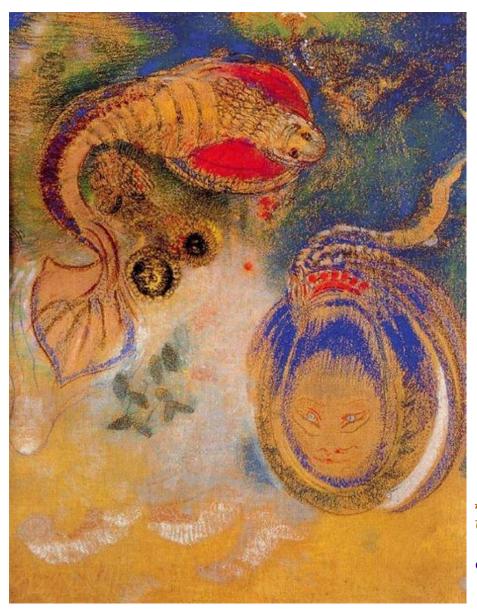
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

In the Heart of Key West



May 18, 2025
7:30am and 10:00am
The Fifth Sunday in Easter

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



Animals at the Bottom of the Sea c. 1890-1916

Odílon Redon 1840-1916

\$\frac{\\$}{\\$}\$ sung at 10am

† spoken at 7:30am, sung at 10am

‡ sign of the cross (optional)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Word of God

Prelude Chorale Prelude on "Cwm Rhondda"

setting by Robert A. Hobby

Ringing of the Angelus

Opening Hymn #296 We Know That Christ Is Raised And Dies No More

Engelberg

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

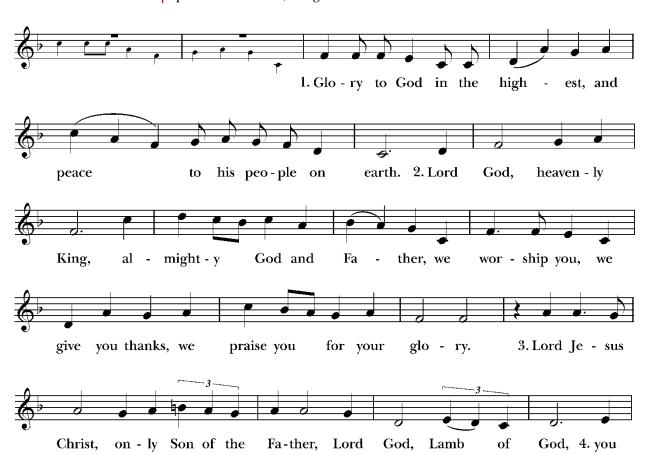
The people standing, the celebrant says

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ has risen!

People: Christ has risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Gloria S-280 † spoken at 7:30am, sung at 10am

Robert Powell





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The Salutation

Celebrant: God be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

lmighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

A Reading from Acts Acts 11: 1-18

ow the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, `Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, `John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."



Peter's Vision Church of St.Peter Nottingham, United Kingdom

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

Psalm 148



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Thanks be to God.

1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; * praise him in the heights.	Refrain
2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.	
3 Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.	
4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.	Refrain
5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; * for he commanded, and they were created.	
6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; * he gave them a law which shall not pass away.	Refrain
7 Praise the Lord from the earth, * you sea-monsters and all deeps;	
8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, * tempestuous wind, doing his will;	Refrain
9 Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars;	
10 Wild beasts and all cattle, * creeping things and winged birds;	Refrain
11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, * princes and all rulers of the world;	
12 Young men and maidens, * old and young together.	Refrain
13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, * for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.	
14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, *	
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!	Refrain

A Reading from Revelation

Revelation 21: 1-6

saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's 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 13:31-35

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

t the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Very Reverend Donna S. Mote, PhD

Rector, St. Paul's Church

Silence follows the sermon.

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 \mathbb{H} , and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Risen Christ, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people and leaders of this land and state and city and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Risen Christ, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth and in particular the Lower Keys as your own creation, that we may use all resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Risen Christ, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all who live and work in this community, especially service members, first responders, and healthcare providers, and bless all who visit here. May we serve Christ in each other and love one another as you love us.

