

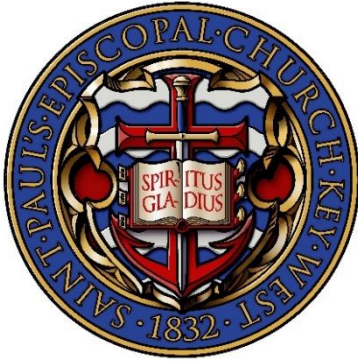
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

In the Heart of Key West

May 25, 2025

7:30am and 10:00am

The Sixth Sunday in Easter



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



John the Evangelist

*Giovanni Cimabue 1240-1305
Duomo Pisa, Italy*

⌘ 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 “*Kingsfold*”

setting by Dale Wood

Ring of the Angelus

Opening Hymn #292 *O Jesus, Crowned With All Renown*

Kingsfold

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

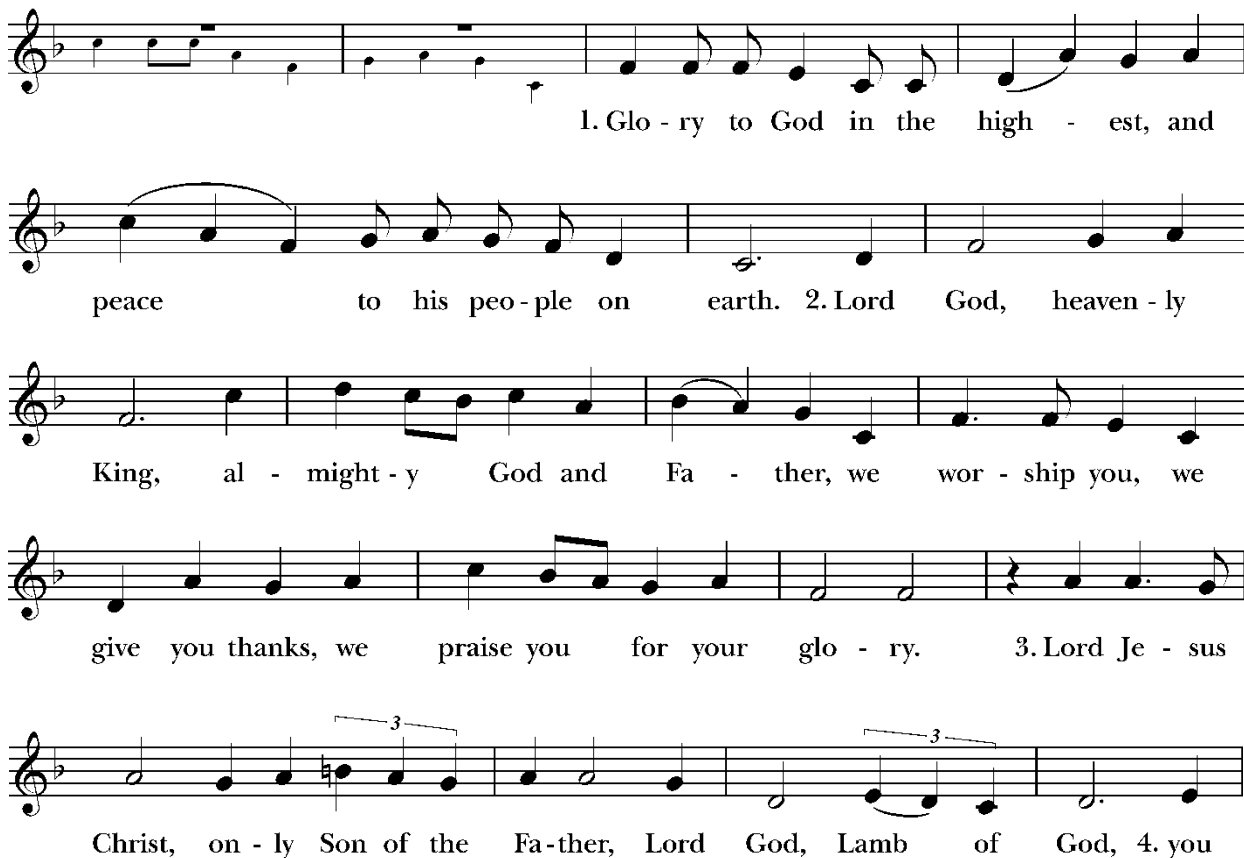
The people standing, the celebrant says

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ has risen!

