

Celtic Evesong with Healing Service

This service is based on the prayer resources from Iona and does not include a creed or confession. There is open communion, and a laying on of hands with prayers for healing. Everyone is invited to participate regardless of their faith tradition. The worship is carried by light and music.

April showers bring May Flowers!

St. Paul's has partnered with Bloom Box again this year, a mail-order nursery that delivers healthy plants directly to your door. Our Community Garden will receive a % of the proceeds on purchases placed between May 1st-May 15th when the code is used. Stay tuned for more information to come!

Chrissy's Run is on Saturday, June 1st

Registration begins at 8am; 5K starts at 10 AM, followed by a 1 mile walk/run. This fun-filled event is held every year, with proceeds donated to cancer research in memory of Chrissy Greenawalt. Chrissy's three children started this event in honor of their mother, who lost her life to breast cancer after a courageous fight. Please register for this event on the church website: stpaulsexton.com -You will go to the "give" tab at the top of the page and click on that. This will bring you to the next page where you will scroll down to the "click to make a donation" button. When you get to the following page please click on "general fund" drop down arrow where you will find several options for donations. Chrissy's Run is on this list and you will follow the prompts from there. Registered runners will receive a commemorative Tee-shirt and refreshments at the conclusion of the race. Please join us in Getman Hall for food, music, fellowship and awards after the race. Thank you for your continued support of a cherished member of St. Paul's.



Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, April 9 ~ Women's Bible Study - Library 7 pm
Sunday, April 14 ~ a combined service with the Bishop at 10:30 am
Saturday, April 20 ~ Men's Bible Study - Getman Hall 7:30 am
Monday, April 22 ~ Book Club - Library 7 pm
Tuesday, April 23 ~ Women's Bible Study- Library 7 pm



Three garden beds are still available. This is a 1st come 1st serve so please do not hesitate! You are able to reserve your bed on St. Paul's website or contact Mona Khalil via email at: mona.f.khalil@outlook.com

A flyer for The Pennsylvania Flute Choir. It features a green butterfly, a purple bird on a branch, and a flute. The text reads: "The Pennsylvania Flute Choir", "Free Spring Concert", "Sunday, April 7, 2024", "4:00 p.m.", "St. Paul's Episcopal Church", "1105 E. Lincoln Highway, Exton, PA", "paflutechoir.org", and "Donations Accepted". The bottom of the flyer is decorated with colorful flowers.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Exton
The Reverend Maxine Maddox Dornemann, Rector
Miranda Hodgkins, Rector's Warden
Lisa Hartman, Music Minister, Michael Dillon, Treasurer
Greg LeBlanc, Auditor ~ Lynn LeBlanc, Accounting Warden
Kristen Babcock, Office Manager
Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 10:30am—2:30pm



The Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024



St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Exton
The Rev. Maxine M. Dornemann
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Welcome! We are happy to have you worship with us. Please be sure to ask an usher for a **Guest Information Card** before you leave today. If you have restless little ones, you may make use of the rocking chair and soft toys in the Narthex.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Rite I: 8AM Rite II: 10:30AM

PRELUDE Christ Is Alive by Thomas Williams
arr. Mary McDonald

ENTRANCE HYMN The Day of Resurrection Hymnal 210

OPENING ACCLAMATION I: BCP 323 II: BCP 355

GLORIA Hymnal S278

COLLECT See Insert
~ Children leave for Children's Chapel ~

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 4:32-35 See Insert
In this reading we hear of the enthusiasm and spirit of sharing and caring for one another in the early Christian community. The apostles continue their powerful witness to the resurrection. Greed and anxiety with regard to material possessions are overcome by grace. The author of Acts may present a somewhat idyllic picture, but there is no denying the power of the gospel to bring disciples to a profoundly new way of life.

At the end of the reading: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Give us ears to hear God's word.



PSALM 133 See Insert
SECOND READING 1 John 1:1-2:2 See Insert

The theme of this passage is the word of life by which Christians are called to walk in the light of God. Confessing their sins, they and all others can find forgiveness through Jesus. The beginning of this letter leaves open the possibility that the word may be understood as Jesus himself, or Jesus as he is revealed in scripture, or in the bread of the Eucharist. When his followers share a common life in the light that is God, they can be free to be honest about their sins and then be cleansed from them.

