

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Blended Holy Eucharist Service 10:00 a.m.

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

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The Rt. Rev. Elizabeth Gardner
Bishop of Nevada
The Very Rev. Kirk A. Woodliff
Rector

Welcome to All

St. Paul's is a theologically diverse community seeking to embrace their diversity in order to live through the Gospel of Jesus Christ and be a place of learning and belonging for all people.

Kid's Area

Located on the south side of the church is a special area where there are some coloring materials which can be used there or at other places in the church. Please return these supplies to their baskets following worship.

Holy Communion in Your Seat

If you desire to receive Holy Communion but are unable to walk up to the altar rail, please notify an usher.

They will inform the clergy of your request, and the clergy will gladly bring Holy Communion to you in your seat.

Wine, Grape Juice, and Gluten Free

We offer both wine and grape juice during Communion as well as a gluten free wafer option. The chalice with the grape juice will be identified. All chalices continue to be intinction only.

If you are in need of a gluten free Communion wafer, there is a small basket as you enter the north side of the worship space. In it you will find a stone. When it is time for you to receive Communion, hold the stone in the palm of your hand and the clergy will exchange it with a gluten free wafer.

Guests and Visitors

We are especially excited to have you here with us today. Please take the time to sign the guest book located on the Welcome Wagon near the south entrance.

If you have any questions about St. Paul's or the Episcopal Church, please don't hesitate to visit with one of our clergy, either today or during the week.

St. Paul's Prayer Team

Please call or email a prayer request to Rita at honda07rita@gmail.com or 775-971-4775.

Prayer requests for your special people will be on for about 2 months unless you need a longer date.

Your special people will be lifted to our Lord each day.

Thank you for the privilege of praying for you and your special people.

Helpful Hints for Receiving Holy Communion

- Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. Everyone!
- The usher will let you know when it is time for your row to go up.
- Watch the people in front of you to get the flow of things.
- Only receive bread in your palm if you are skipping the chalice.
- To receive the bread and if you want to Intinct ("dipping" the wafer into the cup of wine/grape juice) the minister will place the wafer between your thumb & pointer fingers (pinch it) then you can Intinct (dip) the wafer into the chalice.
- Please do not drink from the cup. Intinction only.
- There is a designated chalice on the north side, that has **grape juice**.
- If you would like a **gluten free** wafer, either say gluten free to the clergy distributing the bread, or you can get a small black stone from the basket in the back of the worship space on the north side. Present it in the palm of your hand to the clergy and they will exchange it for a gluten free wafer.

Prelude: "Grace Wins"

Welcome and Announcements

All stand in body or spirit

Processional Hymn

"Good Christians all, rejoice and sing"

#205

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
 *2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

OPENING ACCLAMATION	desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
<i>Presider:</i> Alleluia! Christ is risen!	Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of
<i>People:</i> The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!	your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY	worthily magnify your holy Name;
<i>Presider:</i> Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all	through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

#S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All Sit

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 3:12-19

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 4

Lector: We will now read Psalm 4 responsively by whole verse.

Lector: Answer me when I call, O God,
defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

People: **"You mortals,
how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"**

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

**Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.

**Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better
times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us,
O Lord.**

You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

**I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

THE SECOND LESSON *1 John 3:1-7*

Lector: A reading from the First Letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand in body or spirit

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *"God has Spoken"*

THE GOSPEL *Luke 24:36b-48*

Minister: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON: Jon Mittelstadt,
Lay Preacher in Training

THE NICENE CREED *(All in unison)*

Presider: Let us all stand in body or spirit
and affirm our faith in God.

**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.**

SPECIAL PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine, for the Lord is risen and moves among us. Guide us to be Christ's Light in the world as we proclaim the resurrection saying:

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

O God, we give you thanks for the goodness of creation, for your victory in the resurrection, and for the grace of our salvation. May the Church, as we celebrate the great 50 days of Easter, bring the light of Christ into the world as we proclaim:

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

We pray that the newly baptized may grow in their love of you and never lose the hope of your saving embrace, as together we proclaim:

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Bring trust and understanding between the peoples of the world. Make all the nations into one household. In the Spirit of the resurrection, we proclaim:

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

We pray for all who are blind to the gift of Easter; for all who journey from sickness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to joy, and especially for those we now name... *(Pause)*

Blessing of the Quilts *(If there are Quilts to bless, they are done at this time, after which the Leader continues.)*

As we celebrate the healing power of the Spirit, let us proclaim:

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

O God, guide your Church in all things and confirm in your truth all the baptized, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth, our Bishop, and for all clergy, and teachers of the faith.

We pray for

Treasurers and finance volunteers of the Diocese of Nevada, the Anglican Church of Tanzania, and Risen King Community Church, Sparks.

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

We pray for Mark, Sean, Aden, Bradley, Alex, Suzanne, and the all men and women, both in our neighborhoods and worldwide, who with courage wake each day to keep the peace and protect humanity.

