

Alleluia! He is Risen!



St. Paul's Church
10 E. Third St.
10:30 a.m.

Trinity Chapel
1901 State St.
8:15 a.m.

The Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024

Church Office Telephone – 618-465-9149

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Office Hours – Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Welcome to the Episcopal Parish of Alton! We are glad to have you worship with us today. All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion or to simply come forward for a blessing.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

BCP p. 355

Prelude

'Vruechten'

arr. J. Behnke

Hymn # 205

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

The Hymnal 1982

Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis

#S280 The Hymnal 1982

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons *Please be seated*

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A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Psalm 4

Cum invocarem

The people respond with the verses in bold italics

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
***you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.***

2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
***how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"***

3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the LORD.

6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

A reading from 1 John

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Confession of Sin

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The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

Aria

J. Dixon

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Lift up your hearts: Sursum corda

#S120 *The Hymnal* 1982

Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus

#S128 *The Hymnal* 1982

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

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#S119 *The Hymnal* 1982

Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei

#S164 *The Hymnal* 1982

All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward to receive Communion, and everyone is welcome to come to the rail for a blessing.

If you do not wish to receive either the bread or the wine, please cross your arms across your chest as a silent request for a blessing from the priest.

Communion Anthem

'Gift of Love'

arr. H. Hopson

Post-Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

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Dismissal

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Hymn #208

Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done

The Hymnal 1982

Postlude

He is Risen

F. Ritter

SERVING TODAY

NEXT SUNDAY

Trinity:

Celebrant: The Rev. John Henry+
Organist: Gay Anderson
Lector: Chuck Drennan
Intercessor: Chuck Drennan
CB/Acolyte: Jeff Dunnagan
Altar Guild: Sue Goers

The Rev. Gene Stormer+
Gay Anderson
Mary Molloy
Mary Molloy
Tom Harris
Lisa Springman

St. Paul's:

Celebrant: The Rev. John Henry+
Organist: Gay Anderson
Crucifer: Dereck Cook
Altar Acolyte: Robbie Cupp
Acolyte: Destiny Drennan
Chalice/BB: Tom Harris
Lector: Elizabeth Foley
Intercessor: Elizabeth Foley
Altar Guild: D. Cook, J. Cook

The Rev. Gene Stormer+
Gay Anderson
Tom Harris
Marti LoRusso
Robbie Cupp
Donna Fisher
Connie Terry
Connie Terry
N. Weiss-Hayes, A. Bromaghim

Calendar and Announcements for the Week of April 14, 2024

- Tuesday, April 16** 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer-St. Paul's
10:15 a.m. Bible Study-St. Paul's
6:00 p.m. – Vestry meeting
- Saturday, April 20** 9:00 a.m. – ECM Meeting at Hickory Grove
- Sunday, April 21** 8:15 a.m. Mass--Trinity Chapel
10:30 a.m. Mass – St. Paul's

Bible Study will be held Tuesday, April 16th 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. We are currently studying *The Gospel of Mark*. All are welcome to join – be sure to bring your Bible!

All men of the Parish are welcome to join the ECM meeting on Saturday, April 20th, at 9:00 a.m. at Hickory Grove Restaurant. In addition to fellowship, we will be discussing the selection of the parish's 2024 Mother of the Year. Let Dereck Cook cookdnj@gmail.com or Tom Harris dogula60@gmail.com know if you will be able to attend.

Mark Your Calendars!! The Guild of Grace and ECW will be holding a Puzzle Palooza, Thursday, June 13, 6:00- 8:00 p.m. Get your bunko group, card club, coffee group, pickle ball group, golf buddies, what have you, to join us for a fun evening of puzzle palooza!!! Reservations should be made with payment of \$25 to The Guild of Grace by June 7th in the office of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. See further details in the next Angelus newsletter.

If you are interested in joining the weekly walking group, please let Mimi Almonroeder know at diamondzoe@charter.net or 618-581-5756. The exact time and location are determined on a weekly basis.

Please help out Parish Life by taking a turn at hosting Coffee Hour at St. Paul's after the 10:30 a.m. service. A sign-up sheet can be found in Heneghan Hall.

Please remember in your prayers this week:



Ron, Pete, Sarah and the Dobson family, Rebecca, Jeanne, Judy, Tori, John, Jeanie, K-Lou, Fr. Kip, Claudette, Marie, Charles, Robin, Bianca, Albert, Audrey, Linda, Mother Jane, Terry, Kay, John, Don, Tony, Dan, Nolan, Helen, Greg, Don, Irene, Katie, Judy and those known only to us.

For Prayers of the People, we use **Form III, found on page 387.**

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 Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our Bishop; John, priest with us today; our next Rector, Garron; and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

We pray for Joseph, our President; J.B., our governor; the Congress, Legislatures, and the Courts; and 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.

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That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Paul, and all your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.