

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Blended Holy Eucharist Service 10:00 a.m.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

On ZOOM: Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/3FcKREH> Meeting ID: 824 1236 4013 Password: 308693
Dial by your location +1 669 900 6833

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.

Mid-Week Visits with Fr. Kirk

Would you like some time to visit with Fr. Kirk? This could be in the office, at your home, at a coffee shop, for lunch, etc.

If you want such an opportunity, please contact him at
775-358-4474 or
Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org

Altar Guild

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the Altar Guild Team. If you are interested, please contact either Sue Schultz at
775-626-5814 or the church office at
775-358-4474.
Training is provided.

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: "Famous One"

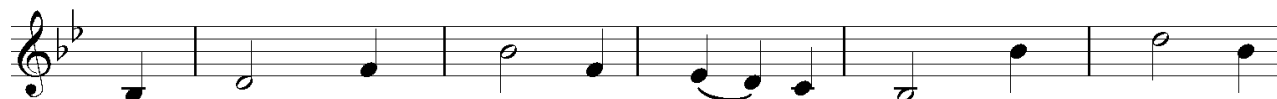
Welcome and Announcements

All stand in body or spirit

Processional Hymn

"O love, how deep, how broad"

#448



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

<p>OPENING ACCLAMATION <i>Presider:</i> Alleluia! Christ is risen! <i>People:</i> The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! THE COLLECT FOR PURITY <i>Presider:</i> Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all</p>	<p>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.</p>
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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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All Sit

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 10:44-48

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the

Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98

Lector: We will now read Psalm 98 responsively by whole verse.

Lector: Sing to the Lord a new song, *
 for he has done marvelous things.

People: **With his right hand and his holy arm *
 has he won for himself the victory.**

The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight
of the nations.

**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the
house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory
of our God.**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

**Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.

**In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.**

THE SECOND LESSON 1 John 5:1-6

Lector: A reading from the First Letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand in body or spirit

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “*Lord I Lift Your Name
on High*”

THE GOSPEL John 15:9-17

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have

loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON: Licensed Lay Preacher
Susan Palwick

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
St. Mark, Tonopah, the Anglican Church of Australia,
and Lakeview Baptist Church.

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 "Freely, Freely"

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
"Let us Break Bread Together" & "Always"

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*)

UNITED THANK OFFERING 2024

May 5 – November 3, 2024

The United Thank Offering (UTO) was founded in 1883 as a way to raise funds to support mission and ministry sites of The Episcopal Church that were without funding. The women of the church began by asking the assembled groups to make a thank offering for all the blessings of their past year. UTO encourages people to develop a practice of gratitude and from that practice to make thank offerings for all the blessings they experience. 100% of these offerings are then given away the following year to support innovative mission and ministry projects around the globe. Currently all grants awarded in the next three years are within the focus of Mathew 25, welcoming the stranger.

St. Paul's United Thank Offering Campaign will begin May 5 and May 12 with UTO BOXES featured in the Narthex and culminating on Ingathering Sunday November 3. The UTO Blue Boxes offers St. Paul's parishioners a chance to express Gratitude for Blessings large or small.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathie Dixon, 774-747-4485.



THE HOT SPOT
Paint Your Own Pottery

Paint Party @ Hot Spot

Paint a Bowl on May 19, 2024
at the Hot Spot - 1180 Scheels Drive
(across from the IMAX)

Bowls are \$12 or \$20, depending on the size.
All ages are welcome. Instruction will be available on site to assist with your masterpiece.

Bowls will be auctioned at
The Empty Bowls Fundraiser on September 18, 2024,
supporting The Community Food Pantry.

Pentecost Sunday

May 19th: 10:00 a.m.

This special Pentecost celebration is held outside if the weather permits.

We encourage everyone to wear lots of red, which is the color of the Holy Spirit. If it's hot, wear a hat!

We will need some extra set-up helpers that morning.

If you are interested, please contact
Fr. Kirk 775-358-4474 Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org.

Our Church home needs some TLC

Like most of our homes, our church home also needs some occasional routine maintenance.

If you have expertise in helping with any of the following projects, please contact Jr. Warden, Mark Sawdon (707) 327-9125 or email: MVSawdon@gmail.com.

- Cross on southside facing the school needs sanding/paint and reattached.
- Garden planters' wood: sand/paint.
- Garden planters' tiles – some need reattachment.
- Roof beam end caps (garden side) need sanding/painting and reattach metal protection.
- Door behind southside cross needs prep and staining/paint.
- Lynch Gate - whole unit needs paint (after pre-arranged repairs.)
- Gazebo - whole unit needs paint.
- North Narthex Doors – needs threshold/weather stripping.

Episcopal Night At the Aces

July 26th @ 6:35 p.m.

Reno Aces -vs- Las Vegas Aviators
Join the other Episcopal Churches of Northern Nevada for a night at the ballpark during Faith and Family Night
More information in the Narthex

St. Paul's Potluck Picnic/Camping

Davis Creek Regional Park (RV Group Site) by Washoe Lake

Saturday September 14, 2024

Arrival Time: 2:00 pm Potluck: 3:00 pm

Signup sheet in Narthex

Camping: Friday and Saturday Nights

Questions: contact Jon Mittelstadt at 775-7223469 or jon.mittel@gmail.com

Trouble with Some Emails

If you are one who has an email address through ATT.net, there is a good chance you are not getting email sent directly from Fr. Kirk and maybe even the office email address. If you have an ATT.net email address, please add Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org and Office@StPaulsSparks.org to your "safe senders" list. This may or may not help, however please give it a try.

It's really a good idea if everyone adds these addresses to your safe sender list.

Thank you.

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

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
 “Jesus is the Rock”

A contribution to the
Altar Flowers
 is given to the glory of God in celebration of
 Sawyer’s 12th birthday
 by
 Dick & Dottie Stufflebeam