



ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL  
E P I S C O P A L

The Holy Eucharist:  
Rite Two  
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Earth Month  
April 26, 2026  
8:00 a.m.

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Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith,  
we welcome you and invite your full participation in today's worship.

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*As a courtesy to others, please silence electronic devices.*

*For the link to the webpage with the announcements and bulletins, use this QR code:*

*Services are regularly streamed and recorded and you can find them:*

<https://www.youtube.com/StPaulsCathedralEpiscopalSanDiego/live>

*If you're interested in more information about the cathedral's ministries,*

*we would like to hear from you: <http://stpaulcathedral.org/im-new/>*

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St. Paul's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on unceded Kumeyaay land. We value the knowledge, culture, and worldview of Indigenous people. We commit to the vital work of educating ourselves, increasing community awareness, and promoting reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbors. As we examine actions and practices that perpetuate harm against Indigenous communities, we pledge to work toward a meaningful and respectful relationship as we follow their example in honoring this sacred land.

*- Approved by the Cathedral Chapter, May 2023*

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*Kneelers are available in the back of the church: please bring one to your seat if you wish to kneel during the service.*

*Parents with young children are invited to worship with their children in the Prayground area of the Nave, where age-appropriate activities are available.*

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§ *Please stand as you are able at the tolling of the bell.*

## **The Word of God**

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§ *The Presider says*  
Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*Presider*

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.  
*People* **Amen.**

*The Presider and people say together*

**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

*The Presider says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider*       Let us pray.

*The Presider says the Collect.*

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.

*People* **Amen.**

§       *Please be seated.*

## The Lessons

*The First Lesson is read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 2:42-47

Those 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.

*After each Lesson the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*Answer*       **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*       *(said by all)*

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**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.**

*The Second Lesson is read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

1 Peter 2:19-25

It 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.

*The Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*Answer*      **Thanks be to God.**

§      *Please stand as able.*

**The Holy Gospel**

John 10:1-10

*The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

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

Jesus 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

§ *Please be seated at the introduction of the sermon.*

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Michael Kilpatrick

**The Nicene Creed**

*Presider*

Let us stand and proclaim our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

*(Presider and people)*

**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.

### **The Prayers of the People for the Season of Creation**

*The Deacon bids the prayers.*

Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

*During the silence after each bidding, the people offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

*Leader*

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet.

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it.

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,

**Hear our prayer.**

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,

**Hear our prayer.**

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being.

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,

**Hear our prayer.**

Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits.

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,

**Hear our prayer.**

Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict.

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,

**Hear our prayer.**

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings.

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,

**Hear our prayer.**

Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures.

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,

**Hear our prayer.**

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people known to this congregation who desire or need your presence and help, especially...

*The Intercessor offers prayers on behalf of the congregation and bids their prayers.*

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,

**Hear our prayer.**

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died, especially...

*The Intercessor offers prayers on behalf of the congregation and bids their prayers.*

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Presider says the Collect for the Cosmos.*

Creating God, your name is written on every leaf, every bird, every river, every stone, every living being. We praise and worship you for the magnificence of your creation. Make us attentive to the wounds of the earth and willing to work for the healing of the whole creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

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

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

§ *The People offer each other a sign of the Peace.*

§ *Please be seated.*

## **Welcome and announcements**

### **The Offertory**

*The Presider may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences on page 376 of the Book of Common Prayer or with some other sentence of Scripture.*

*You may give online now by using your phone's camera to scan the quick response code:*

*or text stpaulcathedral to 73256 using your cell phone. Thank you!*



## **The Holy Communion**

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§ *Please stand as able for the offering to be brought forward and remain standing for the Great Thanksgiving. The ushers present the money offering to the deacon and the presider may bless the offering.*

*The Presider may say*

All things come of thee, O Lord,

*The People may say*

**and of thine own have we given thee.** (2 Chronicles 29:14)

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**The Great Thanksgiving** Eucharistic Prayer B

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*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Presider continues*

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** (*Presider and People*)

**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.**

*The Presider 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,

*Presider and People*

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

*The Presider 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 the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed 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.

*(Presider and People)* **AMEN.**

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

**The Lord's Prayer** *(Presider and People)*

**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 Fraction: The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence follows as the Bread is broken.*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## **The Invitation**

This is the table, not of the church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed; come, not because the Church invites you; it is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here.

- *The Iona Community Worship Book*

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*After the Invitation has been given, please be seated until you are ushered to the communion stations at the Crossing. Please take your purse or valuables with you.*

*At Communion time we will offer the Host with the option to have it partially intincted (dipped) by the Eucharistic Minister into the wine and placed in the communicant's hand. For the time being we will not offer the option of drinking from the Common Cup. You may choose to receive only the dry Host or to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament.*

*As you come forward, please use one of these three gestures to indicate your preference:*

- ❖ *To receive the host with wine, extend both your hands, palm up.*
- ❖ *To receive only the host, extend one hand, palm up.*
- ❖ *To receive a blessing, cross your hands at your shoulders*

*If you need to receive a gluten-free wafer, please go to the station at the extreme left.*

§ *After a moment of silence following the distribution of communion, please stand as you are able for the following prayer*

## **The Postcommunion Prayer**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* **God our Creator, you feed your people with the bread from heaven:  
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage  
that we may come to that place where your people hunger and thirst no more  
and your creation is restored to its full glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Lay Eucharistic Visitor(s) may be sent forth with a prayer.*

*The Presider may bless the people.*

May God who established the dance of creation, who marveled at the lilies of the field, who transforms chaos to order, lead us to transform our lives and the Church to listen to the voice of all creatures that reflect God's glory in creation; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

*The Dismissal*

Let us bless our God and all Creation. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

§ *The clergy, altar party, and people depart.*

*Everyone is invited to coffee hour in the Guild Room.*

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### **Ministers of the Liturgy**

*Presider & Dean:* The Very Rev. Penny Bridges

*Preacher:* The Rev. Michael Kilpatrick

*Deacon:* The Rev. Canon Brooks Mason

*Assisting:* The Rev. Canon Richard Hogue, Jr.

*Reader:* Kris Hatch

*Head Verger:* Canon Lisa Churchill

*Altar Server:* Canon Lisa Churchill

*Altar Guild:* Tonya Chavez, Martha Duque, Ellen Hargus, Craig Monsell, Mary Rathbun,  
Mary Tranbarger

*Ushers:* Christie Batten, Norm Friesen, Carl Mattina, Mary Rathbun

*Cathedral audio:* Lorenzo Nericcio

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*In the unlikely event of an emergency requiring us to evacuate the cathedral please follow the directions of the ushers and vergers, and remain as quiet and calm as possible.*

*Please locate an exit nearest you.*

*The exit doors are:*

- ❖ *South porch doors at Nutmeg Street and Fifth Avenue*
- ❖ *North porch doors to Fifth Avenue Courtyard*
- ❖ *South transept east and west doors to Nutmeg Street*
- ❖ *Northeast hallway door to Fifth Avenue breezeway*
- ❖ *West chapel (to the left of chapel altar) stairs leading down to landing.*