Risen Christ, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Watch over and protect all those who are unsheltered, displaced by war, hungry, unemployed, underemployed, and despairing, that they may find the resources they need and that we may be of service to them as you give us opportunity.

Risen Christ, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

Risen Christ, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Risen Christ, in your mercy

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, \blacksquare forgive you all your sins through Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

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

Please be seated

Announcements

Offertory Anthem When I Can Read My Title Clear

Lori Larson

When I can read my title clear to mansions in the skies, I'll bid farewell to ev'ry fear, and wipe my weeping eyes. I feel like I'm on my journey home.

Should earth against my soul engage, and fiery darts be hurl'd, Then I can smile at Satan's rage, and face a frowning world. I feel like I'm on my journey home.

Let cares, like a wild deluge come, let storms of sorrow fall, So I but safely reach my home, my God, my heav'n, my all. I feel like I'm on my journey home.

There I shall bathe my weary soul in seas of heav'nly rest; and not a wave of trouble roll across my peaceful breast. I feel like I'm on my journey home.

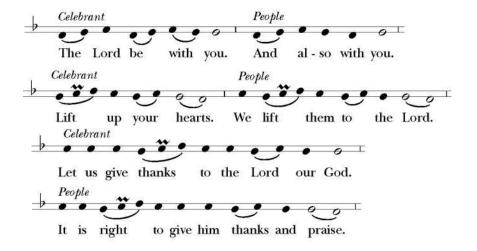
Presentation Hymn #304 I Come With Joy To Meet My Lord

Land of Rest

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer

† spoken at 7:30am, sung at 10am



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

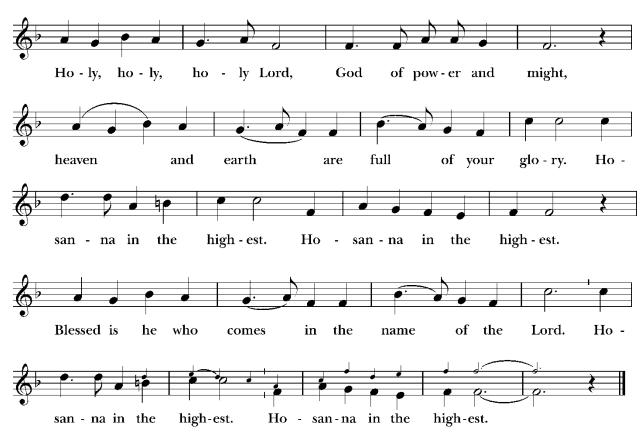
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Preface for Easter

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-125 + spoken at 7:30am, sung at 10am



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The people remain standing. Then the Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

"Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

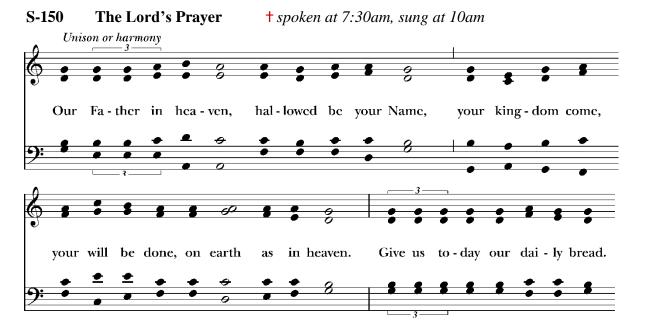
The Celebrant continues

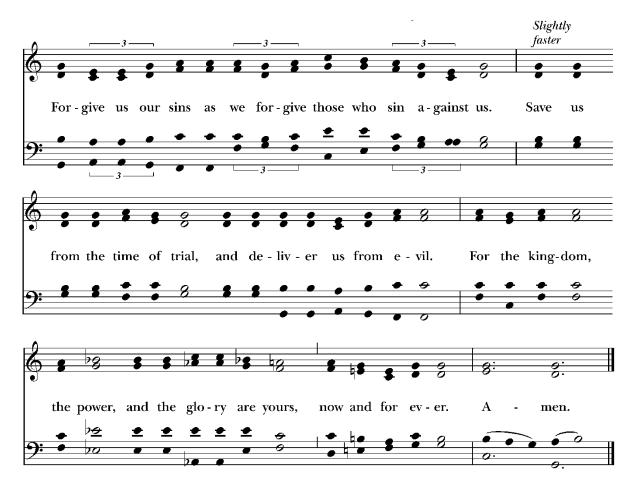
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with the everblessed Virgin Mary, St Paul, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise now and for ever. AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,





