



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Easter Day
Festive Choral Eucharist
April 5, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude Choral No. 1 in E Major César Franck

GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Processional Hymn 207 *All stand, if able.*

Salutation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Collect for Purity

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 (S-280) *Sung by all*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.

PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day *Said by Celebrant*

The First Lesson Acts 10:34-43 *Seated*
After the reading, all reply **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 187

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
After the reading, all reply **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual S-236 (v1-2) *All standing, if able, to sing with the choir*
People **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Gospel John 20:1-18
Alter the announcement, the People say: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**
After the Holy Gospel, all reph: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Christopher H. Martin *Seated*

A minute of silence, then standing, if able.

Prayers of the People *The People respond by reading the words printed in bold type after each petition.*
Leader ..in the risen Christ.
People **Hear our prayer.**

At the end of the final petition, all reply:
Leader ...our life to Christ our God
People **To you, O Lord our God.**

The Peace
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**
The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

MAKE AND SHARE EUCHARIST

Offertory Anthem Good Christians Now Let All Rejoice Henry Hugh Bancroft

Doxology *Standing, if able*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holv Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Sursum Corda (S-120)

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 unto our Lord God.

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

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here the Celebrant gives a Proper Preface

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 (S-129)

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your Glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel, if able. Then the Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts . . .

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

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

The Lord's Prayer *Celebrant 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 Breaking of the Bread (S-154) *The leader introduces, the people join in singing.*

Alleluia. **Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, cross your arms across your chest when you are at the altar rail. Whoever you are, wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome to receive initiation into the church through the sacrament of baptism.

Communion Hymns 180, 210, 205

Prayer after Communion

Kneeling if able

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.

GO INTO THE WORLD

The Blessing

Hymn 199

Dismissal

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

Toccata from Symphony No. 5

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