

# **THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER**

**March 30, 2024**



**St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Alton, Illinois**

**The Rev. John Henry+  
Celebrant**

## The Service of Light

*In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant says*

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Paschal Candle is lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Celebrant, bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing or saying:*

Versicle and Response: "The Light of Christ"

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Acolytes light the candles of the pew torches in the aisles from the Paschal Candle at this time. Other candles and lamps in the church, except for those at the Altar, may also be lighted.*

*The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.*

*Then the Cantor sings or says the Exsultet:*

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,  
and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor,  
for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church,  
and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

## *Cantor*

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning--he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*Members of the congregation now extinguish their candles.*

Celebrant

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

## **Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea**

*Exodus 14:10—15:1*

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us

serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

"Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

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

### **Canticle 8, *The Song of Moses***

*Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18*

***The People respond with the verses in bold italics***

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
***the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.***

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \* ***the Lord has become my Savior.***

This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
***the God of my people and I will exalt him.***

The Lord is a mighty warrior; \* ***Yahweh is his Name.***

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
***the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.***

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
***they sank into the depths like a stone.***

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
***your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.***

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
***who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?***

You stretched forth your right hand; \* ***the earth swallowed them up.***  
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
***with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.***  
You will bring them in and plant them \* ***on the mount of your possession,***  
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
***the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.***  
The Lord shall reign \* ***for ever and for ever.***

Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
***Amen.***

### **The valley of dry bones**

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the LORD GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had

covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the LORD GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the LORD GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will at," says the LORD.

## The Response

## Psalm 143

*The People respond with the verses in bold italics*

LORD, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications;\*  
***answer me in your righteousness.***

Enter not into judgment with your servant,\*  
***for in your sight shall no one living be justified.***

For my enemy has sought my life; he has crushed me to the ground;\*  
***he has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.***

My spirit faints within me;\* ***my heart within me is desolate.***

I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds;\*  
***I consider the works of your hands.***

I spread out my hands to you;\* ***my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.***

O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me;\*  
***do not hide your face from me or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.***

Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you;\*  
***show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.***

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD,\* ***for I flee to you for refuge.***

Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God;\*

***let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.***

Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's sake;\*

***for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.***

Of your goodness, destroy my enemies and bring all my foes to naught,\*

***for truly I am your servant.***

Let us pray. (Silence)

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant that those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The gathering of God's people**

*Zephaniah 3:12-20*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.



Reader: The Word of the Lord

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

## The Response

## Psalm 98

***The People respond with the verses in bold italics***

Sing to the LORD a new song, \* for he has done marvelous things.

***With his right hand and his holy arm \* has he won for himself the victory.***

The LORD has made known his victory; \*

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

***He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.***

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \* lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

***Sing to the LORD with the harp, \* with the harp and the voice of song.***

With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*

shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

***Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.***

Let the rivers clap their hands, \*

and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,

when he comes to judge the earth.

***In righteousness shall he judge the world \* and the peoples with equity.***

Let us pray. (Silence)

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*The Celebrant addresses the people, all standing*

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

**People:** *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People:** *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People:** *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People:** *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People:** *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People:** *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People:** *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People:** *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant:

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The First Eucharist of Easter**

*The candles at the Altar may now be lighted from the Paschal Candle.*

*The Celebrant says*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**Glory to God:** *Gloria in excelsis*

*S280 The Hymnal 1982*

*The Celebrant then says*

The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in

sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans**

6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn #174**

*At the Lamb's high feast we sing*

*The Hymnal 1982*

**The Gospel**

*Mark 16:1-8*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were

alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

The Rev. John Henry+

**The Prayers of the People**

**Form III**

Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

***The People respond with the verses in bold italics.***

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest. ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

Celebrant:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## **The Offertory**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

**Offertory music:** *I know that my Redeemer Liveth* (from 'Messiah') G.F. Handel

## **Eucharistic Prayer D**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, faces them and sings or says*

*Lift up your hearts: Sursum Corda*

*S120 The Hymnal 1982*

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

*Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus*

*S128 The Hymnal 1982*

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

*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.*

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People:

***We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

*The Celebrant continues:*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.



And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Paul, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**The Lord's Prayer** (*sung*)

S119 *The Hymnal 1982*

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People:** *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God

**All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward to receive Holy Communion.**

**Communion Music**

*'Christ ist Erstanden'*

arr. G. Martin

**Post-Communion Thanksgiving** *Please stand or kneel.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

***Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.***

## Blessing

## Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Hymn #460**

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*

*The Hymnal 1982*

**Postlude:**

*'Worthy is the Lamb' (from 'Messiah')*

G.F. Handel

## SERVING TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. John Henry+
Organist	Gay Anderson
Crucifer	Tom Harris
Altar Acolyte	Marti LoRusso
Acolyte	Robbie Cupp
CB/BB	Susan Lukasik
Lector/Intercessor	Elizabeth Foley, Tom Harris, Mimi Almonroeder, and Marti LoRusso
Altar Guild	S. Lukasik

## EASTER SUNDAY

### St. Paul's

Celebrant	The Rev. John Henry+
Organist	Gay Anderson
Crucifer	Tom Wrausmann
Altar Acolyte	Elias Silkwood
Acolyte	Meg Dorris
CB/BB	Susan Lukasik
Lector/Intercessor	Chuck Drennan
Altar Guild	E. Bumbacher, C. Terry

### Trinity

The Rev. John Henry+
Gay Anderson
Laurna Hutchinson
Laurna Hutchinson
Sue Goers

**St. Paul's special tradition of Flowering the Palm Cross will be honored this year on Easter Sunday at 10:00 a.m.** Please bring a few fresh-cut flowers from your garden, florist or floral dept. to add to the cross.

**Our sincere condolences** to our parish family members and friends on the death of their loved ones, Mary Woodcock and Barb Swany who have passed away this week.

### **Calendar & Announcement for the week of March 31, 2024**

<b>Tuesday, April 2</b>	Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m.; Bible study 10:15 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, April 3</b>	10:00 a.m. – ECW – St. Paul’s conference room
<b>Thursday, April 4</b>	6:00 p.m. – Guild of Grace – St. Paul’s
<b>Saturday, April 6</b>	8:00 a.m. – Spring cleanup and repairs at Trinity Chapel
<b>Sunday, April 7</b>	8:15 a.m. Mass--Trinity Chapel 10:30 a.m. Mass – St. Paul’s 12:30-1:30 p.m. 4 Paws Pet Food Pantry – St. Paul’s

**Bible Study will be held Tuesday, April 2nd** following Morning Prayer in St. Elizabeth’s Chapel at 9:30 a.m. Bible study begins at 10:15 a.m. and lasts approximately an hour. All are welcome to join – be sure to bring your Bible!

**The ECW Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 3rd at 10:00 a.m.** in Heneghan Hall. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

**The Guild of Grace will meet Thursday, April 4th at 6:00 p.m. at Heneghan Hall.** All women of the parish are welcome!

**Save the dates – it’s time to spruce up for Spring! Cleaning and repairs, both interior and exterior, are scheduled for Saturday, April 6th at Trinity Chapel and Saturday, April 13th at St. Paul’s.** Every gift of time and effort are greatly appreciated by the Property and Maintenance commission. A future date will be determined if additional time is needed.