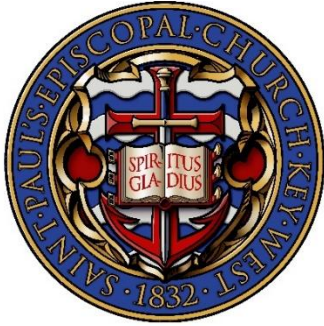
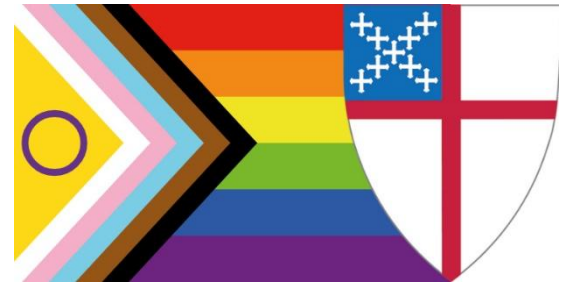


St. Paul's Episcopal Church In the Heart of Key West

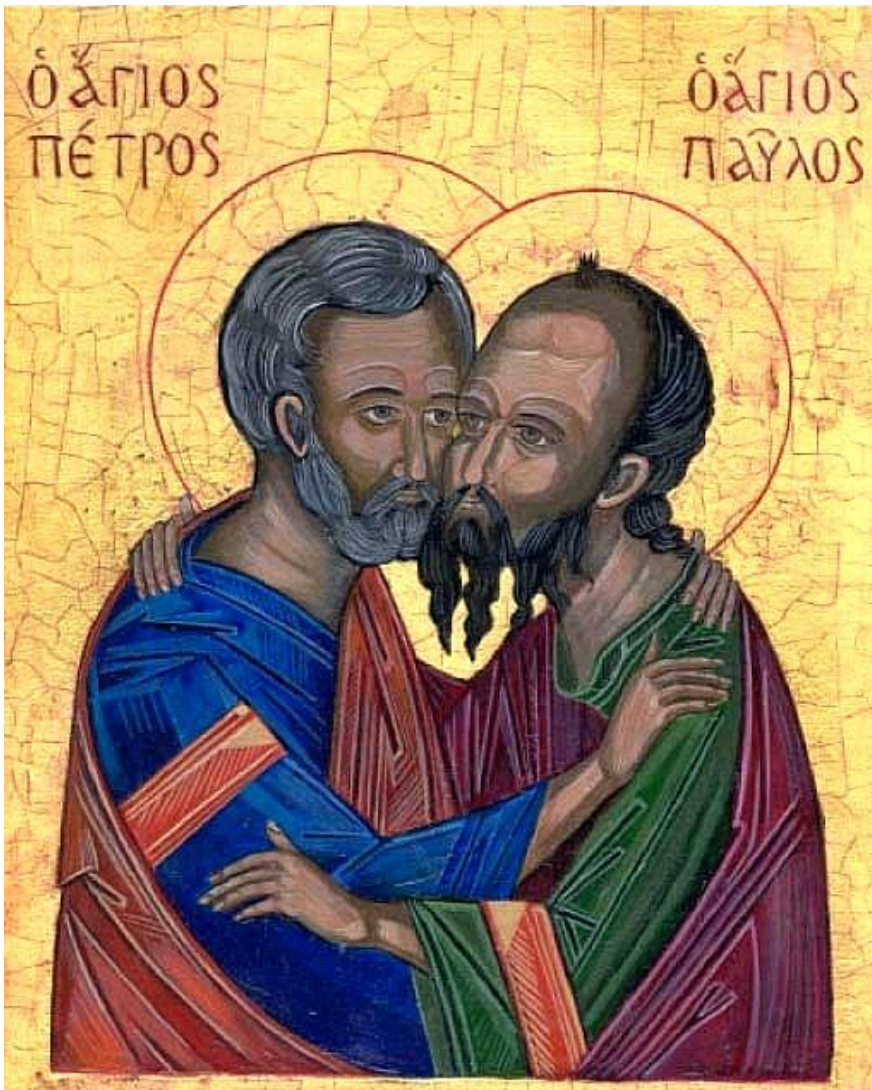


June 29, 2025
7:30 am & 10:00am



The Feasts of St Peter
& St Paul, Apostles
Pride Sunday

Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey,
you are welcome in this
place and at this table.



