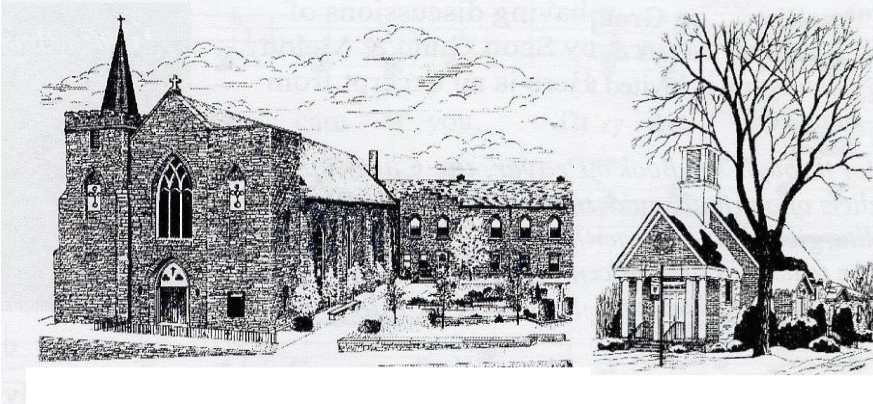


THE EPISCOPAL PARISH OF ALTON

Alton, Illinois



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

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

The Second Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2025

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Rector XXI

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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 I

BCP p. 323

Prelude

‘Vruechten’

arr. J. Behnke

Hymn #205

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

The Hymnal 1982

Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*

#S202 The Hymnal 1982

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons *Please be seated*

BCP p. 325

A reading from Acts

Acts 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Psalm 118:14-29

Confitemini Domino

The people respond with the verses in bold italics

- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! *
LORD, send us now success.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the LORD.
- 27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."
29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

A reading from Revelation

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Hymn #209

We walk by faith, and not by sight

The Hymnal 1982

The Gospel

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to

them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Sermon Fr. Dale Coleman+

The Nicene Creed *Please stand* BCP p. 327

The Prayers of the People BCP p. 328

Intercessor: Lord in thy mercy. **Response:** Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin BCP p. 330

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem *'Christe Sanctorum'* arr. B. Price

Presentation Hymn #380 *Praise God, from whom (vs 3 only)* *The Hymnal 1982*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II BCP p. 340

Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus #S114 *The Hymnal 1982*

The Lord's Prayer *(sung)* #S119 *The Hymnal 1982*

Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei #S158 *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.

Prayer of Humble Access

BCP p. 337

Communion Anthem Communion Meditation on ‘*Victimae Paschali Laudes*’

arr. C. Callahan

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP p. 339

The Blessing

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Dismissal

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Hymn #195

Jesus lives! Thy terrors now

The Hymnal 1982

Postlude

Day of Triumph

V. Rebikoff

SERVING TODAY

Trinity:

Celebrant: Fr. Dale Coleman+

Organist: Gay Anderson

Lector: Chuck Drennan

Intercessor: Chuck Drennan

CB/Acolyte: Donna Fisher

Altar Guild: N. Weiss-Hayes

NEXT WEEK

The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+

Gay Anderson

Laurna Hutchinson

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M. Molloy

St. Paul's:

Celebrant: Fr. Dale Coleman+

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Gay Anderson

Crucifer:	Chuck Drennan	Dereck Cook
Altar Acolyte:	Destiny Drennan	Donna Fisher
Acolyte:	Marti LoRusso	Destiny Drennan
Chalice/BB:	Nathalia Baum	Marti LoRusso
Lector:	Elizabeth Foley	Chuck Drennan
Intercessor:	Elizabeth Foley	Chuck Drennan
Thurifer:		
Altar Guild:	D. Cook, J. Cook	S. Lukasik, A Drennan, D. Drennan
Greeters:	Millie Hancock	Rosie Elkins
Ushers:	Bill and Verla Moyer	Scott and Meg Dorris

Calendar and Announcements for the Week of April 27, 2025

Monday, April 28	5:30 p.m. <i>The Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist</i> – Trinity Chapel
Tuesday, April 29	9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer – St. Paul's 10:00 a.m. Bible Study – St. Paul's 5:30 p.m. Bible Study – St. Paul's
Thursday, May 1	5:00 p.m. <i>The Feast of St. Philip & St. James</i> – St. Paul's 6:00 p.m. 'Cinco de Mayo' Puzzle Fiesta-Heneghan Hall
Saturday, May 3	10:30 a.m. – Saturday Café at 1st Presbyterian Church
Sunday, May 4	<i>Open offering supports Rector's Discretionary Fund</i> 8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's 12:30-1:30 p.m. Pet Food Pantry at St. Paul's

Please welcome Fr. Dale Coleman as Celebrant this morning in Fr. Garron's absence.

Our Bible Study group will meet Tuesday, April 29th, following Morning Prayer in St. Elizabeth's Chapel at 9:00 a.m. Bible study begins at 10:00 a.m. and lasts approximately an hour. We are currently studying *The Book of Revelation*. There is also an evening Bible Study that begins at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to join – be sure to bring your Bible!

Mark Your Calendars!! The Guild of Grace and ECW will be holding the Cinco de Mayo Puzzle Fiesta, Thursday, May 1st, 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 with puzzle enthusiasts!!! Reservations should be made with payment of \$25/pp or \$125 per table of six to ECW by April 24th in the office of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Hispanic appetizers, nonalcoholic beverages and Sangria will be provided.

For the ‘Cinco de Mayo’ Puzzle Fiesta on Thursday, May 1st, ECW is asking parish members to donate gift cards of any denomination to be used in the gift basket that will be raffled that night.

On Saturday, May 3rd, our parish will be hosting the Saturday Café at First Presbyterian Church. We will be serving approximately forty people. Volunteers are needed beginning around 10:30 a.m. Please contact Mimi Almonroeder 618-581-5756 or April Drennan 618-550-0931 if you would like to help.

Parishioners are needed to take turns providing refreshments for the Sunday Coffee Hour after the 10:30 a.m. service at St. Paul’s. The sign-up sheet can be found in Heneghan Hall. Thank you for volunteering!

EPA lapel pins are now available! Get your very own lapel pin to show off your EPA pride! Pins may be purchased from Margie’s Bookstore for \$5. Cash or checks (made out to St. Paul’s Episcopal Church) are accepted. All proceeds will be given to the educational endeavors of the Church.

From the Altar Guild – Honor someone you love or celebrate a special occasion by purchasing altar flowers for our beautiful altars. **Please check one of the sign-up forms at Trinity or St. Paul’s to sign up for your special day.** Instructions for placing the order can be found on the sign-up sheet. If you have any questions, please reach out to Irene McLaughlin.

The Episcopal Parish of Alton now offers Online Giving! Scan the QR code to make one-time or monthly contributions.



Please remember in your prayers this week:

Mother Cindy, Gary, Margaret, Tammy, Shelly, Susie, Keegan, Charles, Anna, John, Joe, Missy, Tracy and those known only to us.



Please contact the office if you have someone you would like added to the prayer list. Individuals will remain on the list for one month and will be re-added upon request.

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In Memory

Given by Fr. Garron Daniels and Nathalia Baum in memory of Fr. Adam Nygren.

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