



**SAINT  
PAUL'S  
EPISCOPAL  
DAYTON·OH**

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 3, 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 North India (United).

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**—St. Patrick’s, Dublin; and Our Bishops.

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

**We welcome The Rev. John F. Koepke, III as our Celebrant/Preacher this morning.**

Jack was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and continues to be a diehard fan of the Pirates, Steelers and Penguins. Jack is a graduate of Hobart College and the Yale University Divinity School. He served congregations in Pittsburgh, PA; Kalamazoo, MI; and Silver Spring, MD to prior becoming the Rector of St. Paul’s, Oakwood, where he served 14 years. He was then appointed to be the Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Southern Ohio and retired in 2018. He now enjoys serving as a mediator at the Dayton Mediation Center. Jack is married to the love of his life, Nanci, and together they have two wonderful daughters (Erin and Lauren); two equally wonderful sons-in-law (Doug and Matt); and four magnificent grandkids (Annabelle, Charlotte, Sophie, and Jack).

**SERVING TODAY - 5/3/26 - 9:30AM**

<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dana Cunningham Barbara O’Hara Ada Hawrylak
<b>Reader</b>	Dana Cunningham Teena Baldrige
<b>Ushers</b>	Margaret Sampson Diane Labrie
<b>Crucifer/ Chalice</b>	Shea Sampson
<b>Book</b>	Kathleen Walters

**SERVING NEXT SUN. - 5/10/26 - 9:30AM**

<b>Altar Guild</b>	Paul T. Diane Labrie
<b>Reader</b>	Paul T. Laura Walters
<b>Ushers</b>	Linda Miller Jeff Baldrige
<b>Crucifer/ Chalice</b>	Bob Neben
<b>Book</b>	Teena Baldrige

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

**PRELUDE:** Meditation on “Repton”

*Robert Hobby*

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PROCESSIONAL:** HYMN #518, Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

*Westminster Abbey*

*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**

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.**

*Please be seated.*

**FIRST READING:** ACTS 7: 55-60

A Reading from Acts

**F**illed with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the

city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**THE RESPONSE:** PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16 (*SUNG BY THE CHOIR*)

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O LORD, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me.

**SECOND READING:** 1 PETER 2:2-10

A Reading from 1 Peter

**L**ike newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.  
Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner”, and  
“A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as they are able.*

**GOSPEL PROCESSION:** HYMN #455, O Love of God, How Strong and True        *Dunedin*

**THE GOSPEL:** JOHN 14:1-14

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

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

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I

do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

**HOMILY**

THE REV. JOHN F. KOEPKE, III

*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”**.

*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 Call

*Ralph Vaughan Williams*

Connor Nienhaus, tenor

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

Such a Way, as gives us breath:

Such a Truth, as ends all strife:

Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a Light, as shows a feast:

Such a Feast, as mends in length:

Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a Joy, as none can move:

Such a Love, as none can part:

Such a Heart, as joys in love.

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

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, 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: #366, Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

*Grosser Gott*

*All 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 #195, Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now

*Mowsley*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.  
*People* **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

**POSTLUDE:** Fanfare

*Jacques Lemmons*

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## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

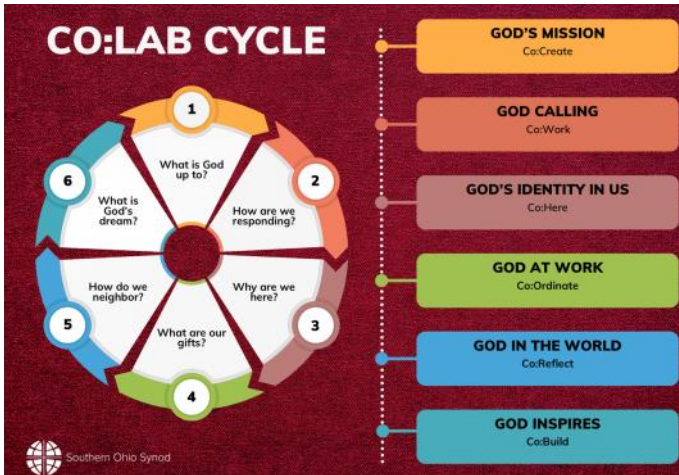
Join us for a time of sharing where and how we hear the voice of God in our lives. Bible Listening (as opposed to Bible Study) focuses on listening to the voice of God. It is a time to share, rather than discuss or debate. Bible listening's goal is to move from hearing the word of God to acting on it; 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.

**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!



**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.

**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.

## 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.


### **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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