✠ *sign of the cross (optional)*

ORGAN PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on *Schwing dich auf zu deinem Gott*

Dean Warden, organist

Dame Ethel Smyth (1858-1944)

CHIMING OF THE ANGELUS *Remain seated*

ENTRANCE HYMN *All Are Welcome*

Two Oaks

All stand.

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
3. Let us build a house where love is found In
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their

all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,

chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
serve and teach, And live the Word they've
taught and claimed As words with - in the

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,
known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger
Word, Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:



OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

✠Blessed be the one holy and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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.**

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE *S 236 Glory to You*

The following is sung, all standing

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord

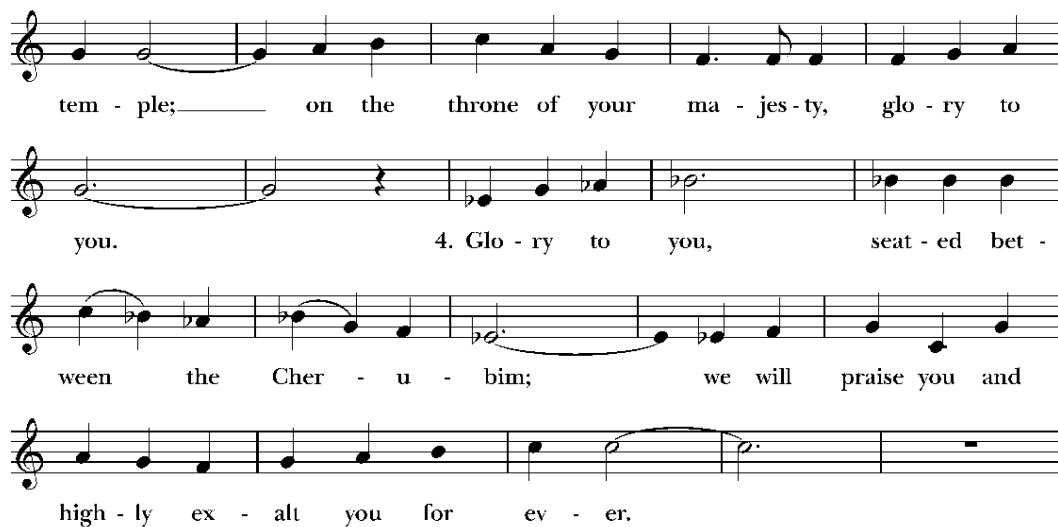
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you

— for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; we will

praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your

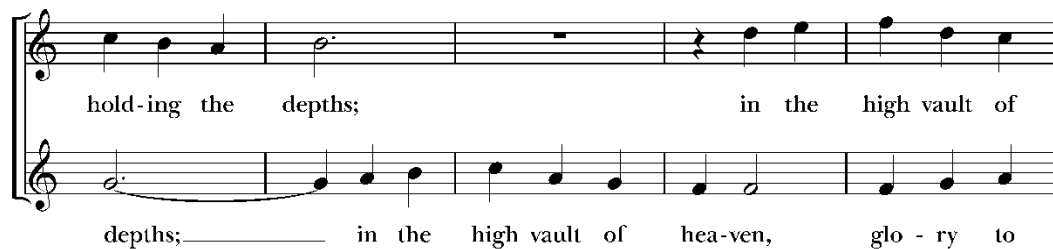


tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
 you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
 ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

