

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Ellen Kohn-Perry, *Priest-in-Charge*



## Family Service Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

10 a.m.

**Prelude:** Great Day

*arr. Emma Lou Diemer*

**Welcome**

**Opening Song:** 822 Through north and south (WLP)

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

Rev. Ellen: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**St. Paul's Family: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Gathering Prayer**

Rev. Ellen: God be with you.

**St. Paul's Family: And also with you.**

Rev. Ellen: Let us pray.

Rev. Ellen: Loving God, you show us your love by helping us and caring for us and all the creatures on earth every day. Help us to show love to each other by being kind, caring and respectful to our families, friends, neighbors, and all of your creations on earth. Amen.

**St. Paul's Family: Glory to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, one God and creator of us all. As it was in the beginning of creation, it is today and will be forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **Listening to God's Stories**

**First Reading**

1 John 4:7-19

Let's keep loving one another, because love comes from God. If you know how to love and actually love people, then you know God! If you don't love, then you don't know God. God. Is. Love. Here's how God showed his love for us: God sent his only son to live in the world, so that we might live through him. Since God loved us so much, we should love each other. No one has seen God or knows what God looks like, but if we love one another, God actually lives in us and when we love, then people will see God in us. God has given us his Spirit so that God's love in us might be real and perfect. Love is stronger than fear. We love because God loved us first.

Reader: The Word of God

**St. Paul's Family: Thanks to you, Loving God.**

**Psalm 22:24-30**

I come to God's house to praise and serve God.

Here's what I will do.

I'll make sure the poor have something to eat,  
and that they're not hungry all the time.

I'll make sure people know I do this because I love God,  
and maybe they'll learn to love God too.

**St. Paul's Family: I come to God's house to praise and serve God.**

If we all did the things that makes God happy,  
like feeding the poor and taking care of sick people  
and making sure people aren't lonely,  
then maybe everyone all over the world,  
all the families from all the countries,  
would know God's love.

**St. Paul's Family: I come to God's house to praise and serve God.**

God's love is for everyone in every place.

Everyone should know God, and worship him.

I plan to follow God all my life, and I hope my kids do too.

Then they can pass God's love on to their kids and the kids their kids have.

They can pass on the stories of how God loved everyone in the whole world.

**St. Paul's Family: I come to God's house to praise and serve God.**

**A Bible Story from the Gospel of John**

John 15:1-8

Jesus told his disciples this: I'm like a vine and my Father is the vine grower. He snaps off the branches that aren't producing, and pinches the ones that are producing so they'll produce more fruit. The words I've spoken to you have washed over you and made you clean. You are a part of me, just as I am a part of you. Branches don't exist on their own. They have to be attached to the vine, don't they? If you stick with me and stay attached to me, all kinds of fruit will grow. Working together, we can do great things. If you follow me, God's power, which is in me, will be in you too.

*Children proceed for Children's Project with Rev. Ellen.*

**Homily**

The Rev. Pam Bakal  
Diocesan Prison Ministry

**The Prayers of the People**

Reader: Let's pray together.

Loving God, we thank you for all the good things we have been given in our lives, especially the blessing of everyone who loves us.

**Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray that all people live together in peace. Help us treat everyone with respect and share the light of your love in the world.

**Loving God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our loved ones, families, friends, and pets. Keep them all safe, protected and healthy.

**Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to love this beautiful earth that you created and all the creatures that live on it as much as you do. Help us to take care of it, to do all we can to keep it clean and healthy for everyone to enjoy.

**Loving God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for everyone on who is sick, sad, lost, or lonely; people who have no food to eat or clean water to drink, people who have no homes to live in, people who live in places where there are wars are happening. Show us how we can share what we have to give with people in need.

**Loving God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for people at St. Paul's who need our prayers including Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Marilyn, Maria, Devon, Vivian, Craig, Phil, Mark, Fred, Tom, Barbara B. , Bob, Ann-Mary, Sandy, Helen, Dawn Corrine, Stella, Brandon, Gloria & Hugo, Victoria and Jim, Reid, Esther, Hub, Jessica, Suzanne, Barbara, Debbie and Ed, Henry, Greg, Rosanne, Brian, Cora, Gloria, Michael, Sophia, and John.

Help them to feel better and to remember that you love them.

**Loving God, hear our prayer**

We pray for everyone we love and all of God people who have died, especially Ruth and Andrew Bruce, Alice and Frank Willis, parents of Dot and Frank Willis, in whose memory the flowers on our altar are given today. Help us to remember that they are living with you in light and love.

**Loving God, hear our prayer**

Loving God, we ask for forgiveness for things we have done that were unkind or unloving to others. Help us to feel your love and kindness in our hearts and treat others as we want to be treated.

**Loving God, hear our prayer**

Rev. Ellen: Loving God, we know you hear the prayers of all your people. Help everyone we pray for today and every day in Jesus name. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Rev. Ellen: The peace of Christ be always with you.

