the tune, “The Water is Wide”)

7/5/26 (Patriotic music will be sung during worship): Let There be Peace on Earth

7/26/26: I’ve Got Peace Like a River

8/30/26: Morning Has Broken


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, *liaison to Parish Life*

Class of 2028 - Jill Davis, *liaison to Communications and Properties*

Class of 2029 - Cathy Fain, *liaison to Outreach*, Diane Labrie, *liaison to Worship*

Steve Ireland, *liaison to Finance*

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Treasurer - Bob Neben

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