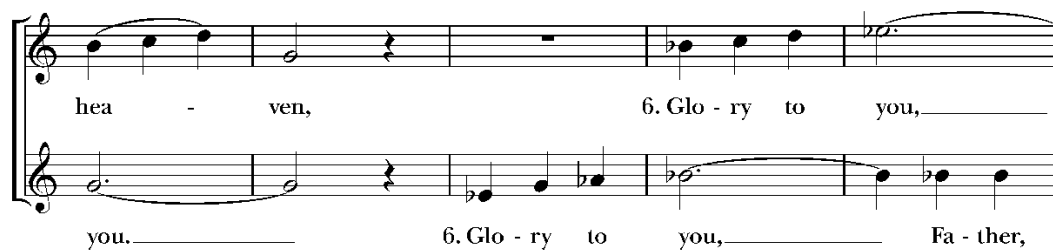
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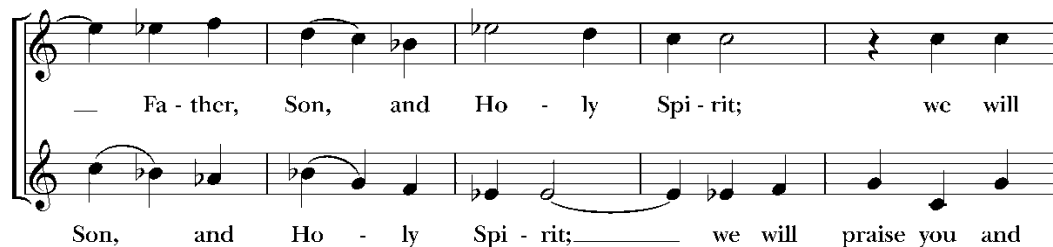
5. Glo - ry to you, be -
 5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the



hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of
 depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to



hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,
 you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdom: Grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The people sit.

The Lessons

A Reading from Ezekiel

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 87 *Remain seated.*

PSALM 87

Peter R. Hallock

Psalm 87

Psalm 87: 2

Organ: Everyone:

ANTIPHON

Glo-rious things are spo-ken of you, O ci - ty

of our God.

1 On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded;
the Lord loves the gates of Zion
more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Antiphon

[2 Glorious things are spoken of you,
O city of our God.]

3 I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me;
behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia:
in Zion were they born.

4 Of Zion it shall be said, "Everyone was born in her,
and the Most High himself shall sustain her."

Antiphon

5 The Lord will record as he enrolls the peoples,
"These also were born there."

6 The singers and the dancers will say,
"All my fresh springs are in you."

Antiphon

SECOND READING:

The people sit.

A Reading from Second Timothy

2 Timothy 4:1-8

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

All stand for the gospel verse and the reading of the gospel.

Gospel Verse (music from Taizē)



The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John

John 21:15-19

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Priest The Gospel of our Savior.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

THE SERMON **The Reverend Ed Gomez**

After the sermon, a period of silence will be kept.

THE CREED

All stand.

*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.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

In peace, we pray to you, God of Life.

Silence

For all members of God's holy church on this island and in every habitation, we pray to you, O God.
Hear our prayer.

For Sean, our presiding bishop, Peter, our bishop, and all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay people,
we pray to you, O God.
Hear our prayer.

For Donald, our president, Ron, our governor, Deedee, our mayor, and for all who hold the public
trust, we pray to you, O God.

Hear our prayer.

For all who live and work in this community, especially service members, first responders, and healthcare providers, we pray to you, O God.

Hear our prayer.

For those who travel on land, by sea, or by air, and for those who await their safe arrivals and returns, we pray to you, O God.

Hear our prayer.

For the good earth, its creatures, and its bounty; for those who grow and harvest our food, those who transport it, those who prepare and serve it; and for those without adequate food, we pray to you, O God.

Hear our prayer.

For the unemployed and the underemployed, those who are addicted, those who are grieving, and those who are alone; for prisoners and refugees; and for those without shelter, we pray to you, O God.

Hear our prayer.

For those in regions of armed conflict; those displaced by war and climate change; those enduring violence and trauma, we pray to you, O God.

Hear our prayer.

For the sick and infirm, and those entrusted with their care, we pray to you, O God.

Hear our prayer.

For the dying and dead✠, that everlasting light may shine upon them and that they may have eternal rest in you, we pray to you, O God.

