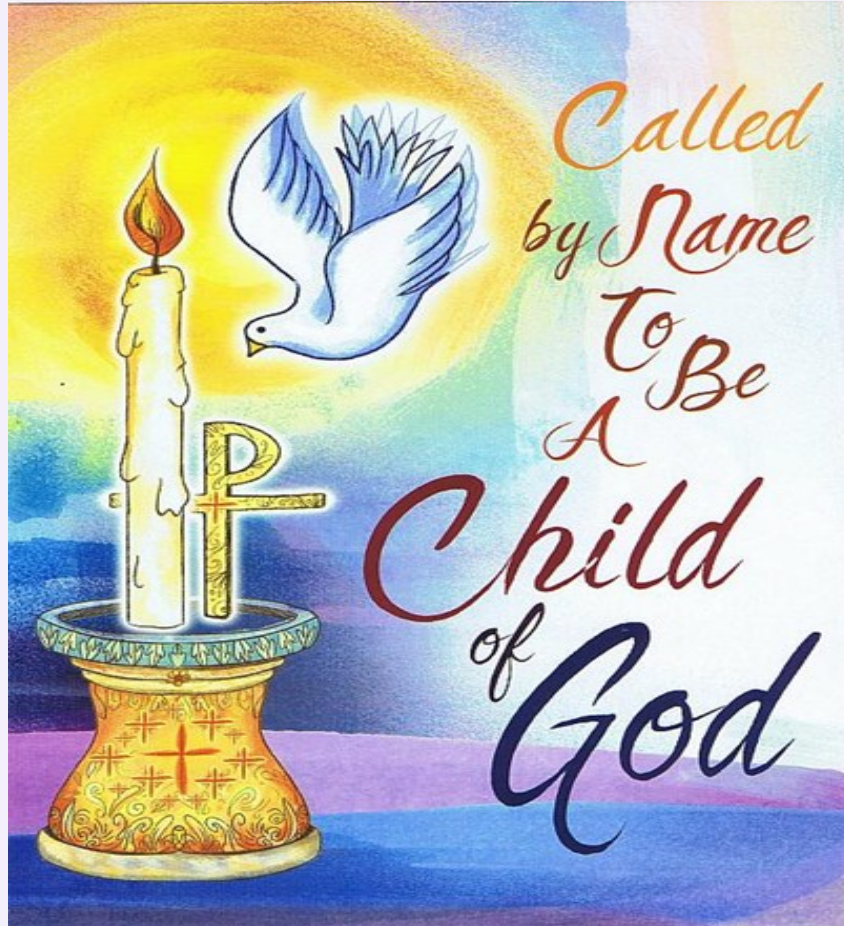


# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

## Holy Baptism

March 29, 2026

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

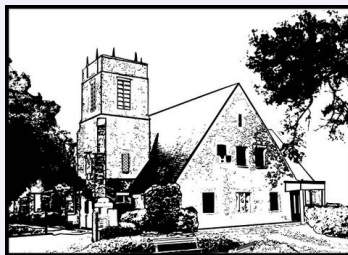


To All who are weary and need rest;  
To All who are lowly and want friendship;  
To All who mourn and need comfort;  
To all who pray and all who do not, but ought;  
To All who sin and need a Savior, and to whomsoever will  
come...

The Church opens the door and says in the  
name of the Master

### Welcome to St. Paul's

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle,  
Bishop of Texas  
2026 VESTRY  
Senior Warden –  
Rebecca Rutledge  
Junior Warden – Ray Hancock  
Clerk - Bill Smith  
Arlene Howland  
Jay Todd Cleaver  
Joe Maglothin  
Anne Breitenstein  
Organist/Choir Director–  
Don Ball, Jr.  
Parish Administrator  
Kelly Guillot



**WELCOME VISITORS!**  
We are glad you are here! Please sign the  
visitor's book located in the back of the  
sanctuary. Let us know how we can make  
your experience at St. Paul's more joyful.  
You can call our office at 409-883-2969 or  
e-mail us at [stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com).

