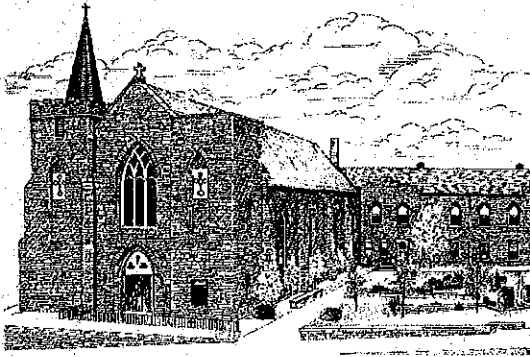


# THE EPISCOPAL PARISH OF ALTON

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**  
**April 19, 2026**

**The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+**  
**Rector XXVII**

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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**

Hallelujah Chorus

G. F. Handel (1684-1759)

**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**

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*

*BCP p. 325*

**A reading from Acts**

*2:14a, 36-41*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

**Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17**     *Dilexi, quoniam*

*The people respond with the verses in bold italics*

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
*because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.*
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
*I came to grief and sorrow.*
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*  
*"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."*
- 10 How shall I repay the LORD \*  
*for all the good things he has done for me?*
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
*and call upon the Name of the LORD.*
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
*in the presence of all his people.*
- 13 Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
*is the death of his servants.*
- 14 O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
*I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.*
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
*and call upon the Name of the LORD.*
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
*in the presence of all his people,*
- 17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, \*  
*in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!*

## The Epistle

*1 Peter 1:17-23*

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

**Hymn #305**      *Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest*      *The Hymnal 1982*

## The Gospel

*Luke 24:13-35*

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said;

but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Please stand*

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## **The Prayers of the People**

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**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*

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*Lift up your hearts: Sursum corda*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus*

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

#S114 *The Hymnal 1982*

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#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**

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**Communion Anthem**

Meditation on 'Adoration'

arr. F. Bock

**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**

Grand Choir Dialogue

E. Gigout (1844-1925)

### SERVING TODAY

**Trinity:**

Celebrant: The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+

Violinist:

Lector: Laurna Hutchinson

Intercessor: Laurna Hutchinson

CB/Acolyte: Laurna Hutchinson

Altar Guild: Mary Molloy

### Next Week

**One service – Parish worship  
and picnic at Glazebrook Park**

**St. Paul's:**

Celebrant: The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+                      The Rev. Garron C. Daniels+  
Organist: Gay Anderson  
Crucifer: John Pearson  
Altar Acolyte: Destiny Drennan  
Acolyte: Marti LoRusso  
Chalice/BB: Donna Fisher  
Lector/Intercessor: Susan Lukasik  
Cantor: Robbie Cupp  
Altar Guild: R. Cupp  
Greeters: Bill Moyer  
Ushers: Verla Moyer

**Calendar and Announcements for the Week of April 19, 2026**

- Sunday, April 19**      *Third Sunday of Easter*  
12:15 p.m. Confirmation Class in St. Paul's conference room  
12:15 p.m. ECW meeting – St. Paul's Recovery room (dwnstairs)  
6:00 p.m. Ecumenical Youth Group at Main St. Methodist Church
- Tuesday, April 21**      9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Bible Study at St. Paul's  
6:30 p.m. Vestry at St. Paul's
- Wednesday, April 22** 9:30 a.m. Book Club – Trinity Chapel
- Thursday, April 23**      4:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice; 5:00 p.m. Choir practice-St Paul's
- Saturday, April 25**      5:00-8:00 p.m. Kid's Night In at St. Paul's
- Sunday, April 26**      *Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
One Service Today  
10:30 a.m. Annual Parish Service and Picnic at Glazebrook Prk  
12:15 p.m. Confirmation Class at Glazebrook Park

**Our Bible Study group will meet on Tuesday, April 21st.** We are studying *The Gospel of Luke* 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. Evening Bible Study is held at 5:30 p.m. at St. Paul's. Be sure to bring your Bible!

**Confirmation classes continue after a brief break – Fr. Garron will lead the class on Sunday, April 19th at 12:15 p.m. in the St. Paul's conference room.**

**The ECW meeting date is Sunday, April 19th...looking forward to seeing the ladies of the parish there!** The meeting will be at 12:15 p.m. in the Recovery meeting room (downstairs).

**The Ecumenical Youth Group will meet Sunday, April 19th, at 6:00 p.m. at Main St. Methodist Church.** We hope to see all middle and high school kids for an Outreach/Mission night, fellowship and food!

**Book Club meets on Wednesday, April 22nd, at 9:30 a.m. at Trinity Chapel.** We will be discussing Allen Levi's *Theo of Golden* and hope to see you for the lively discussion, fellowship and refreshments!

**On Saturday, April 25th from 5:00-8:00 p.m., youth ages 5-14 are invited to come for Kid's Night In at St. Paul's** for an evening of activities and crafts! For more information contact Tiffany Thrush or the church office at 618-465-9149.