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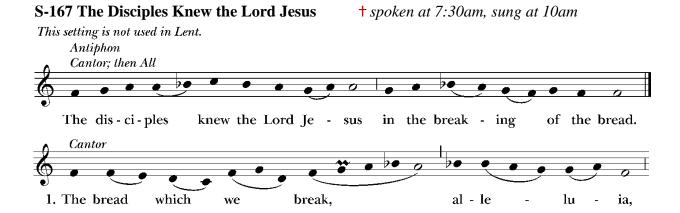
The Breaking of the Bread

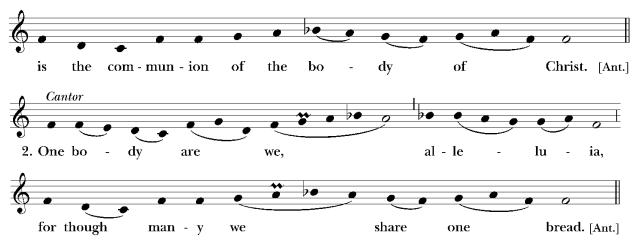
The celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!





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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 #487 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

The Call

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. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the people: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Hymn #213 Come Away to the Skies

Middlebury

POSTLUDE Postlude on "Engelberg"

setting by Robert A. Hobby

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR MINISTRY

During the off-season, we will have our coffee hour after the 10 am service on the cloister—that's the fancy name for the side porch. It will be scaled down to finger foods like cookies, cheese, and crackers, and/or fruit, plus iced tea, lemonade, and water. The setup and clean-up is minimal. We need volunteers to coordinate from now through October. If you are interested, please get in touch with the office or Sarah Kindinger. Thanks to those who helped last week who either brought food, set up, and cleaned up. If you are visiting us, we hope you will join us so we can meet you.

Wednesday, May 14th, was another successful **Loads of Love** at **Stock Island Laundry**. We spent all of our allotment plus what we pulled from our own pockets, and we had to leave with last-minute walkins with bags of laundry. At our next event, we will bring more quarters. We served eight KOTS (Keys Overnight Temporary Stay) residents and thirteen regular patrons. Thank you to all our hard-working volunteers. The next date, a recently added event, will be **Wednesday, June 4th**.

"Thank you for your generous donations of non-perishable food items to **Loaves and Fish Food Pantry**. From May through September, please bring your items to coffee hour on Sundays. One of our volunteer squad will pick them up and ensure they are delivered."

Remember in Your Prayers Today: 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: LTJG 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: Perley Warden (uncle of Dean Warden), Paul Smith, Eric Davis (cousin of Padre Donna)

We Celebrate these Birthdays during May:

Jim McCloud	05/01	Weslie Hertlein	05/23
Shelli Skeels	05/05	Patrick Mobley	05/24
Bj. Thompson	05/05	Jeremy Johnston	05/24
Gina Parrish	05/09	Buzz Braley	05/26
Edward King	05/10	Tom Keller	05/28
Tricia Coyne	05/11	Lisa Benfield	05/28
Susanne Woods	05/12	Natalie Sweeting	05/28
Brent Collins	05/12	Dotti Albury	05/30
Iosenh I vles	05/19		

Joseph Lyles 05/19

We Celebrate these Anniversaries during May:

Peter & Faye Graniela	05/03	Perry & Sherri Hodies	05/20
Mike & Sarah Kindinger	05/12	Kyle & Holle Campbell	05/27
Chris & Samantha Hall	05/18	Russ & Judy Herrick	05/29
Wynn & Isabel Steinkamp	05/19		

Rector: The Very Rev. Donna S. Mote, PhD

Director of Music: Tim Peterson, M. Mus.