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister 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 the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offertory Organ Solo *Soliloquy*

David Conte (b. 1955)

OFFERTORY HYMN *I Met a Stranger on the Road*

David Bjorlin

KINGSFOLD
Ralph Vaughan Williams

1. I met a stran-ger on the road who read a book a-lone,
2. I told the sto-ry of the Christ whose life de-nounced each wall,
3. For when we draw our bound-ary lines di-vi-ding out from in,
whose skin was dark and lan-guage strange, whose sta-tus was un-known.
whose love ex-pands our nar-rowed sights: the Lamb raised up for all.
then Christ stands on the o-ther side; ex-clu-sion is our sin.
And yet he read my sa-cred text, this pil-grim from a-broad,
And when I asked if he be-lieved, I saw my view was flawed:
Praise God for stran-gers on the road—the diff-'rent and the odd—

and asked, "Where can I find a guide to lead me to this God?"
 we both encountered grace that day, we both were led to God.
 the pilgrim guides who take our hand and lead us back to God.

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The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. 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.

PROPER PREFACE

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

SANCTUS S 130 *Holy, holy, holy*

Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na



Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the maker and preserver of all people.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

EPICLESIS

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People and Celebrant

*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,
forever and ever. Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

FRACTION ANTHEM S 164 Jesus, Lamb of God

Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

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.]

If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you may still come forward to receive a blessing. Cross your arms over your chest to indicate you wish to receive a blessing.

We do not practice intinction (the dipping of the bread in the wine) at St Paul's or anywhere in the Diocese of Southeast Florida.

If you cannot come forward to receive communion, we will bring the sacrament to you. Please let an usher know you wish to receive.

COMMUNION HYMN #304 *I Come With Joy To Meet My Lord*

Land of Rest

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

All standing

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.

BLESSING ☩

DISMISSAL

Celebrant:

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All the people:

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Coronation March*

Dr. Kristina Rizzotto (b.1989)

Remember in Your Prayers Today: Bob Wagstaff (father of Brian), Eileen Flynn (sister of Susie Trost), Phil Hooper (friend of Sarah and Mike Kindinger), Clark, Jade, Jim McCloud, Fran Lepine, Sheila Rogers, Bj. Thompson, Susan Gilman, Tricia Lloyd, Jo Mares, Stephanie Fisher, Crew Philips, Joseph Lyles, Dan Courtney, Cayce Pritchett, Bert, Tom Chesnutt, Alexa Noya (granddaughter of Donald Curry), Carla Harper, Jane and John Payne, Halee Darden, Brad Hahn, Martha Glover, Kenneth Dunaway, Chris Mario

Remember those serving in the Military: LT Kelsey Fauser, US Navy Chaplain Corps; Jesse Millard, U.S. Coast Guard; Keifer Ewing, Army Special Forces (Green Berets); Brodie Kirkland, Virginia National Guard

Remember those who have died: Jeff Minalga

We Celebrate these Birthdays this week:

Barry Hitch	06/30
Julia Pischke	06/30
Brian Wagstaff	07/01
Pamela McLaughlin	07/03
Jennifer Trapani	07/03
Dexter Simmons	07/04
Debi Hindsley	07/05
Tina Johnson	07/05

We Celebrate these Anniversaries this week:

Edward & Diane King	07/01
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Rector:		The Very Rev. Donna S. Mote, PhD
Director of Music:		Tim Peterson, M. Mus.
Supply Organist:		Dean Warden, B. A. in Music Education
Parish Administrator:		Tricia Coyne
IT Guru:		Brent Collins
Reader:	7:30	Tammi Hoback
Reader:	10:00	Becky England
Intercessor:	10:00	Judy Herrick
Assisting Ministers	7:30	Michelle Garcia
	10:00	Phyllis Pita
		Kitty Roberts
Thurifer:	10:00	Effie Ford
Crucifer:	10:00	Greta Ford
Gospel Bearer:	10:00	Les Steele
Ushers:		Donald Curry
		Michael Rison

St. Paul's Vestry

Senior Warden, Lilla Whiteside (Class of 2028)

Junior Warden, Greta Ford (Class of 2027)

Class of 2026: Tom Bond, Samantha Hall, Mike Kindinger

Class of 2027: Brent Collins, Jennifer Trapani

Class of 2028: Judy Herrick, Joseph Lyles

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many thanks to Dean Warden for leading us in worship today while Tim is away.