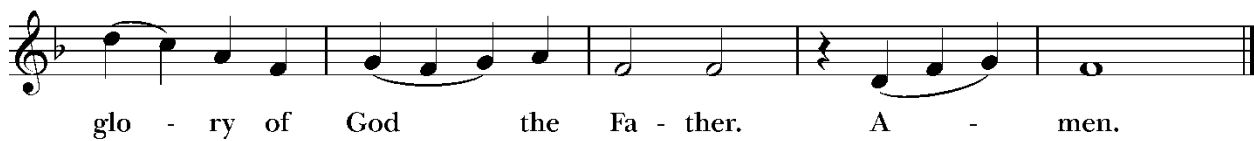
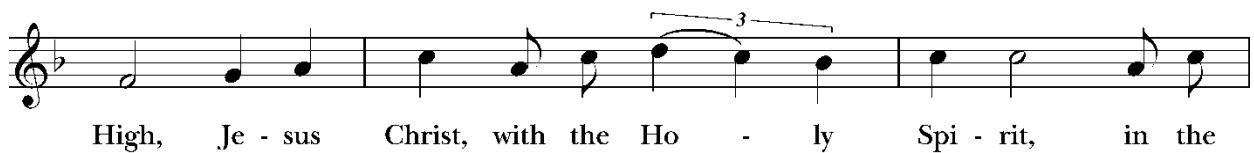
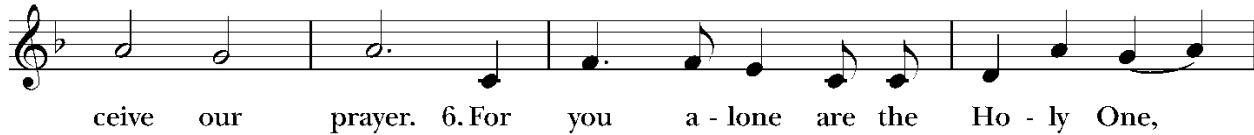
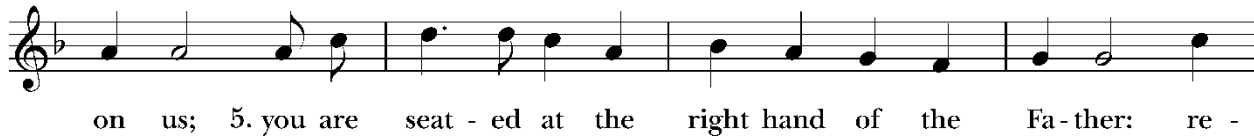
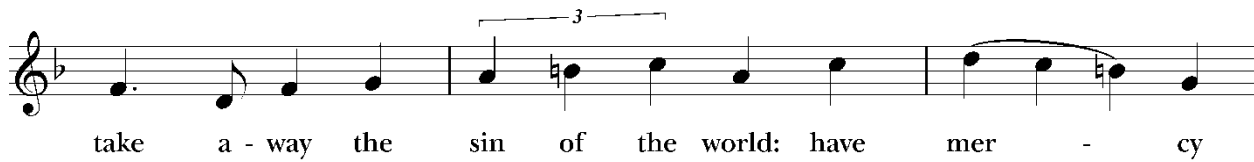
People: *Christ has risen indeed! Alleluia!*

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

Robert Powell



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



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The Salutation

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67



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1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

Refrain

[3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.]

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

Refrain

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him. *Refrain*

A Reading from Revelation

Revelation 21: 10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

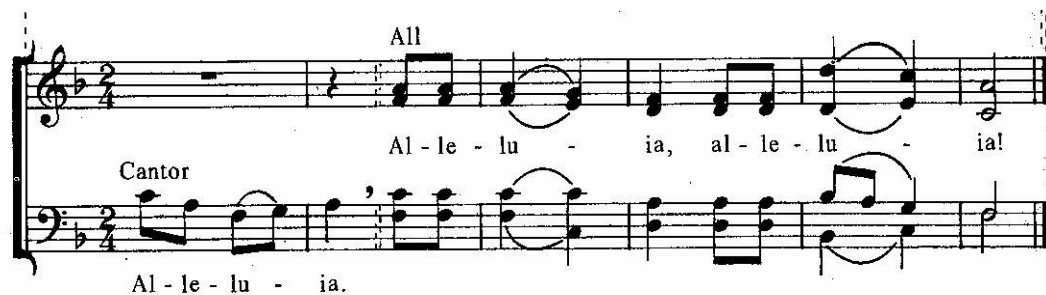
Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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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 14:23-29

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is

greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Lay Address

Grant Sikes

Silence follows the lay address.

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

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, ✠ 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 *The Rain Will Seek the Rivers*

Robert J. Powell

*The rain will seek the rivers,
And rivers run to seas,
While human hearts will wander
Unfulfilled and restlessly.*

*The anxious heart must listen,
for the quiet voice
That whispers, answers, offers,
Calls forth the unforced choice.*

*to grasp the easy burden,
God's grace our soul's delight.
Oh, run to claim the promise
Of everlasting life.*

Presentation Hymn #417 *This is the Feast of Victory for Our God*

Festival Canticle

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer † spoken at 7:30am, sung at 10am

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Staff 1: Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And al - so with you.

