

What's Happening at St. Paul's ...

St. Paul's Labyrinth

As a part of our journey through Lent, the labyrinth on the back lawn is prepared for use. Walking a labyrinth integrates the body, mind and spirit, and gives us time to meditate on our journey with God. There are materials available in a box at the labyrinth. All are welcome to walk at any time.



Following the Maundy Thursday service, we will "stay awake with Jesus" by observing a **Vigil in the Church**. The Vigil ends at noon on Friday with the Good Friday observance. You may sign up for one of the Vigil time slots or call the church to have your name put on the schedule.



Easter Memorial Flowers

The Flower Guild is accepting memorial donations toward the church flowers on Easter.



SAVE THE DATE!



Our annual **Plant Sale** and second annual **Environmental Expo, Loving Our Earth**, will take place on **Saturday, May 4th** from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. Mike McGrath, host of *You Bet Your Garden*, will join us again this year to talk about organic gardening. C-CHANGE from Princeton will conduct a non-partisan discussion about the science and effects of climate change. Plan to be here, there will be lots of ways to get involved!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lenten Series	Thursdays, April 4 & 11 ~ 6 to 7:30 pm
Men's Bible Study	Saturdays, April 6 & 20 ~ 7:30 am
Vestry Meeting	Monday, April 8 ~ 7 pm
Women's Group	Saturdays, April 13 & 27 ~ 9 AM
Palm Sunday	April 14
Golden Girls Luncheon	Monday, April 15 ~ 12:30 pm
Celtic Service	Wednesday, April 17 ~ 6:30 pm
Frizzled Hens	Wednesday, April 17 ~ 7:30 pm
Maundy Thursday Service	April 18 ~ 7:30 pm
Good Friday Vigil	April 18, 9 pm—April 19, Noon
Good Friday Service	April 19 ~ Noon



Lenten Soup Suppers & Film Discussions

Thursday evenings in Lent: April 4 & 11



Dr. Patrick McCauley leads us in group discussions of a popular film. We start out with a delicious soup supper in Getman Hall at 6 pm, then view and discuss scenes in the film from 6:30 until 7:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to watch the film before the discussion date.

Each film will be available for viewing in the Schreiner Classroom on Wednesday at noon. Bring your lunch if you wish!

April 4th: *Coco* (2017) / *Up* (2009)

April 11th: *Toy Story* (1995), *Toy Story 2* (1999) and *Toy Story 3* (2010)

* During our Lenten Series, we are collecting donations for our local food bank. Please consider either a monetary or food donation.

THE EASTER BUNNY NEEDS OUR HELP!

St. Paul's Bunny needs filled eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 21st. All of our youth will be grateful for your generosity, as will the Easter Bunny. You may drop your donations off at the office, in the Church Narthex or in Getman Hall during breakfast.



St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Exton
The Reverend Maxine Maddox Dornemann, *Rector*
Peggy LaGarde, *Rector's Warden* ~ Kedron Miller, *Organist & Choir Director*
Kathryn West, *Office Administrator* ~ Paul Heinmiller, *Treasurer*
Karen Kowalewski, *Accounting Warden* ~ Greg LeBlanc, *Auditor*
John Gillespie, *Property Chair* ~ Sarah Freed, *Communications*
Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 9:30 am—2:30 pm; Friday 9:30 am—1:30 pm



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 31, 2019



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"How good it is to sing praises to our God!" Psalm 47: 1
*Welcome! We are happy to have you worship with us. Please be sure to ask an usher for our **Welcome Packet** before you leave today. If you have restless little ones, child care is provided in the Nursery in the Lockwood-Reilly Building. You may also make use of the rocking chair and soft toys in the Narthex.*

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
HOLY EUCHARIST Rite I: 8:00 AM
HOLY EUCHARIST & HOLY BAPTISM Rite II: 10:30 AM

PRELUDE *How Great Thou Art* arr. Michael Helman
 St. Paul's Ringers

PROCESSION IN SILENCE

PENITENTIAL ORDER Rite I BCP 319
 Rite II BCP 351

KYRIE Hymnal S95

COLLECT *See Insert*

~ Children leave for Children's Chapel ~

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Joshua 5:9-12 *See Insert*

The Old Testament reading tells of the first Passover kept by the Israelites after they had crossed over the Jordan River into the promised land. Now that they can eat the produce of the countryside, there is no longer need for the miraculous manna of the wilderness. This happens at Gilgal, a name meaning wheel, which suggests the wordplay as God declares the reproaches of the people to be rolled away.