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Liturgy of the Word 8:00am  
Holy Eucharist 10:00am  
Also shown Live Stream on Facebook.  
Office hours Monday-Thursday  
9:00-3:00pm  
Baptism, Confirmation or Wedding:  
Contact the Church office  
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## Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The service is in the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), a blue book.  
Hymns are in *The Hymnal*, a maroon book. Hymn numbers beginning with "S" are at the front of *The Hymnal*.  
*Or LEV, Lift Every Voice and Sing II Hymnal Or Renew Hymnal*

**Celebrant:** The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher **Priest:** Rev. Meg Lovejoy  
**Deacon:** The Rev. Margaret Light  
**Homilist:** The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher

### The Liturgy of the Palms

*(See Reading Insert)*

## HOLY BAPTISM

### The First Lesson:

READER: A reading from the Book of Isaiah *(See Readings Insert)*

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

### The Psalm:

READER: The psalm appointed for today Psalm 31:9-16 *(See Readings Insert)*  
We will read responsively by whole verse

### The Second Lesson:

READER: A reading from the second Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians *(See Readings Insert)*

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand for the Sequence Hymn*

**Gradual Hymn** *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus* *The Hymnal 495*

*Please remain standing for the Gospel reading.*

**The Gospel:** **Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54** *(See Readings Insert)*

CELEBRANT: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

*After the Gospel*

DEACON: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### The Sermon

Anthem *God So Loved the World* Choir

## **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS: "I present Ezra to receive the Sacrament of Baptism."

CELEBRANT: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS: I will, with God's help.

CELEBRANT: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS: I will, with God's help.

CELEBRANT: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS: I renounce them.

CELEBRANT: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS: I renounce them.

CELEBRANT: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS: I renounce them.

CELEBRANT: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS: I do.

CELEBRANT: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS: I do.

CELEBRANT: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord? I do.

CELEBRANT: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Ezra, parents and Godparents in his life in Christ?

PEOPLE: **We will.**

CELEBRANT: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

CELEBRANT: Do you believe in God the Father?

PEOPLE: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

CELEBRANT: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**PEOPLE: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

CELEBRANT: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**PEOPLE: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

CELEBRANT: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

**PEOPLE: I will, with God's help.**

CELEBRANT: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**PEOPLE: I will, with God's help.**

CELEBRANT: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**PEOPLE: I will, with God's help.**

CELEBRANT: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**PEOPLE: I will, with God's help.**

CELEBRANT: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**PEOPLE: I will, with God's help.**

## **Prayers for the Candidates**

CELEBRANT: Let us now pray for Ezra who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.

LEADER: Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

PEOPLE: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Open his hearts to your grace and truth.

PEOPLE: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

PEOPLE: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

PEOPLE: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

PEOPLE: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Send him into the world in witness to your love.

PEOPLE: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

PEOPLE: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

CELEBRANT: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

## **Thanksgiving over the Water**

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

CELEBRANT: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Baptism**

CELEBRANT: Ezra, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

CELEBRANT: Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

CELEBRANT: Ezra, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

CELEBRANT: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE: **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

CELEBRANT: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

## **The Peace**

*(All stand.)*

CELEBRANT: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

## **Announcements**

*The Book of Common Prayer p. 360*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Offertory*

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

*The Hymnal 498*

*Doxology*

*Let All Things Their Creator Bless*

*The Hymnal v.7, 400*

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness.

O Praise Him, Alleluia! Praise God the Father, God the Son,

And praise the Spirit, Three in One. O praise Him;

O praise Him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer A**

*The Book of Common Prayer p. 361*

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 to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

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:

CELEBRANT and PEOPLE:

**Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

*The Hymnal S 130*

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 people stand or kneel.)

CELEBRANT: 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.

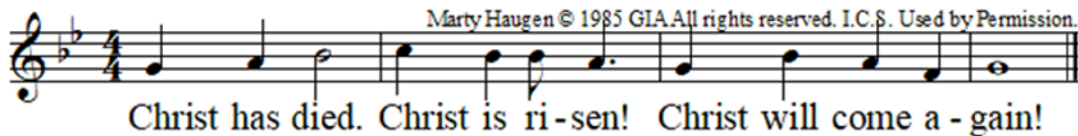
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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:

***Celebrant and People***

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



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.

CELEBRANT: 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 for ever. AMEN

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

*The Book of Common Prayer p. 364*

**People and Celebrant**

**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**

CELEBRANT and PEOPLE:

*Cantor*  
We break this bread to share in the Bod - y of Christ.

