



2nd Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

WELCOME! *We are blessed to worship with you today! If you are visiting, we are delighted that you're here. If you have any questions, please ask anyone near you. To find out everything going on at St. Paul's, visit www.stpaulsokc.com.*

MASTER ACOLYTES- Today we recognize 8 new Master Acolytes. They have not only put in a lot of time as acolyte and crucifer, but they help with other parts of the service and outreach programs. Whenever you see an acolyte or crucifer that is wearing a cross, they are a Master Acolyte. Please be sure to congratulate them and thank them for their service to St. Paul's. Thank you to Kent Wallace for making their crosses.

SERVING TODAY:

Reader: Luke Green
Ushers: Tony Nutter, Bill Schopflin, Steve Botkin & Micah Moeller
Children's Message: Jessica Purdum
Altar Guild: Diane Dewing
Communion Assistants: Abby & Maelee Moeller, Joyce Martin, Paula Schopflin, Elie Behrens, Madelynn Labus & Arabella Veit
Video assistant: Steve Powell
Acolyte & Crucifer: Viktor Teske, Atticus Veit, Elie Behrens, Jane Green, Mia Greiner, Madelynn Labus, Maelee Moeller & Arabella Veit.

PRELUDE: *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Canticle Ringers

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Pause for silent reflection)*

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace we have been saved and in the name of Christ your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: #376 *Thine Is The Glory*

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death has won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death has won!

Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!

Refrain


No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'ors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Refrain

The Lord be with you. ***And also, with you.***

Kyrie 3 & 4

Refrain



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Let us pray. O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32

²⁷When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 150

¹Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple;
praise God in the mighty firmament.

²Praise God for mighty acts;
praise God for exceeding greatness.

³Praise God with trumpet sound;
praise God with lyre and harp.

⁴Praise God with tambourine and dance;
praise God with strings and pipe.

⁵Praise God with resounding cymbals;
praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

⁶Let everything that has breath
praise the LORD. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING *Rev 1:4-8*

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God, Word of Life. ***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia!

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL READING **John 20:19-31**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.

³¹But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jessica Purdum

SPECIAL MUSIC

We Have Seen the Risen Lord

SPLC Adult Choir

MESSAGE

Jason Rowinski

HYMN

#389

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

vs 1, 2 & 5

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and ev'ry age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

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 and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped 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.

MASTER ACOLYTE RECOGNITION

Viktor Teske
Atticus Veit
Elie Behrens

Jane Green
Mia Greiner
Madelynn Labus

Maelee Moeller
Arabella Veit.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in him shall never die. Alleluia.

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for you breathed new life into your astonished disciples. As you turned unutterable grief into unshakeable joy, so renew and refresh your turbulent world and establish now your reign of peace. (Brief silence for personal prayer.) To you, Lord Jesus, transforming the pain of death into the fullness of life, be honor and glory, now and forever.

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for you come to us even in our doubting. Through the sovereign work of your Spirit, and the loving hands of your people, continue to reveal yourself where doubt is stronger than faith. (Brief silence for personal prayer.) To you, Lord Jesus, whose resurrection body bears the murderous marks of the cross, be honor and glory, now and forever.

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for as you were sent by the Father, so you send us. Equip your Church with the gifts to fulfil our calling that we may love as you loved, serve as you served, and willingly follow wherever you lead. (Brief silence for personal prayer.) To you, Lord Jesus, gifting your people, be honor and glory, now and forever.

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

COMMUNION

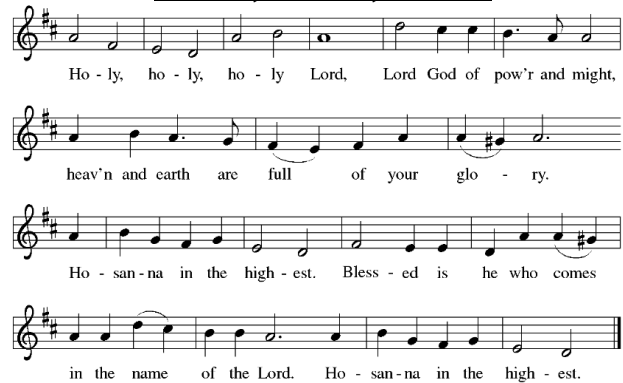
The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 forever sing this hymn to the glory of your Name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 all of 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, according to his command, O Father:

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

...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

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

Let us pray. **Almighty and ever-living 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 forever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

May the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Ron Wallace

SENDING

Go in Peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Please note there is no offertory during service, our offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary, or you can give online using the link on our website, www.stpaulsokc.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLYFISHERS OF MEN XX

Get out your fishing gear. Mark your calendars for May 12-16 when we'll be holding our annual fishing trip to the beautiful Roaring River in the heart of the Ozarks. A sign-up sheet will be displayed in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Friedemann. We hope you can join us for some great Christian fellowship and hopefully, good fishing!

APRIL ACTIVITIES

4/27- Worship & Education

Prayer Partner Banquet

4/30- Wednesday Night Activities

5:30- Children's Handbells

5:45- Wednesday Night Celebration

6:30- Choir Practice

MAY ACTIVITIES

5/4- Worship

Senior Sunday

5/6- 6:30 Twilight Tones

5/7- 6:30 - Choir Practice

5/11- Worship

Mother's Day

5/14- 6:30 - Choir Practice

5/15- XYZ

5/18- Worship

MS Mission trip parent meeting

5/25- Worship