



EASTER 6

May 5, 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.

Today we celebrate our 2024 graduates!

Congratulations Sara Lewis, Bella Pham, DJ Delzer, Luke Labus & Mikayla Runge!

Serving Today:

Altar Guild: Lynne Elias
Lay Reader: Bella Pham
Children's Message: Dawn Finnicum
Communion Assistants: Sara Lewis, DJ Delzer, Mikayla Runge & Luke Labus
Sound & Video: Tracy Caine
Ushers: Tony Nutter, Bill Schopflin, Steve Botkin & Micah Moeller
Acolyte & Crucifer: Mitchell & Madelynn Thompson
Contemporary Band: Risa & Steve Powell, Scott Hardison, Maggie Adair, Carolyn Behrens & Ron Wallace

PRELUDE: *Come, Now is the Time to Worship* SPLC Contemporary Band

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: **10,000 Reason (Bless the Lord)**

Chorus: Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul. Worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.

Chorus

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger, your name is great, and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing your praise unending, then thousand years and the forevermore.

Chorus

Worship your holy name. Lord, I'll worship your holy name.

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

KYRIE vs 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. **AMEN**

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” ⁴⁸So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

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

PSALM 98

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; **his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

² The Lord has made his salvation known **and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

³ He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; **all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

⁴ Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, **burst into jubilant song with music;**

⁵ make music to the Lord with the harp, **with the harp and the sound of singing,**

⁶ with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn— **shout for joy before the Lord, the King.**

⁷ Let the sea resound, and everything in it, **the world, and all who live in it.**

⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands, **let the mountains sing together for joy;**

⁹ let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. **He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.**

SECOND READING:

1 John 5:1-6

⁵ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ²This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies because the Spirit is the truth.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

You Are My All in All

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!

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The Holy Gospel according to **John 15:9-17**

Glory to you, O Lord

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Dawn Finnicum

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Son of Assurance

Canticle Ringers & Twilight Tones

MESSAGE:

Pastor Stefanie Rowinski

HYMN:

How Great is Our God

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty. Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice, He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide, and trembles at His voice and trembles at His voice.

Chorus:

How great is our God! Sing with me! How great is our God!

And all will see how great, how great is our God!

And age to age He stands and time is in His hands. Beginning and the end. Beginning and the end.

The God-head three in one: Father, Spirit, Son. The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Chorus

Name above all names. Worthy of all praise. My heart will sing how great is our God. (x2)

Chorus

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 at the lakeside you showed concern for the daily needs of your disciples. As you guided them to fill their nets with fish, so guide all who are hungry till their hunger is satisfied in you. (*Brief silence for personal prayer.*) To you, Lord Jesus, sharing with us the food of faith, 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 you took the risk of passing your mission to frail disciples. As you commissioned them to go into all the world, so may all the world come to you, the King of nations. (*Brief silence for personal prayer.*) To you, Lord Jesus, with us to the end of the age,, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

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

(*Prayers for our graduating seniors.*)

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 an 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,

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Our Father in Heaven hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory are Yours. Now and forever.

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.)

COMMUNION MUSIC

SPLC Contemporary Band

All Are Welcome, Giver of the Heartbeat & Abba, I Belong to You

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

SPLC Contemporary Band

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

WOW registration is open! Registration deadline is 5/12. 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!

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

5/5- Worship- Senior Sunday
5/8- 5:30 Children's Handbells
6:00 Choir Potluck
5/12- Worship- Education
Happy Mother's Day!
5/14- 7pm Exec. Board Meeting

5/19- Worship-
Pentecost Picnic
5/26- Worship
5/28- 7pm Exec. Board Meeting

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