



EASTER 7

May 12, 2024

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.

Happy Mother's Day!!

Serving Today:

Altar Guild: Joyce Martin
Lay Reader: Tracy Caine
Children's Message: Romi Behrens
Communion Assistant: Carolyn Behrens
Sound & Video: Rick Ayling
Ushers: Tony Nutter, Bill Schopflin, Steve Botkin & Micah Moeller
Acolyte & Crucifer: Atticus & Arabella Veit

PRELUDE: Ron Wallace

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: #879 ***For the Beauty of the Earth*** vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mile:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

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


This is the Feast

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.


All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.


Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

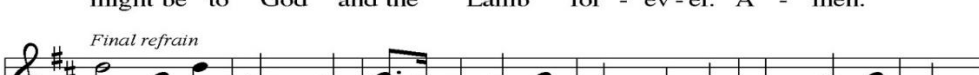


hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *Let us pray.* Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in 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 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶and said, “Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷He was one of our number and shared in our ministry.”

²¹Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²²beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

²³So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias.

²⁴Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.” ²⁶Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

PSALM 1

- ¹Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
²but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day and night.
³That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.
⁴Not so with the wicked!
They are like chaff that the wind blows away.
⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
⁶For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13

⁹We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

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.

The Holy Gospel according to **John 17:6-19** ***Glory to you, O Lord***

⁶"I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹²While I was with them; I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. ¹³"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Fanfare

Children's Bell Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Romi Behrens

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Lord Build Our House

SPLC Adult Choir

MESSAGE:

Pastor Stefanie Rowinski

HYMN:

#870

We Praise You O God

all verses

We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers; through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us. To you, our great redeemer, forever be 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.

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 even in the glorious victory of the resurrection you understood the failure of Peter who denied you. As you restored him to relationship with you, remember all who feel downcast and worthless in this world's eyes and give them a sense of purpose and value. (*Brief silence for personal prayer.*) To you, Lord Jesus, loving us despite our denial, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

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 your single-minded commitment to your Father's will. May we be free from distractions of envy or self, that we might walk the way of the cross and know the power of your risen life. (*Brief silence for personal prayer.*) To you, Lord Jesus, treading boldly on the path of suffering, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

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

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

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

Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

...Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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

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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; ***Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

(Please note, there are gluten free wafers available if you need them. The cups in the center of the trays are juice, and the outer rings are wine.)

BENEDICTION

May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **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 following QR code:



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENTECOST PICNIC FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE, MAY 19

SIGN UP TODAY TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR **PENTECOST PICNIC CHILI COOK-OFF, PIE BAKE OFF, OR OTHER DESSERT BAKEOFFS**. Prizes will be awarded for the best entry in each of the food categories. We also need people to sign up to bring sides, bread, crackers etc.

FIND A BUDDY AND SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE IN **THE 1st ANNUAL ST PAUL'S CORNHOLE TOURNEMENT**. For ages 11+ A plaque will hang in the church with the names of the cornhole tournament winners running from this year and ongoing years.

Bring lawn chairs and enjoy the fellowship, food, and fun. Games for younger children will be available. Sign up via Sign Up Genius (QR code below), or in the Narthex Visitors Booth. Sponsored by the Outreach and Lay Ministry Boards.



WOW REGISTRATION – DEADLINE TODAY!!

WOW registration is open! Registration deadline **TODAY**. Forms are available at the information table in the narthex and online at www.stpaulsokc.com and our Facebook page. If you are interested in volunteering, be on the lookout for sign-up sheets at the information table!

XYZ

Thursday, May 16, at 1 pm in the activity center Bunco. Please sign up today so we can determine how many tables to set up. Hoping you'll be able to join us for a fun afternoon.

ENDOWMENT FUND MATCHING CAMPAIGN

The SPLC Endowment Fund will be adding \$1 for every \$5 given to the ROC. The campaign ends June 2nd. Please make sure donations are made out to St. Paul's with "ROC" in the memo line.

WANTED: MUG WASHERS

A few bodies are needed to help wash mugs! This is a very easy volunteer opportunity for one person, or an entire family. Currently, each person/team is washing approximately 4-5 times a year, and if we get more volunteers, it'll be even less! If you have any questions about this important ministry, please contact Susi Laflin 405-202-7065 mailladysusi@gmail.com.

MAY ACTIVITIES

5/12- Worship- Education

Happy Mother's Day!

5/14- 7pm Exec. Board Meeting

5/16- XYZ

5/19- Worship-

Pentecost Picnic

5/26- Worship

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