We are delighted to welcome you to St Paul's this morning for our celebration together with St Peter's, Key West of our shared patronal feast day, **The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**. This is our third year in a row of celebrating our patrons together as the southernmost Episcopal outposts in the contiguous United States.

This Pride Mass, celebrated in honor of Saints Peter and Paul, lifts up both our shared faith and the vibrant, too-often-overlooked contributions of LGBTQ composers to sacred music. These two apostles—so different in background and temperament—became united in mission, embodying the transformative power of grace and the call to proclaim God's love beyond boundaries. In the same spirit, today's liturgy uplifts voices long silenced—reminding us that the divine speaks through every identity, every story, and every act of creation. The music we hear today is not just accompaniment, but proclamation: a testament to the sacred worth of LGBTQ people and the enduring presence of God in their lives and art.

We begin with Dame Ethel Smyth's chorale prelude *Schwing dich auf zu deinem Gott* (Soar up to your God), a bold and expressive work from a trailblazing lesbian composer and suffragette whose life embodied conviction and defiant joy. At the organ offering, David Conte's *Soliloquy* brings a quiet, lyrical strength—an intimate prayer from an openly gay American composer known for his emotional clarity and grace. As a triumphant close, Dr. Kristina Rizzotto's *Coronation March* radiates pride and celebration. A transgender Latvian-Brazilian organist and composer, Rizzotto weaves joy, power, and deep faith into every measure. Together, their music transforms this liturgy into a living witness to God's inclusive love and echoes the apostolic call to preach good news in every time, place, and voice.

LGBTQIA2S+ People in The Episcopal Church

Faithful Episcopalians have been working toward a greater understanding and radical inclusion of all of God's children for nearly a half-century. In 1974, Louie Crew founded IntegrityUSA, a non-profit organization with the goal of full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ persons in The Episcopal Church. The next General Convention, in 1976, adopted resolutions stating that "homosexual persons are children of God who have a full and equal claim with all other persons upon the love, acceptance, and pastoral concern and care of the Church" (1976-A069), and that they "are entitled to equal protection of the laws with all other citizens" (1976-A071).

Over the years, General Convention and Executive Council reaffirmed these resolutions and called the church to greater understanding, awareness, and inclusion of LGBTQIA+ persons in the life of the church. In response to the AIDS crisis, the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition was created in 1988 to provide education and support for HIV and AIDS ministries across The Episcopal Church.

In 1994, General Convention amended the church's canons to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, providing equal access to the rites and worship of The Episcopal Church, including ordination. Nine years later the Diocese of New Hampshire elected the first openly-gay bishop in The Episcopal Church, the Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson. This was, arguably, a turning point for the church.

Despite continued pressure from sibling churches of the Anglican Communion, as well as some within The Episcopal Church, General Convention stood with its LGBTQIA+ siblings. In 2009 it acknowledged and affirmed same-sex couples in the life of the church; in 2012 it called for the repeal of discriminatory federal laws, increased legal protections for domestic partners, and recommended a liturgy for blessing the relationships of same-sex couples.

Also in 2009, TransEpiscopal, a group dedicated to fostering the full embrace of trans and nonbinary people in life and worship of The Episcopal Church, sent its first delegation to General Convention. That year, Convention expressed support for laws that prohibit discrimination based on gender identity. In 2012, the canons of The Episcopal Church were amended to prohibit discrimination in the ordination process based on gender identity and gender expression.

And, in the summer of 2015, just five days after the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that same-sex couples had the legal right to marry, General Convention voted to amend the canons of The Episcopal Church that regulate marriage, permitting any couple the rite of Holy Matrimony. They also called for a name-change rite to honor an important moment in the lives of anyone claiming their true identity.

The Episcopal Church warmly welcomes our LGBTQIA+ siblings, but it would be disingenuous to say that the entire church is in the same place on this journey. As with all spiritual journeys, everyone walks at their own pace. Some Episcopal congregations, including St Paul's, Key West, are actively involved in LGBTQIA+ ministry and their arms are open wide; others are more reserved, but their doors are still open to all; some are still wrestling with their beliefs and feelings. But we're on this journey together, and The Episcopal Church is dedicated to full inclusion and equality in the church as well as in society as a whole.

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