*All*  
We who are ma - ny are one bod - y,  
for we all share in the one bread.

CELEBRANT: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*We joyfully invite all baptized Christians to join us at the table of our Lord.  
If you prefer to receive communion in the pews, please let the ushers know.  
If you do not wish to receive communion, but instead wish to receive a blessing,  
come forward and stand or kneel at the altar, crossing your arms over your chest.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **(Amen.)**  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **(Amen.)**

**Communion Music:**

*On Christ the Solid Rock* LEV 99  
*Ride On, King Jesus* LEV 97  
*O How I Love Jesus* LEV 95

**Post Communion Prayer**

*The Book of Common Prayer p. 366*

**All: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**The Closing Hymn:**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

The Hymnal 474

**The Dismissal**

DEACON: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God

*Congratulations to  
our new member of  
St. Paul's  
Episcopal Church  
Ezra Michael  
Walton*



### Happy Birthday

Walton, Haley	3/01
Bromley, Reese	3/03
Odom, Lin	3/10
Hollier, Amber	3/10
Rotsch, Walter	3/11
Baldwin, Amber	3/14
Bean, Foss	3/17
Walker-Winfrey, Krispen	3/21
Walker, Bob	3/27
Hall, Mrs. Donna	3/27
Silk, David	3/28
Works, Brandi	3/31

### Happy Anniversary

Jerry & Sherlon Jones 3/15

### Bishop Fisher Discretionary Fund

The loose plate offering will be given to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. If you write a check please make a note on the memo line.

### Easter Lilies

If you would like to purchase lilies in Memory, Honor etc. of someone \$10 each. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex or email the office at [stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com).

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Sunday, March 29—Palm Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word, with Deacon Margaret Light
- 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice
- 9:15 a.m. Lenten Book Study with Deacon Margaret
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Bishop Jeff Fisher  
5th Sunday Luncheon after the 10:00am service.

Tuesday, March 31 Breakfast Bunch at 9:00am at IH 10 Diner.

Wednesday, April 1 Art Class at 9:30am in the parish hall. .

Thursday, April 2 Game Group at 10:00am in the parish hall.

Thursday, April 2 Maundy Thursday service at 5:30pm.  
Agape Meal after the service in the parish hall.

#### Sunday, April 5 Easter Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word, with Deacon Margaret Light
- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast between the services.
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rev. Tori Gilliland

### WELCOME VISITORS!

We are glad you are here! Please sign the visitor's book located in the back of the sanctuary. Let us know how we can make your experience at St. Paul's more joyful. You can call our office at 409-883-2969 or e-mail us at [stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com).



Want to learn to play Mahjong, starting Monday April 6, we will learn to play Mahjong at 6:00pm in the parish hall. If you have any questions, email the office at [stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com) or 409-883-2969.

Palm Sunday March 29, 2026	Easter Sunday April 5, 2026
<b>Eucharistic Ministers Lectors</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers Lectors</b>
10:00 AM 1st Reading and Psalm Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Anne Breitenstein	10:00 AM 1st Reading and Psalm Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Ruth Hancock
2nd Readings, Prayers, Chalice Philippians 2:5-11 Arlene Howland	2nd Readings, Prayers, Chalice Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43 Allison Maglothin
Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54 Deacon Margaret Light Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher	Gospel: John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10 Deacon Margaret Light Rev. Tori Gilliland
Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Ray Hancock Ushers: David & Myra Michaelis Altar Guild: Earl & Pat Geis Delores Sterling Peggy Delafosse	Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Arlene Howland Ushers: Earl & Pat Geis Altar Guild: All Altar Guild
Flower Guild: No flowers during Lent	Flower Guild: Lilies

### Maundy Thursday April 2, 2026

6:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and Psalm  
Exodus 12:1-4, 95-10) 11-14  
Psalm 116:1, 10-17  
Donna Hall  
EM 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings, Prayers, Chalice  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
Miles Hall, III  
Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35  
Deacon Margaret Light  
Rev. Meg Lovejoy

### Good Friday April 3, 2026

12:00 Noon 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and Psalm  
Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Psalm 22  
Sandy Bell  
EM 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings, Prayers, Chalice  
Hebrews 10:16-25 or  
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
Gospel: John 18:1-19:42  
Miles Hall, III  
Deacon. Margaret Light