Staff 2: Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them to the Lord.

Staff 3: Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Staff 4: People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

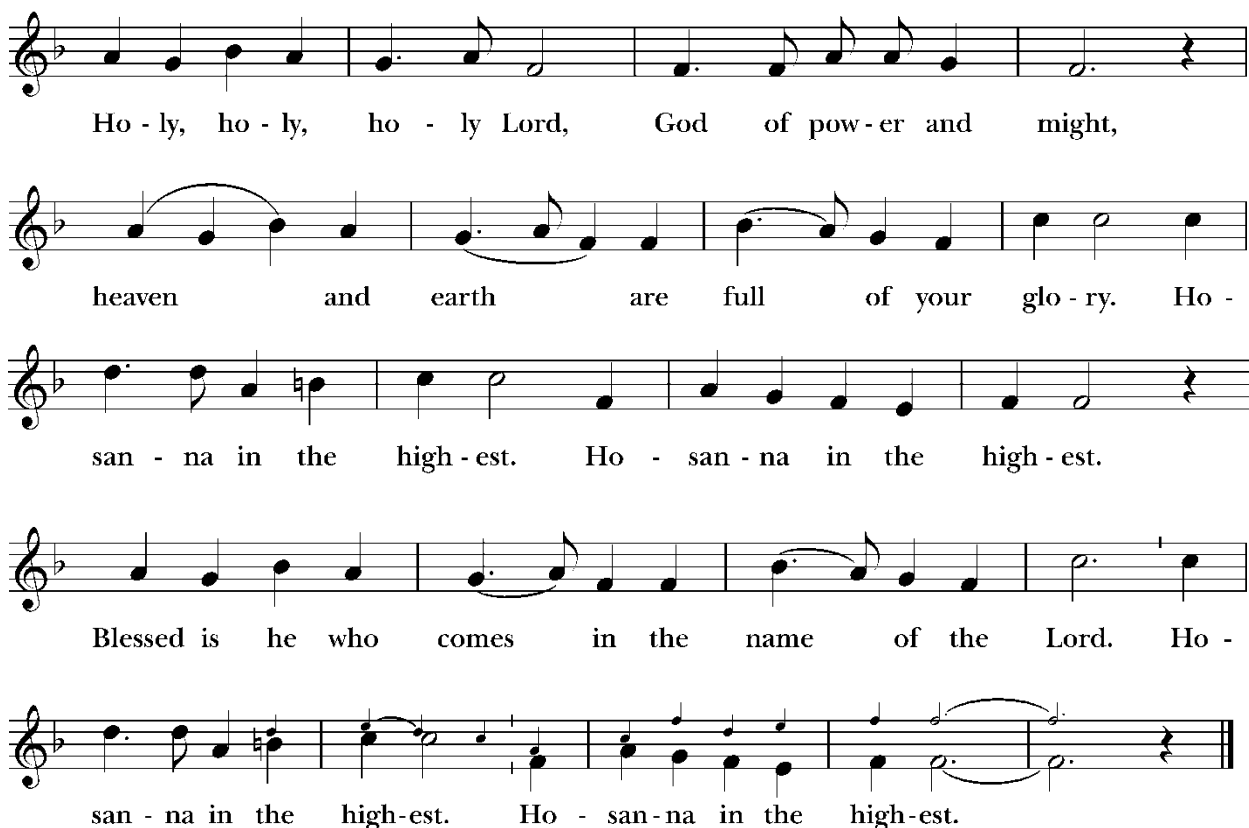
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Preface of 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



The musical score for Sanctus S-125 is written on five staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. The music is in a single melodic line with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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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 ever-blessed 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,

S-150 The Lord's Prayer † spoken at 7:30am, sung at 10am

Unison or harmony

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

Slightly faster

For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us

from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom,

the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

Music: From *Intercession Mass*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1979, 1982 GIA Publications, Inc.

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!

S-167 The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus † spoken at 7:30am, sung at 10am

This setting is not used in Lent.

Antiphon

Cantor; then All

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor

1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,

is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor

2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,

for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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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 #490 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Houston

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 #191 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts and Voices Heavenward Raise*

Lux eio

POSTLUDE Postlude on “Hymn to Joy”

setting by John Behnke

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.**

Our next **Loads of Love** event will be on June 4, 2025. We plan to visit Habana Plaza Coin Laundry. If you would like to participate in this and other such events, contact Sarah Kindinger at SAKindinger@gmail.com

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
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	Wendy Niven
Reader:	10:00	Susanne Woods
Intercessor:	10:00	Sharon Ward
Assisting Ministers	7:30	Wendy Niven
	10:00	Phyllis Pita
		Kitty Roberts
Thurifer:	10:00	Effie Ford
Crucifer:	10:00	Samantha Hall
Gospel Bearer:	10:00	Greta Ford
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.