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SEQUENCE HYMN I Want to Walk as a Child of Light Hymnal 490
(vv. 1-2 before the Gospel, vv. 3 after)

GOSPEL John 20:19-31 See Insert

SERMON The Rev. Maxine Dornemann

NICENE CREEED I: BCP 326 II: BCP 358
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE See opposite page
PEACE I: BCP 332 II: BCP 360
ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Maxine Dornemann
OFFERTORY ANTHEM Glad Easter Praises by Lloyd Larson
DOXOLOGY Hymnal 380 (v. 3)

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING / EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B I: BCP 340
II: BCP 367
SANCTUS Hymnal S 128
LORD'S PRAYER LEVAS 264
BREAKING OF THE BREAD I: BCP 337 II: BCP 364
FRACTION ANTHEM Hymnal S 171
HOLY COMMUNION

Everyone who is hungry for spiritual food is welcome to be fed at this Altar.

COMMUNION HYMN Just as I Am LEVAS 137
POST COMMUNION PRAYER I: BCP 339 II: BCP 366
BLESSING
RECESSIONAL HYMN We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight Hymnal 209
DISMISSAL
POSTLUDE Festive Postlude on "Llanfair" by Robert Williams
arr. Mary McDonald

* Please return your nametags to the designated baskets.*



SERVING

OFFICIANT The Rev. Maxine Dornemann
MUSIC MINISTER Lisa Hartman
USHERS 8 am Lydia Toscano & Barbara Dockery
10:30 am Todd Gillespie & Joanne Frybarger
ACOLYTES Andrew Dangin, Joanne Frybarger
Nancy Pollock & Mia Farrugia
LECTORS 8 am Katie & Doug Pusey
10:30 am Sandi Detweiler & Eric Hartman
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS 8 am Peggy LaGarde
10:30 am Joanne Gillespie & Toni Campbell
ALTAR GUILD Sandi Detweiler
FLOWER GUILD Patty Glassey
BREAD BAKER Nancy Vogt
LIVESTREAM Kristy Wright
BREAKFAST TEAM St. George's Team
COUNTER Greg LeBlanc
NURSERY Brighton Kopey

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gracious and loving God, you have revealed to us that you are light and in you there is no darkness at all. We know you through the compassion and love of your Son Jesus, and you have called us to follow his example. For this let us pray to the Lord, saying:
Lord, have mercy

The risen Christ opened the minds of the disciples to understand the scriptures. May the Church find in the scriptures healing, mission, and the good news that we are your beloved children. Give to our leaders the wisdom and courage to lead us, especially our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Diocesan Bishop Daniel, all Priests, Deacons and Lay Ministers, especially the Liturgical Commission for the Diocese. Guide the work being done in our companion Diocese of Guatemala and Navajoland. For this let us pray to the Lord, saying:

Lord, have mercy.

Christ showed wounded hands and feet to his unbelieving apostles. May we see the risen one in all the wounded of our world. Fulfill what you have foretold through all the prophets, that we might see better times. Help us confront injustice, disease, poverty and sadness in your Name. For this let us pray to the Lord, saying:

Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, you are the giver of good things. We thank you for this planet; we thank you for its gifts and we ask your guidance and help in preserving it. We pray a blessing on the seeds and plants that are being put into the ground this spring that the harvest might be bountiful and be used to eliminate hunger for those who know food insecurity. Protect our bees and butterflies as they do the essential work of spreading the pollen that makes our fruits and vegetables possible. Lord, you feed us generously at your table, help us to generously feed the world. Be with us as we share the generous bounty you have given us. Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Whenever we call upon you, gracious Lord, you incline your ear to us. We raise our voices for those for whom we care: those who are ill, those who are struggling, those who are in need of your mercy. We remember especially those on our prayer list: Don Harting, Tom Bray, Kathy Sheridan, Gary, Cassie Bowers, Michael Borst, Connor Munday, Billy Galloway, Janet Grashof, Laurie Grashof, Peter Schiller, Danny Finnegan, Gayle, Morgan West, Debbie Markowitz, Billie, Patricia Patton, Elizabeth and Richard, Nicole Bergenstock. In this Easter season we claim your gift of eternal life. Comfort those who mourn and receive into your heavenly glory those who have died.

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Blessed Lord, you have loved us, chosen us and appointed us to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. Honor the faithful prayers of your people, that all the earth may abide in your love and know the joy of your friendship, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and Holy Spirit, lives and reigns one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**