

Pentecost Sunday is May 19th

A principle feast day that commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit.



Chrissy's Run 4 Hope  
~ Saturday, June 1st~

Register for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Chrissy's Run 4 Hope. A community fun filled event held every year to increase awareness of breast cancer, raising money to support cancer research, and raising the spirits of anyone whose lives have been affected by cancer. Proceeds are donated to cancer research in memory of Chrissy Greenwalt. Registration information can be found on our website, and pre-registration is available online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Exton/StPauls5k>

Registered runners will receive a commemorative Tee-shirt and refreshments at the conclusion of the race. Please join us in for food, music, fellowship, and awards after the race. Thank you for your continued support of a cherished member of St. Paul's.



Community Garden

May 1<sup>st</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Bloom Box Fundraiser

St. Paul's has partnered once again with Bloom Box. Bloom Box is a mail-order nursery that delivers healthy plants directly to your door. Our Community Garden will receive 15% of proceeds on purchases placed between May 1st - 15th. Use code SPEC15 (that's for St. Paul's Episcopal Church 15%) for a Bloom Box discount. Please go to their website at [www.getblooming.com](http://www.getblooming.com) and order your spring plants and flowers while raising funds for the church.

## Mark Your Calendar

May 13 ~ Vestry Meeting, Schreiner Classroom 7pm

May 14 ~ Women's Bible Study, Library 7 pm

May 16 ~ Grief Support Group, 7pm

May 18 ~ Men's Bible Study, Getman Hall 7:30 am

May 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Pentecost Principle Feast Day

Pentecost is one of our seven principal feast days, and it takes place on the 50th day after Easter Sunday. This year that day is May 19. Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Mary, mother of Jesus and the Apostles of Jesus while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles. This day is significant to Christians because through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, people from every tongue, race, and nation are brought together in Jesus Christ. One of the ways we celebrate this day is by decorating the Church in red and wearing red in remembrance of the flames that rested on the apostles after the descent of the Holy Spirit.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Celtic Worship Service 6:30pm

All are welcome

May 28 ~ Women's Bible Study, Library 7pm

June 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Chrissy's Run 4 Hope

Register Now

June 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Last Sunday of the regular schedule

June 21st ~ Sunset Garden Social

June 23<sup>rd</sup>, is the first Sunday of the Summer Schedule which offers a combined worship service at 9:00 AM. The Choir, the Breakfast Teams, the Sunday School Teachers and Dr. McCauley have a respite until the Fall Schedule with two worship services begins again on Sunday, September 8th 2024.



St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Exton  
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## The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12th, 2024



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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: 8 am Rite II: 10:30 am

Prelude We Gather Together arr. Mary McDonald  
Organ  
Entrance Hymn Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! Hymnal 460  
Opening Acclamation I: BCP 323 II: BCP 355  
Gloria Hymnal S 278  
Collect See Insert

### ~ Children's Chapel Dismissal ~

First Reading Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 See Insert  
In this lesson we hear of the selection of Matthias to take Judas's place as one of the twelve apostles. Peter perceives that it is prophesized that another should replace Judas, and lots are cast to select between two men who had been among the larger band of Jesus' followers. Matthias is chosen as one of the companions of Jesus who is able to witness the resurrection.  
*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 1 Gayle Lindsay, Cantor

Hap - py are they whose de - light is in the law of the LORD.

