

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sharpsburg, Maryland

Rite II

18 May 2025

Holy Eucharist: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude: *Dayspring of Eternity* by Helmut Walcha

Processional Hymn H 432

Opening Acclamation BCP 355

Collect for Purity BCP 355

Gloria H S280

Collect of the Day (*Remain Standing*)

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson (*sit*) Insert

Psalm Insert

Second Lesson Insert

Sequence Hymn (*stand*) H 204

The Gospel Lesson Insert

The Sermon (*sit*)

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

The Prayers of the People, Form IV (*Kneel or Stand*) BCP 388

Confession of Sin BCP 360

The Peace (*Stand*)

Announcements

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Bob and Dee Synder.

The Holy Communion

Offertory: *How Can I Keep From Singing* by Timothy Shaw

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 304

The Post-Communion Prayer BCP 365

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Hymn H 205

The Blessing

Dismissal (*Remain Standing*) BCP 366

Postlude: *Now The Green Blade Rises* by Carl Schalk

Service Participants

Rector The Rev. Connor Newlun

Organist Meya Collings

Chalicer/Acolyte Cindy Weaver/Ella Short

Greeter Michelle Shaw/Michael Arant

Lector/Intercessor Katie Beall/Robbie Shaw

Camera Operator Robbie Shaw

Altar Guild Cindy Weaver/Mary Embree

Vestry

2023 – 2025: Michael Arant and Anne-Marie McCullough

2024 – 2026: Heidi Tennant and Tom Wibberley

2025 – 2027: Elyssa Doub, Robbie Shaw and Dante Willis

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 and Barbara Bussard

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- **Love for Children collection has begun.** We are grateful to receive in kind offerings and financial donations for the 2025 summer feeding ministry. Needed items are: Cereal, Apple Sauce Cups, Mixed Fruit Cups, Pudding Cups, Baked Beans, Canned Green Beans, Ketchup, Mayo, Popcorn, Canned Chicken/Tuna, Peanut Butter Crackers, Cheese Crackers, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Mac n' Cheese, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Spaghetti Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce, Oatmeal, Juice boxes.
- **Memorial Day food tent:** St. Paul's will be selling food to during the annual Sharpsburg Memorial Day Parade. We are grateful to receive donations of soft drinks and individual size chip bags, now through May 23.
- **Children's program on May 25** during worship.
- Deacon Susan Wert, of St. Mark's and St. John's invites you to join her for a **Coffee and Reflection** on the fourth Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. We gather at Brooke's House Coffee and Chocolates, South End Shopping Center, Hagerstown, for an hour. Next date is Saturday, May 24. All are welcome.
- **Bishop's Appeal:** a post card with details in on the table in the Edward's Room.
- **New Bible study on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians begins May 7.** We meet Wednesday nights at 7:00pm via google meet. The location is meet.google.com/ugx-rrwr-odb

Our priest is available for pastoral care, visitation to sick and shut-ins, and emergencies. Fr. Connor can be reached by phone at 703-470-9638 or email: priest@stpaulssharpburg.com. He is at the church most Thursdays 10:00am – 1:00pm.

Scripture Lessons: 5EasterC

First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave

them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Psalm 148

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-8

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life." Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God, and they will be my children. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, the murderers, the

sexually immoral, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

Gospel Lesson: John 13:31-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for 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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