**St. Paul's Family: And also with you.**

### **The Announcements**

**Offertory Music:** O How I Love Jesus

*arr. Matt Limbaugh*

**Doxology:** 380 (vs. 3) Praise God from who all blessings flow

## **The Celebration of Holy Communion**

*All are welcome at God's table.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Rev. Ellen: The Lord be with you.

**St. Paul's Family: And also with you.**

Rev. Ellen: Lift up your hearts.

**St. Paul's Family: We lift them to the Lord.**

Rev. Ellen: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**St. Paul's Family: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Rev. Ellen: We praise you and we bless you, holy and loving God, source of wisdom, light and hope.

**Everyone: Loving Creator you are the holy one, God of great power, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please stand or kneel*

Holy and loving God, you sent your son Jesus Christ to live among us, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to lead us back to a loving relationship with you, the God of all creation.

On the night He was handed over to suffering and death, Jesus gathered together with his friends. He took a loaf of bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then Jesus broke the bread and gave it to his friends and said, "This bread is my Body which is given for you, whenever you eat it do this in remembrance of me."

Then Jesus took the cup of wine. He raised it up and gave thanks to God for it. Then He shared it with his friends and said, "This wine is the Blood of the new Covenant. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Now we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Loving God, we offer you these gifts of bread and wine from your creation. Sanctify them with your Holy Spirit to be for us the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him that we might be like him and share your love in the world. Sanctify us also that we may be your people in the world.

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 is yours, Loving God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as Jesus has taught us, we say,

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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

Holy Communion

*Everyone is welcome at God's table.*

Music at Communion: Children of the Heavenly Father                      arr. Don Wyrzten

Closing Prayer

Rev. Ellen: Let us Pray

Eternal God, loving Creator, we thank you for feeding us with this spiritual food of bread and wine in remembrance of Jesus. Send us now into the world in peace and give us the strength to love and serve you with happy hearts, through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Song: 529 In Christ there is no East or West                      McKee

The Dismissal

Rev. Ellen: Go in peace to love and serve the God our creator. Alleluia, Alleluia

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

Postlude: Every Time I Feel the Spirit                      arr. Diemer

*The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Ruth and Andrew Bruce, Alice and Frank Willis,  
parents of Dot and Frank Willis.*



*Thank you for joining us for our service today!*  
If this is your first time visiting St. Paul's, please fill out one of the cards in your pew and place it in the collection plate.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Welcome to the Rev. Pamela Bakal, speaking to us today about the Diocesan Prison Ministry!

Many thanks to Dr. Nan Childress-Orchard for sharing her talents with us today!



### **Pray, Then, in This Way**

**11:15 a.m. in the Library with Rev. Danny**

When asked how to pray, Jesus gave us the Lord's Prayer, and these words have been uttered for two thousand years across every culture. Here is an invitation to pause and consider why this is the path to prayer.



### Church Rummage Sale Drop Off

- April 28: After Sunday service
- April 29: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- April 30: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- May 1: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- May 2: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- May 3: 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Rummage Sale: Sat., May 4, 9-2



### North Porch Mother's Day Drive

This Mother's Day we will collect items and monetary donations for North Porch Women and Infants' Centers. Last year North Porch served over 3,900 children in the diocese. Most urgently needed supplies include diapers of all sizes, Enfamil Infant Formula 12.5 oz containers (yellow label), baby wipes, baby toiletries (diaper cream, baby wash/shampoo), baby food, infant Cereal, Infant/toddler snacks. Please email Rev. Ellen for more information.

Rev. Ellen will be taking a sabbatical! Rev. Ellen's last Sunday with us will be June 9<sup>th</sup> and she will return September 10<sup>th</sup>.



The Rt. Rev. Carlye J. Hughes - Diocesan Bishop  
The Rev. Ellen Kohn-Perry - Priest in Charge

The Staff

Laurie DeBiasse - Parish Administrator  
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The Wardens

Phil White- Senior Warden      Simon Mason - Junior Warden  
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The Vestry

Barbara Cheifet      Jennifer Coury      Dawn Ferguson  
Brad Huke      Tom Osucha      Brian Siegel  
Andrew Walker      Shirly Wu

Ministries of the Laity at this service

Next Week (5/5/24)

Eucharistic Minister	Jim Mollo	Eucharistic Minister	Charlie Foster
Lector 8 a.m. 10 a.m.	Jennifer Coury Liz Holler	Lector 8 a.m. 10 a.m.	Sarah Meiring Laurie Romei
Ushers	Phil White Walt Hanley	Ushers	Regan Romei Mark Hipp
Greeter	Patti Hanley	Greeter	Laurie Romei
Altar Guild	The Yang family	Altar Guild	Ann Lowe Martha O'Connor Patti Hanley
Flower Arranger	Patti Hanley	Sarah Meiring	Martha White
Tech Support	Tom Osucha	Flower Arranger	Jacquie Loughlin
Sunday School	N/A	Tech Support	Tom Osucha
Coffee Hour Host	Liz Holler/Rev. Ellen	Sunday School	Mary Foster Susan Yang
		Coffee Hour Host	TBD