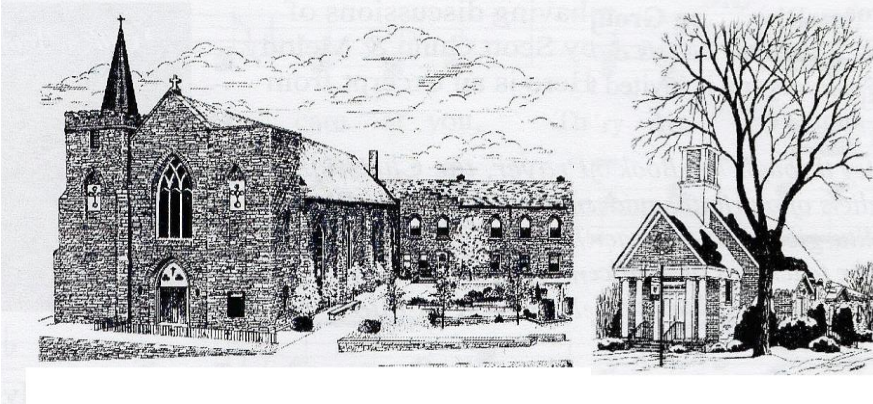


THE EPISCOPAL PARISH OF ALTON

Alton, Illinois



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

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

The Third Sunday of Easter
May 4, 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

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Prelude

Christ Lag In Todesbanden

J. S. Bach

Hymn #186

Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands

The Hymnal 1982

Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis

#S202 The Hymnal 1982

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, 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 Acts

Acts 9:1-20

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

Psalm 30 *Exaltabo te, Domine*

The people respond with the verses in bold italics

- 1 I will exalt you, O LORD,
because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.

- 6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed. *
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
- 8 Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O LORD; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- 11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; *
O LORD, be my helper."
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

A reading from Revelation

Revelation 5:11-14

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Gospel*John 21:1-19*

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when

you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Sermon The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+

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 Begone, Unbelief (from 'Christian Harmony,' 1805) arr. G. Martin

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	Meditation on ‘ <i>Adoration</i> ’	arr. F. Bock
Post-Communion Prayer		<i>BCP</i> p. 339
The Blessing		<i>BCP</i> p. 339
Dismissal		<i>BCP</i> p. 339
Hymn #492	<i>Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness</i>	<i>The Hymnal 1982</i>
Postlude	Hallelujah Chorus	G. F. Handel

SERVING TODAY

Trinity:

Celebrant: The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+
Organist: Gay Anderson
Lector: Lurna Hutchinson
Intercessor: Lurna Hutchinson
CB/Acolyte: Lurna Hutchinson
Altar Guild: M. Molloy

NEXT WEEK

Fr. Dale Coleman+
Gay Anderson
Chuck Drennan
Chuck Drennan
Donna Fisher
S. Goers

St. Paul’s:

Celebrant: The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+
Organist: Gay Anderson
Crucifer: Robbie Cupp
Altar Acolyte: Donna Fisher
Acolyte: Destiny Drennan
Chalice/BB: Marti LoRusso
Lector: Chuck Drennan
Intercessor: Chuck Drennan
Thurifer:
Altar Guild: S. Lukasik, A Drennan, D. Drennan
Greeters: Rosie Elkins
Ushers: Scott and Meg Dorris

Fr. Dale Coleman+
Gay Anderson
Vivian Monckton
Kareen Eagleton/Liz Bumbacher

Calendar and Announcements for the Week of May 4, 2025

Today's Open offering supports Rector's Discretionary Fund

- Sunday, May 4** 12:10 p.m. Confirmation, Reception, Baptism class-St. Paul's
12:30-1:30 p.m. Pet Food Pantry at St. Paul's
- Tuesday, May 6** 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer & Fellowship – St. Paul's Garden
- Wednesday, May 7** 10:00 a.m. ECW meeting at St. Paul's conference room
- Sunday, May 11** *Fourth Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day*
8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's
Mother's Day Coffee Hour hosted by ECM at both Trinity
and St. Paul's following their respective services



Our Pet Food Pantry is scheduled for today, May 4th. The pet food pantry is open one hour monthly on the first Sunday of the month from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Enter St. Paul's through the Market Street entrance to participate.

Bible Study will be taking a break during the entire month of May. We will resume our Bible study on Tuesday, June 3rd, at 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.; continuing our study of the *Book of Revelation*. We hope to see you in June!

The ECW invites all women to join their meeting on Wednesday, May 7th, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul's.

Our Spring United Thank Offering (UTO) will be collected through Sunday, May 25th. Gifts may be placed in the collection plate, mailed to the Church office, or made through online giving. Please designate "UTO" in the memo if you are submitting a check or select United Thank Offering from the drop-down menu online once you have scanned the QR code provided on the next page.

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:

Wayne, 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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1ST ANNUAL ST BASIL TRIVIA NIGHT

Brainiacs and Bookworms unite for a night full of brain-teasing trivia! Help us raise funds for our new education fund that will help support our Parish-wide educational endeavors!

Saturday June 14th at St Paul's (10 E 3rd St)

Doors open: 6:00pm

Trivia Begins: 7:00pm

Cost is \$120 to reserve a table for a team of 8.

Snacks, Beer, and Non Alcoholic Beverages provided. Bring your own food. No outside alcohol.

TRIVIA - PRIZES - RAFFLES - DRINKS

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Please Register by contacting the Church office at:

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