

**SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
 Sharpsburg, Maryland

Rite II 05 May 2024

**Holy Eucharist: The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Liturgy of the Word**

Prelude: *Dayspring of Eternity* by Helmut Walcha  
 Processional Hymn H 178  
 Opening Acclamation BCP 355  
 Collect for Purity BCP 355  
 Gloria H S280

Collect of the Day (*Remain Standing*)

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson (*sit*) Insert  
 Psalm Insert  
 Second Lesson Insert  
 Sequence Hymn (*stand*) H 455  
 The Gospel Lesson Insert  
 The Sermon (*sit*) Fr. Newlun  
 The Nicene Creed BCP 358  
 The Prayers of the People, Form III (*Kneel or Stand*) BCP 387  
 Confession of Sin BCP 360  
 The Peace (*Stand*)  
 Announcements

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jacob Miner's graduation from Shepherd University May 4 with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Performance as a McMurrin Scholar given by family.

**The Holy Communion**

Offertory: *New Songs Of Celebration*  
 Doxology: H 380 st. 3

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367  
 Sanctus H S129  
 The Lord's Prayer BCP 364  
 The Breaking of the Bread H S155

Communion of the People of God

*All baptized persons may receive holy communion in this church.*

Hymn during Communion H 593  
 The Post-Communion Prayer BCP 365

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Hymn H 344  
 The Blessing  
 Dismissal (*Remain Standing*) BCP 366  
 Postlude: *Holy Jesus is Risen* by Marcel Duprek

Service Participants

Rector The Rev. Connor Newlun  
 Organist Meya Collings  
 Chalcist/Acolyte Peyton Doub/Nathan Newlun  
 Greeter Patty Wibberley/Stephanie Gumm  
 Lector/Intercessor Dante Willis/Tom Wibberley  
 Camera Operator Robbie Shaw  
 Altar Guild Barbara Bussard/Kendra Harmon

**Vestry**

2022 – 2024: Sandy Miner, Liz Partlow and Tom Settle  
 2023 – 2025: Michael Arant and Anne-Marie McCullough  
 2024 – 2026: Heidi Tennant and Tom Wibberley

**Leadership**

*Senior Warden:* Sandy Miner      *Junior Warden:* Randy Short  
*Treasurer:* George Ashbaugh      *Registrar:* Anne-Marie McCullough  
*ECW President:* Rebecca Bright-Willis      *Altar Flowers:* Tim Valerio  
*Altar Guild:* Tim Valerio

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

- **ECW meets today May 3 after worship.**
- **Community Dinner:** Friday May 17 from 5pm-7pm. The ECW is hosting a community dinner, bring family, friends and neighbors.
- **Love for Children Collection:** For the week of April 28 and May 5 we are asking for Canned tuna or chicken, soups, mac n' cheese, canned pasta  
Other staple items: Canned chili, Canned green vegetables, oatmeal packets, cereal, Fruit cups, applesauce, protein bars, granola bars.
- **UTO Spring Ingathering:** Collecting at home from April 14 to May 12. On May 12 checks payable to "St. Paul's ECW" with UTO in the memo can go in the alms basin. This year's UTO grants will focus on welcoming the stranger.
- **The Flying Boxcars** is the new baseball team at the new stadium in Hagerstown, and the Episcopal churches in Washington county have come together to sponsor a game and fireworks. It is Friday, June 14. Our new Bishop Carrie will be there, and she's going to throw out the first pitch, and the National Anthem will be sung by choir members from all the churches. We are preordering tickets so we can sit together and take advantage of a discounted price. Tickets are \$10 if you preorder and \$14 at the gate. Sandy Miner is handling the preorder tickets.
- **New Bible Study on Discipleship began April 25.** For six Thursdays we will learn how early believers changed their lifestyle and read what Jesus actually said about following him. Thursdays 7pm on google meet [meet.google.com/ugx-rrwr-odb](https://meet.google.com/ugx-rrwr-odb) and password is [ugx-rrwr-odb](https://meet.google.com/ugx-rrwr-odb).

Fr. Connor Newlun is available for pastoral care, visitation to sick and shut-ins, and emergencies. He can be reached by phone at 703-470-9638 or email: [priest@stpaulssharpburg.com](mailto:priest@stpaulssharpburg.com). He is at the church most Thursdays 11am-1pm.

## Scripture Lessons: 6Easter, Year B

### First Lesson: Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

### Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before  
the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

### **Second Lesson: 1 John 5:1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

### **Gospel Lesson: John 15:9-17**

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church



*Now faith, hope and love abide these three  
and the greatest of these is love. 1Cor. 13.13*



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