Cantor: Dean Warden, B. A. in Music Education

Parish Administrator: Tricia Coyne

IT Guru: Michael Kindinger Reader: 7:30 Tim Peterson Reader: 10:00 Lilla Whiteside 10:00 Joseph Lyles Intercessor: Michelle Garcia **Assisting Ministers** 7:30

10:00 Phyllis Pita

Kitty Roberts

Thurifer: 10:00 Jeff Dunaway

Crucifer: 10:00 Michael Wedincamp

Gospel Bearer: 10:00 Judy Herrick 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

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HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St Paul's Church was formed by an official act of the City Council of Key West. In a petition to the bishop of

New York, the city council requested a priest be sent and the Parish of St. Paul's be established. In 1831, the council gave notice of a public meeting to establish an Episcopal Church, and a committee was appointed.

The first rector was the Reverend Sanson K. Brunot, who arrived December 23, 1832. He held the first service on Christmas Day 1832 in the County Courthouse on Jackson Square. That same day the congregation signed an "Act of Association" of the Episcopal Congregation in Key West to be called St Paul's Church.

The first Vestry was elected April 8, 1833, and the Reverend Brunot became a permanent house guest of Vestryman William Whitehead, as there was no rectory or church building. Land for a church site was given by the widow of John William Charles Fleming in 1832 with the only stipulation that her husband's remains stay where they were. He is still buried on the grounds, but the actual site is unknown.

The original church made of coral rock, was built in 1838-39. The building, when completed, was 38 x 58 feet, and the total cost of construction was \$6,500. This first building was totally destroyed by a hurricane on October 11, 1846. The second church was a wooden structure measuring 28 x 66 feet. Services were first held in this building on June 30, 1848, and the church was consecrated on January 4, 1851, by the Right Reverend C.E. Gadsden, Bishop of South Carolina.

In 1857 a rectory was erected on the corner of Duval and Eaton Street, facing Eaton. The Reverend Osgood E. Herrick was the first in a long line of rectors to call it home. The church was growing steadily, and the seating capacity of 350 was becoming inadequate. This is when St Peter's was established (1875), and the Spanish Mission of St John's followed.

The second church was destroyed in the Great Fire of Key West in March 1886. By some good fortune the rectory survived undamaged. Rebuilding the church began immediately, and the third church was completed in 1887. Constructed of wood, it stood in the center of the block with the doors facing Eaton Street. It measured approximately 58 x 98 feet.

In 1890, the Vestry voted to purchase a chime of bells. Once installed, the first chime of bells in Florida was inaugurated on Palm Sunday morning, March 22, 1891, at 10:00 am.

On October 11, 1909, another disaster struck, and the church was destroyed by a hurricane. The parish hall (completed in 1904) and the rectory survived the storm and were used for services. Plans for a new church, which would be constructed of concrete, were approved in 1911. The church would be located at the corner of Duval and Eaton Streets. This required the moving of the rectory to its current location in 1914. The first service in the current building was held June 8, 1919. During this time, many of the beautiful stained-glass windows were ordered, and installation began in 1920. The organ arrived in 1931 in time for Christmas services.

A major restoration of the current church building began in 1991 to save the building from collapse. The concrete used in the initial construction had been mixed with seawater and beach sand, causing the steel reinforcing within the walls and columns to split. Work was completed in 1993 at a cost of nearly one million dollars.

In the 2020s, over a century into its life, the historic nave of St Paul's is again in need of a major restoration. The first chime of bells in Florida is silent because both the bell tower and the platform upon which the bells rest are structurally unsound. The historic rectory and the parish hall are also in need of significant restoration and repair.

This oldest US congregation south of St Augustine has been served by dozens of priests throughout almost two centuries. The thirty-fourth rector of St Paul's is the Very Reverend Donna S. Mote, PhD, who began her tenure June 5, 2021.

The church building and grounds at the corner of Duval and Eaton Streets are open daily for prayer, meditation, and visitation. As a beautiful and beloved venue for concerts and community events as well as worship, St Paul's is an iconic and historic community asset stewarded by the congregation for the enrichment and enjoyment of everyone, now and always, in the heart and the hearts of Key West.