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Presider: Lord of light and life: We thank you for your loving kindness, and for shaping us through the journey of the resurrection. Accept the prayers we now offer, and give us the strength to continue the Easter celebration every day of our lives; all this we ask through Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Offer on another some sign of Christ's peace.

THE OFFERING

During this time we make an offering to the church for its mission and it is also a time in which we fully offer ourselves to be Christ in the world around us.

If mailing in an offering, please remit to:

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

P.O. Box 737, Sparks, NV 89432

Or online at www.StPaulssparks.org:



**Scan with your smart phone camera
to give secure and "contact free" donations.**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

All stand in body or spirit

PRESENTATION SONG "In His Time"

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Presider: All things come of thee O Lord.

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Prayer A

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.**

Presider: 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: Praise Team

The people remain standing.

Presider: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider: 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. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

forever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray.

People and Presider:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider: Alleluia!

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

THE INVITATION

Presider: Come and be fed;
you who have much faith,
and you who are seeking more;
you who come here often,
and you who are new among us;
you who have done well,
and you who have stumbled along the way.
All of you are welcome and belong here at
Christ's table. So come as you are,
for it is Christ who invites us to meet him here,
and these sacred gifts are for you.

COMMUNION TO THE PEOPLE

If you are new to receiving Holy Communion, there are some helpful hints on the front page.

COMMUNION SONGS: Praise Team
"Amazing Grace" & "More Love"

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us all stand in body or spirit
as we pray together.

People and Presider:

**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.

THE BLESSING

Presider: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his goodness.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN *(Located on back page)*

The Philadelphia Eleven Documentary

St. Paul's, Sparks on April 20th 1:00 p.m.

In an act of civil disobedience, a group of women and their supporters organize their ordination to become Episcopal priests in 1974. The Church of the Advocate in Philadelphia welcomes them, but change is no small task. The women are harassed, threatened, and banned from stepping on church property.

In this feature-length documentary film, we meet the women who succeed in building a movement that transforms an age-old institution and challenges the very essence of patriarchy within Christendom.

A discussion panel including The Rt. Rev. Elizabeth Gardner, Bishop Diocesan of The Episcopal Diocese of Nevada, and The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, former Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, will follow the screening. **This event is free.**

Having a FREE ticket will help us with a headcount so it is appreciated but not required.

Get your FREE ticket at Eventbrite.com.

Search The Philadelphia Eleven Documentary Sparks. or Scan this QR Code with your smart phone camera.



The Bishop's Annual Homecoming

Bishop Elizabeth will be with us for worship.

Sunday, April 21st at 10:00 a.m.

Please come and help give her a big St. Paul's welcome as she will offer Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation.

Episcopal Women of Nevada Spring Tea

The TEA will be held at St. Paul's on May 4th at noon. There will be prizes for best table and prettiest hat. We will serve sandwiches, scones, lemon curd and desserts. Cost is \$20.

Please make a reservation by emailing Margaret Bouzek at margaret.bouzek@gmail.com by April 30.

Prayers and Squares Ministry

Prayers and Squares invites you to join us!

Our planned meeting time is in the parish hall on the fourth Saturday of the month. We begin at 9 am and work until about 1 or 2 pm. Please join us even if you don't sew. Bring a bag lunch too.

Sometimes the schedule changes, so to confirm we are meeting, or if you have any questions, contact Linda

Kennedy at 775-722-1657

linda.kennedy.nv@gmail.com or
Margaret Bouzek at 775-232-4712
margaret.bouzek@gmail.com.

St. Paul's Girls Weekend 2024

Save the Dates for: May 3-5, 2024

Who: Women of all ages and their friends are invited.

When: Friday, May 3-Sunday, May 5

Where: Camp Galilee, Lake Tahoe

Why: Come enjoy the beauty of Lake Tahoe, walk on the beach (the camp is steps from Lake Tahoe), get to know other women from our church, eat delicious food, have great conversations, play games, watch movies, enjoy an art project or two, go to South Lake Tahoe to shop or see a movie, and relax!

Price: \$200 per person. Limited scholarships are available- if needed, please chat with Tia.

Payment due before the event.



Empty Bowls 2024

Save the Date: 9/18/24

Paint your bowls now!

The bowls can be painted at The Hot Spot - Located at Legends in Sparks.

Hot Spot is open M-Sa 10a-9pm and Sunday 10-5pm. There will be two sizes for your selection this year. The larger bowl (which is what we have painted before) is \$20 and a smaller bowl for \$12.

All bowls will be auctioned at the event!

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let us go forth into the world,
 rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: Praise Team

“Put a Little Love in your Heart”

Pentecost Potluck

Save the date: May 19th after 10:00 a.m. service
 More info to come!

Episcopal Night At the Aces

Save the Date: July 26th
 Reno -vs- Las Vegas
 More info to come!

St. Paul’s Fall Potluck Picnic

Save the Date: September 14th
 Davis Creek Camp Ground
 Arrive at 2:00 and Eat at 3:00
 More info to come!