PSALM 32 *See Insert*

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 *See Insert*

In this passage Paul celebrates the new perspective that comes in Christ and God's reconciling work in Christ that now makes its appeal to others through his disciples. Those who are united to Christ are part of a new order of creation. For our sake Christ experienced the consequences of human sin that we might have a right relationship with God. Now we are ambassadors of this message of reconciliation.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Just As I Am Without One Plea* Hymnal 693
 (vv. 1-3 before the Gospel, vv. 4-5 after)

GOSPEL Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 *See Insert*

SERMON The Rev. Maxine Dornemann

PRESENTATION & EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE BCP 301

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & FOR THE CANDIDATE *See opposite page*

THE BAPTISM BCP 307

THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Coming Home* Joseph Martin
 Adult Choir ~ Gayle Lindsay, soloist

DOXOLOGY Hymnal 380 (v. 3)

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Rite I BCP 340
 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A Rite II BCP 361

SANCTUS Hymnal S124

THE LORD'S PRAYER Rite I BCP 336
 Rite II BCP 364

BREAKING OF THE BREAD Rite I BCP 337
 Rite II BCP 364

FRACTION ANTHEM Hymnal S161

HOLY COMMUNION
Everyone who is hungry for spiritual food is welcome to be fed at this altar.

COMMUNION HYMN *God So Loved the World* John Stainer
 Gayle Lindsay, soprano ~ Janet Grashof, alto
 Tom William, tenor ~ Craig Snyder, bass

POST COMMUNION PRAYER Rite I BCP 339
 Rite II BCP 366

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* Hymnal 470

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

* Please return your nametags to the designated baskets.*



During Lent, a time of simplicity, introspection and penitence, the altar arrangements contain greens only.



SERVING AT THE LITURGY

Officiant The Rev. Maxine Dornemann
Organist Kedron Miller



Ushers
 Mark & Bonnie Monroe 8:00
 Patrick & Kristy Skeehan 10:30

Acolytes
 Kate Greenawalt, Christian
 West-McCauley, Peter West-McCauley
 & Tommy Soule

Eucharistic Ministers
 Peggy LaGarde 8:00
 Jan Berry-Schroeder, Paul Heinmiller
 & Kathryn West 10:30

Lectors
 Missy O'Keefe & Katie Pusey 8:00
 Gail Yard & Patrick Skeehan 10:30

Altar Guild
 Janet Grashof & Gayle Lindsay

Communion Bread Baker
 The Rev. Maxine Dornemann

Flower Guild
 Robin Stevens & Gail Yard

Breakfast Team
 All Saints
 Cindy Christensen, *Team Captain*

Counter
 Greg LeBlanc

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Compassionate and Ever-Loving Lord, you are always more ready to forgive than we are to confess, and you yearn to celebrate our return to your joyful presence. Receive with gladness the prayers of your people as we come to you in confident hope, saying: Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Gracious Lord, everything has become new in Christ, and you have entrusted to your church the ministry of reconciliation. Give the power of your forgiving love to all who serve in Christ's Name, especially our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Diocesan Bishops Daniel and Rodney, all Priests, Deacons and Lay Ministers, especially those who guide the students at Episcopal Academy. Bless our companion Diocese of Guatemala and St. James Episcopal Church at the Cathedral in Guatemala City. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Almighty Lord, in Christ you have showed us your model of loving compassion as the true path of leadership. Guide our nation and all in authority, that we may work in harmony with you to create a world of feasting and reconciliation. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Compassionate Lord, you welcome sinners and feast with them, restoring the prodigal and embracing the elder. Find all who are lost and return them home; protect those who work in dangerous, dirty, and disreputable jobs; give security and joy to all who labor yet are poor and hungry; expand the hearts of those who are dutiful and proud that the whole human race may celebrate together with music and dancing. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Holy Lord, unite all of us in this community of St. Paul's with your compassionate love, that we may welcome all as our own siblings and feast with them on the goodness of our inheritance. Bless Maddox Belle as we welcome him into our community through baptism. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

We pray for those who are in need; may your new creation bring them hope, especially those on our prayer list____. We entrust to your compassionate affection all who have died. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Protect us from presumption and judgment, O God, and lead us into the joyful celebration of your new creation on earth, that we may share in the generous banquet of your victory and enjoy the reconciliation of all people within your forgiving compassion by the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**



Please include the following parishioners in your prayers:
 Veronica Grosch, Alex, Dolores Berridge, Peter Liebert, Michael Tate, Paul Getman, Sarah Farrugia, Debbie Markowitz, Joel Goodman, Paul Longua
Please keep these families & friends of our parishioners in your prayers:
 Candy Jones, Chris Lance, Logan Dayton, Billie, Debbi J., Pastor Ebot Jumo, Cindy Ziegler, Olivia, Marna Keller, Daniel Sheridan, Rose Wall, Debbie P., Barbara Zahay, Denise Acker-Kalata, Barb Peterson, Charlie Detweiler, Dylan S, Bob Kissane, Patricia Patton, Virgil Romito

If you would like to add a loved one or friend to the prayer chain, please contact Peggy LaGarde at marlag56@gmail.com or 484 459 8078.