

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
5th Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist
May 3, 2026

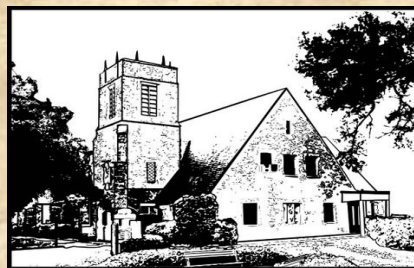


To All who are weary and need rest;
To All who are lowly and want friendship;
To All who mourn and need comfort;
To all who pray and all who do not, but ought;
To All who sin and need a Savior, and to whomsoever
will come...

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
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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

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We are glad that you are worshipping with us today!
“I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.” Ps 122:1
Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.

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 Rev. Meg Lovejoy
Deacon: The Rev. Margaret Light
Homilist: The Rev. Meg Lovejoy

Hymn *The Church’s One Foundation* *The Hymnal 525*

THE WORD OF GOD

CELEBRANT: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

PEOPLE; **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

CELEBRANT: 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.

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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.

The Collect of the Day

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE: **And also with you.**
CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

Collect of the day
ALL: Amen.

(See Readings Insert)

Please be seated.

Anthem *When Stephen, Full of Power and Grace* *Choir*

The First Lesson:

READER: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (See Readings Insert)

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm:

READER: The Psalm appointed for today is the Psalm 31 (See Readings Insert)
We will read responsively by whole verse

The Second Lesson:

READER: A reading from the first letter of Peter (See Readings Insert)

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel reading.

Gradual Hymn

We Walk by Faith

The Hymnal 209

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

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

The Gospel: John 14:1-14

(See Readings Insert)

After the Gospel

DEACON: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Following the Gospel, all stand and say **The Nicene Creed**

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.

Prayers of the People

(See Readings Insert)

Confession of Sin

The Book of Common Prayer p. 360

The Deacon or Celebrant says .

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

The Book of Common Prayer p. 360

(All stand.)

CELEBRANT: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

How Lovely is our Dwelling Place

The Hymnal 517

Doxology

Praise God for Whom All Blessings Flow

V. 3, 380

Praise God for Whom All Blessings Flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer B

The Book of Common Prayer p. 367

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:

The musical score is written on five staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

The people stand or kneel.

CELEBRANT: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Memorial Acclamation, Prayer B

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The Holy Eucharist II
Memorial Acclamation: Prayer B

Celebrant



Therefore, according to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

Celebrant and People



We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -



rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

Setting: McNeil Robinson II (b. 1943)

CELEBRANT: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [] and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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
People and Celebrant

The Book of Common Prayer p. 364


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

Fraction Anthem

Alleluia, Christ, Our Passover


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(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)



Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;



there - fore let us keep the feast.



(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

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:

<i>The Christ Who Died but Rose</i>	<i>The Hymnal 447</i>
<i>Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life</i>	<i>The Hymnal 487</i>
<i>O Love How Deep</i>	<i>The Hymnal 448</i>

Post Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer p. 365

All: 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

Sending Forth	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus</i>	<i>The Hymnal 450</i>
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The Dismissal

DEACON: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, May 3 5th Sunday of Easter
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word, with Deacon Margaret Light
 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice
 9:15 a.m. Book Study
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Mother Meg

Tuesday, May 5 Breakfast Bunch at 9:00am at IH10 Diner.
Tuesday, May 5 Supper at Tia Juanita at 6:00pm. All are welcome.
Wednesday, May 6 Art Class at 9:30am with Shirley Marshall.
Thursday, May 7 Game Group at 10:00am with Teri Duos.

Sunday, May 10
Mother's Day 6th Sunday of Easter
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word, with Deacon Margaret Light
 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice
 9:15 a.m. Book Study
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Mother Meg

Save the Date:
May 1-3, 2026 Camp Allen Lone Star Family Roundup.
Monday, May 11 DOK Meeting at 10:30am in the parish hall.
Sunday, May 31 A Celebration honoring the 40th Anniversary of Father Mark's Ordination will follow the 10:00am service in the parish hall with a luncheon.

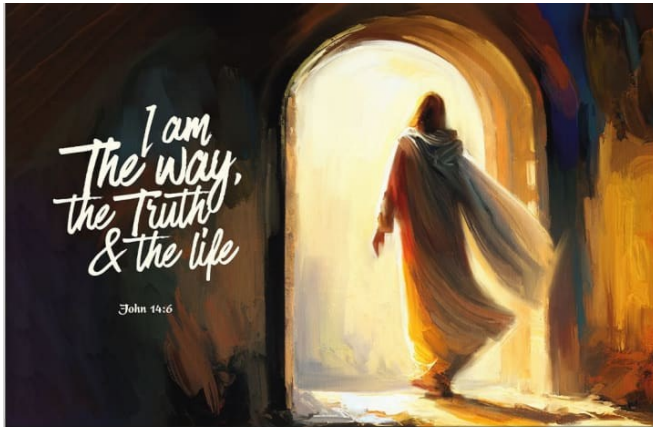
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Happy Birthday

Shaw-Wheat, Erin 5/04
 Ginn, Kathy 5/13
 Riehle, Melissa 5/28

Happy Anniversary

Hall, Miles & Donna 5/05
 Sterling, Pete & Delores 5/18



Easter Lilies

The Easter lilies were beautiful on the altar for Easter. Thank you to the Altar Guild. If you purchased lilies the cost are \$10.00 each. If you write a check, please state what it is for on the memo line.

4th Sunday of Easter May 3, 2026	6th Sunday of Easter May 10, 2026
Eucharistic Ministers Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers Lectors
10:00 AM 1st Reading and Psalm Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 Sandy Bell	10:00 AM 1st Reading and Psalm Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:7-18 Ruth Hancock
2nd Readings, Prayers, Chalice 1 Peter 2:2-10 Arlene Howland	2nd Readings, Prayers, Chalice 1 Peter 3:13-22 Miles Hall, III
Gospel: John 14:1-14 Deacon Margaret Light Rev Meg Lovejoy	Gospel: John 14:15-21 Miles Hall, III Deacon Margaret Light Rev Meg Lovejoy
Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Becky Rutledge Ushers: Earl & Pat Geis Altar Guild: Earl & Pat Geis Delores Sterling Peggy Delafosse	Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Ray Hancock Ushers: Anne Breitenstein & Teri Duos Altar Guild: Becky Rutledge Eric & Annie Reeves Sandy Bell
Flower Guild: Anne Breitenstein	Flower Guild: Krispen Walker

LONE STAR FAMILY ROUNDUP
 MAY 1-3, 2026

Don't Miss It—Final Call!
 There's still time to join us for Lone Star Family Roundup. Whether you stay the weekend or come for the day, you'll find space to reconnect, recharge, and enjoy the best of Camp Allen.

**Now Introducing:
 Day Packages – \$70**
 Saturday, May 2

Breakfast, lunch, and a full day of activities included: archery, fishing, zip-lining, crafts, swimming, hiking, pickleball, yoga, and more!