



**ST. PAUL'S**  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

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Ascension Day

**Holy Eucharist**

**Thursday, May 9, 2024**

**Seven o'clock in the evening**

*Our worship is based on the liturgies of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and this leaflet contains what you will need to follow and to participate actively with us. If you would like to use the book itself, page numbers are provided. Hymn numbers and service music refer to The Hymnal 1982 (bound in blue) and all books are found in the pew racks.*

**THE EASTER GREETING**

BCP p. 355

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People** **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity and the people respond Amen.*

**The Gloria**

BCP p. 356

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**THE LESSONS**

**A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

[1: 1 – 11]

**Psalm 47**

*Omnes gentes, plaudite*

BCP p. 650

*The Psalm is spoken responsively by whole verse*

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians** [1: 15 – 23]

**The Holy Gospel** [Luke 24: 44 – 53]

**THE HOMILY** The Rev. Michael Monnot

**THE NICENE CREED, *standing*** BCP p. 358

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*All stand or kneel as able for prayer.*

Deacon: Come, let us pray with thanksgiving to him who ascended with great triumph to God’s heavenly kingdom, responding to each petition by saying, “Hear us, Ascended Lord.”

*At the end of each intercession the people respond:*

*Intercessor: . . . for this we pray.*

**People: Hear us, ascended Lord.**

*The Celebrant adds a Concluding Collect.*

**THE PEACE**

**WELCOME**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**Eucharistic Prayer D** BCP p. 372

**Sanctus** BCP p. 373

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** BCP page 364

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*All who seek a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion by moving forward to the altar rail, to the side altar at the left (no stairs), or by remaining in your place and indicating to an usher that you would like to receive. Alternatively, you are welcome to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are not yet baptized and feel drawn to receive Holy Communion, please speak with a priest about baptism after the service. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

**THE BLESSING**

May almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

**Announcements**

**St. Paul's Cathedral Arts: Sunday, May 12 at 4:00 pm**

**The Central College A Cappella Choir Pre-NYC Tour Concert**

The select 72-voice collegiate choir will share their pre-tour program at St. Paul's. Repertoire spans centuries and cultures, including both familiar and new choral music.

**Pentecost**

We will celebrate Pentecost at both services on Sunday, May 19, with Confirmations and Receptions at 10:00 am. Confirmands and those Received will be celebrated with cake and sparkling wine or juice, after which the Bishop will provide teaching on the Purpose and Work of Any Congregation. Please plan to attend.

### **Summer Bible Study and Social**

Get ready! Members of St. Paul's Formation Cloister are preparing a parish-wide Bible study (and social!) in the *Book of Acts*, to take place during Ordinary Time.\* We hope as many members of St. Paul's as possible will participate in learning about discipleship and the early church.

\*Ordinary Time runs from the day after Pentecost Sunday through the beginning of Advent; in 2024 from May 20 through November 30.

### **St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral Leaders**

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| The Rt. Rev. Betsey Monnot       | Bishop of The Diocese of Iowa |
| The Very Rev. Nicola Dance Chase | Dean of the Cathedral         |
| The Rev. Jean McCarthy           | Priest Associate              |
| The Rev. Michael Monnot          | Priest Associate              |
| The Rev Jean Davis               | Deacon                        |
| The Rev. John Doherty            | Deacon                        |
| Canon Mark Babcock               | Organist/Choirmaster          |
| Dr. Joshua Boggs                 | Assistant Choirmaster         |

**More information about all our activities can be found on the handouts  
and on our website: [www.stpaulsdm.org](http://www.stpaulsdm.org)**

### **Tonight's Liturgical Ministers**

*Presider* – The Rev. Michael Monnot

*Homilist* – The Rev. Michael Monnot

*Minister of Ceremonies* – The Rev. Michael Monnot

*Dean of the Cathedral* – The Very Rev. Nicola Dance Chase

*Deacon* – The Rev. Jean Davis

*Crucifer* – Jolene Phelps

*Torch-bearers* – TBD, TBD

*1<sup>st</sup> lesson* – Jeanne O'Halloran

*2<sup>nd</sup> lesson* – Jolene Phelps

*Intercessor* – Sharon Gentsch

*Eucharistic Ministers* – Sharon Gentsch, The Very Rev. Nicola Dance Chase

*Audio* – Bill Genstch

*Video* – Nathan Brown

*Ushers* – Sheila Brown, St. Paul's Team Member



**Mission Statement:** St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral is a welcoming, worshipping community committed to living Christ's unconditional love through fellowship, service, and kindness.

**Vision Statement:** Grounded in Worship. Deepening in Faith. Reaching Out in Love.