**Mark your Calendar - The Annual Parish picnic will be next Sunday, April 26th, at 10:30 a.m. at Shelter #1 at Glazebrook Park** in Godfrey. There will only be one service held that morning. Please use the sign-up sheets at Trinity and St. Paul's so we are prepared for the number attending...see you there!

**The ECW will be hosting the Puzzle Palooza Americana, Thursday, May 7th, 5:45-8:00 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 27th in the office of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Appetizers and nonalcoholic beverages (BYO wine only) will be provided.

**On Saturday, May 2nd, 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 [diamondzoe@charter.net](mailto:diamondzoe@charter.net) if you would like to help. Sign up sheets have been posted for you to indicate how you would like to be involved in this mission in 2026.

**Our Spring United Thank Offering (UTO) will be collected through Sunday, May 17th.** 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 below.

**Education commission is offering bookplates** to anyone who wishes to purchase these as a memorial or in memory of a loved one. The bookplates will be placed inside the front cover of the new pew Bibles. The cost is \$10 each.

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



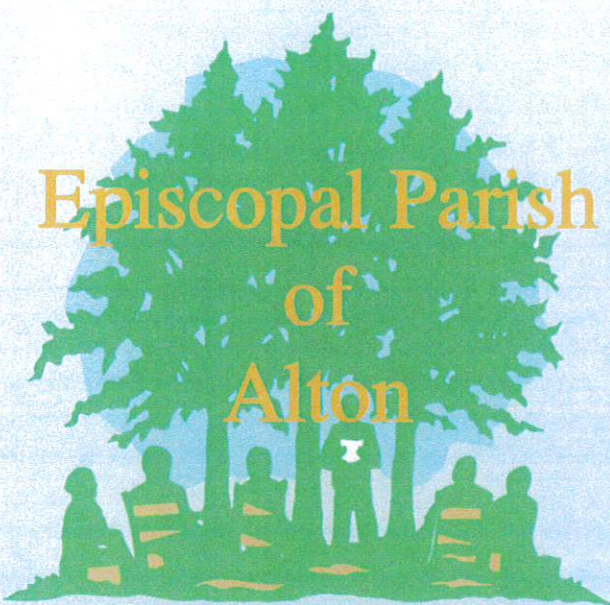
**Please remember in your prayers this week:**



Lauren, Shelby, Donna, Linda, Janice, Randy, Bill, Barbara, Brenda, Dane, Greg, Irene, Charles, 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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Episcopal Parish  
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WORSHIP  
& PICNIC  
IN THE  
PARK

Sunday, April 26th  
Glazebrook Park ~ Shelter #1

10:30 a.m.  
(one service this day)

~POTLUCK LUNCH~

Bring a main dish, side dish,  
salad, or dessert.

Sign up sheets will be at Trinity & St. Paul's.

Beverages, paper goods, and  
utensils will be provided by  
Parish Life.

**FREE**

**ALTON  
YOUTH SYMPHONY  
CHAMBER STRINGS  
PRESENTS**

**AN EVENING OF  
SERVICE  
AND  
AMERICANA  
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**AND THE MIA-POW CEREMONY**

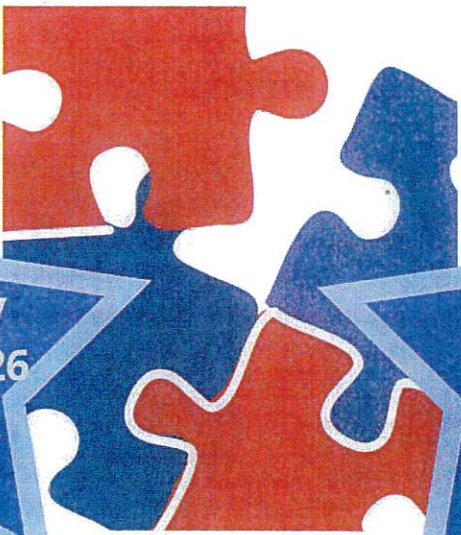
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KATHY LAWTON BROWN  
ON-AIR-RADIO HOST AT  
CLASSIC 107.3 FM**

**SUNDAY MAY 3, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.  
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**PUZZLE PALOOZA**  
**AMERICANA**

**Complete a 500 piece jigsaw puzzle in two hours!**  
**~first to complete puzzle wins a cash prize~**



**Thursday**  
**May 7, 2026**  
**5:45 p.m.**

**\$25 PER**  
**PERSON**  
**OR**  
**\$125 PER**  
**TABLE OF 6**

**APPETIZERS & NON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**  
**BYO WINE**

**(NO OTHER ALCOHOL PERMITTED)**

**50 / 50 RAFFLE    SILENT AUCTION**

**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**10 E. THIRD STREET, ALTON**

**RESERVE WITH PAYMENT BY APRIL 27**  
**PHONE 618-465-9149    CHECKS PAYABLE TO ECW**