Second Reading 1 John 5:9-13 See Insert  
I this lection disciples are bid to believe in the testimony that God has borne to Jesus, the Son of God. They are to have confidence that their prayers are heard and that in the Son they have eternal life. Elsewhere in this letter it is indicated that God's witness to Jesus is especially made known through the experience of love, a love made manifest in Jesus. Those who trust in Jesus as the Son of God realize this testimony within their own hearts. Refusal to accept this witness means to lose the possibility of true life.  
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Sequence Hymn Hymnal 495

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!  
(VV 1 & 2 Before Gospel, VV 3 & 4 After Gospel)

Gospel John 17:6-19 See Insert

Sermon Elizabeth Longua, Postulant  
Nicene Creed I: BCP 326 II: BCP 358  
Commissioning of the Vestry See Insert  
Prayers of The People See Opposite Page  
Peace I: BCP 332 II: BCP 360  
Announcements The Rev. Maxine Dornemann  
Offertory Anthem What Brings Us Together By Jay Althouse  
Adult Choir  
Doxology Hymnal 380 (vs 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 Solo My Jesus, I Love Thee By A. Gordon  
Mark Chamberlain, Tenor

Communion Hymn All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name! Hymnal 450

Post Communion Prayer I: BCP 339 II: BCP 366

Blessing

Recessional Hymn Crown Him With Many Crowns Hymnal 494

Dismissal  
Postlude Crown Him With Many Crowns By George J. Elvey  
arr. Jason Payne

## Serving

Officiant The Rev. Maxine Dornemann  
Music Minister Lisa Hartman  
Ushers 8 am Al & Pattie Glassey  
10:30 am Cindy Carter & Miranda Hodgkins  
Acolytes Greg LeBlanc, Kristy Wright,  
Dave Kissane, & Billy Blackburn  
Lectors 8 am Art & Cindy Christensen  
10:30 am Eric Hartman & Bill McSwain  
Eucharistic Minister 8am Peggy LaGarde  
10:30am Susan Mislick & Mark Greenawalt  
Altar Guild Sandi Detweiler  
Flower Guild Nancy Long  
Bread Baker Kristin Leeper  
Breakfast St. Basil the Great  
Livestream Bil Longua  
Counter Gail Yard

## Prayers of the People

In this past week we celebrated the day that Christ ascended - forty days after his resurrection. Now let us pray with amazement and wonder. Joining Christ who intercedes for all the world before God, let us offer our prayers saying, O God of wonder, hear our prayer.

O God, we stand amazed with those who witnessed Christ's ascending from the earth to be everywhere to all people. Turn the eyes of your church to see the poor places in which Jesus now dwells. Transform your church with love through the leadership of our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Diocesan Bishop Daniel, all Priests, Deacons, and Lay Leaders especially those who guide the work of the Seaman's Church Institute. Guide them as they assist those who come to this area while working on ships from other countries providing pastoral care and crisis intervention. Continue to be with the Diocese of Guatemala and their Episcopal Church of St. Trinidad in Cocales. O God of wonder  
Hear our prayer.

Turn the eyes of the leaders of all nations to envision a new world in which peace and harmony reign. Turn the eyes of those in power to see the oppressed and the needy as children of God and in need of our help. We pray for wisdom and vision in finding a solution to the tragedy of the conflict in the Middle East. We especially ask you to be present and to protect those caught in the crossfire of a war in which innocent children are paying the price. O God of wonder:  
Hear our prayer.

On this Mother's Day, we remember the courage and faithfulness of Mary, the mother of Jesus. We give thanks for those moms who model unconditional love for their children and are willing to sacrifice to ensure that our young people have the opportunities to grow into their God-given potential. Guide and bless them as they instill in them the love of the sacred and the skills to lead a fulfilled life. O God of wonder:  
Hear our prayer.

Loving God, fill us with compassion and caring for those who are alone, those who are scared and hungry. We also ask for healing for those who are sick and suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We remember especially those on our prayer list: 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, Richard, and Nicole Bergenstock. I invite your own prayers of intercession at this time either silently or aloud. We entrust to your never-failing victory those whom we have loved and lost. Today's altar flowers are given by Nancy Long in honor of her mother Gladys and her sister-in-law Sue. O God of wonder:  
Hear our prayer.

O God, keep us in the spirit of amazement. Keep us believing when we cannot see; keep us hoping while we wait; keep us looking for your presence. Keep us fixed on the one who ascended who will come in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.