



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

of Newburyport, MA



The Order for the Eucharist During Eastertide

Please leave this booklet in the church. Thank you.



Welcome Home

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is an inclusive Christian community. It's a community that takes God's love for the world seriously, fosters a living faith, and cares for one another—it's a community of belonging. We're also a community that welcomes doubt as part of faith, values questions alongside answers, and provides a home for exploration, wherever you find yourself on the spectrum of belief and in your pursuit of truth.

At St. Paul's we worship God, pray for our world, build community, and seek to serve others by working for justice, peace, and reconciliation. That work brings those who are vulnerable, rejected, overlooked, or marginalized in our world to the center of our life together. This is the story we embody every time we gather for the Eucharist, as we join in Jesus Christ's offering of himself for the life of the world—Christ, who became the poor, marginalized, rejected one on the cross for our salvation.

The Eucharist (also called the Mass or Holy Communion) is our share in that offering. It's at the heart of everything we are and do, and so we celebrate it with reverence, solemnity, and great joy. The word Eucharist means "thanksgiving," and in it we offer our whole selves to God in thanks—our frustrations and conflicts, our peace and joy, our sorrow and pain—and receive ourselves back anew, transformed by Christ's presence. Like our Baptism, the Eucharist is a sacrament of unity. In it we are made a true community, united in love and service as the family of Christ.

The Eucharist is also a revolutionary act of justice and equality (as is our Baptism, through which we enter this family of Christ). In the Eucharist we, regardless of the color of our skin, our gender identity or sexuality, our age, our abilities, our social or economic status—people who in many places in our world would not be seen under same roof together—receive the same life-giving bread and call each other one body and one family. There is perhaps no more radical act in our world than this.

Through this offering of the Eucharist, we become a eucharistic gift ourselves, an offering of love and mercy to the world.

As we enter into and embody this story of God's love, everything you need to follow along is in this booklet. Maybe you're with us just for the day, maybe you're getting to know us just a little bit more, but maybe, just maybe, you've found a home. If you're interested in learning more about being baptized or becoming a member of St. Paul's, or you have questions or need anything at all, please don't hesitate to talk to me after the service or reach out any time.

Grace and peace,

The Rev. Dr Jarred Mercer (Fr Jarred)
Rector

Prayers of preparation before the Eucharist

As you enter the church and are seated, take time in silence and prayer to prepare yourself for our worship together. Here are some prayers that may help.

Prayer Before Receiving Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Anima Christi (Soul of Christ)

*Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Permit me not to be separated from you.
From the wicked foe, defend me.
At the hour of my death, call me
and bid me come to you
That with your saints I may praise you
For ever and ever. Amen.*

The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3–10)

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn *please see insert.*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: ✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Gloria *please see insert for music.*

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:*

*have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect, a prayer that gathers the people and their prayers together. All respond Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading *please see insert for today's reading.*

This response is said at the end of the reading.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *please see insert.*

Second Reading *please see insert for today's reading.*

This response is said at the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

As the cantor begins to sing the Gospel Acclamation, please stand as you are able.

The Acclamation is sung by a cantor, then repeated by all, then repeated by all again after the Gospel sentence. All turn toward the Gospel book as it is brought into the congregation.



Al-le-lu-ia, Al - le-lu-ia, — Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Then the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Lord be with you

People: and also with you.

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Deacon or Priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The preacher invokes the Name of the ✠ Trinity, all respond "Amen," and then sit for the sermon.

Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able as we affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God,

*the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

*the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,*

*true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.*

For us and for our salvation

*he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.*

*On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven*

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.*

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

*The Celebrant introduces the prayers. Please remain standing as you are able.
Prayers are offered for the Church, the world, the suffering, and those who have died,
and in silence we make our own petitions. One of these responses is used:*

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

or this,

Lord, hear us.

People: *Lord, graciously hear us.*

The Celebrant concludes the prayers, to which all respond Amen.

Confession & Absolution

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel as you are able.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant & People

*Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

*The Celebrant pronounces God's ✠ absolution and all respond:
Amen.*

Please stand as you are able.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

*All share signs of Christ's peace with one another, especially seeking to amend any
hurts or conflicts.*

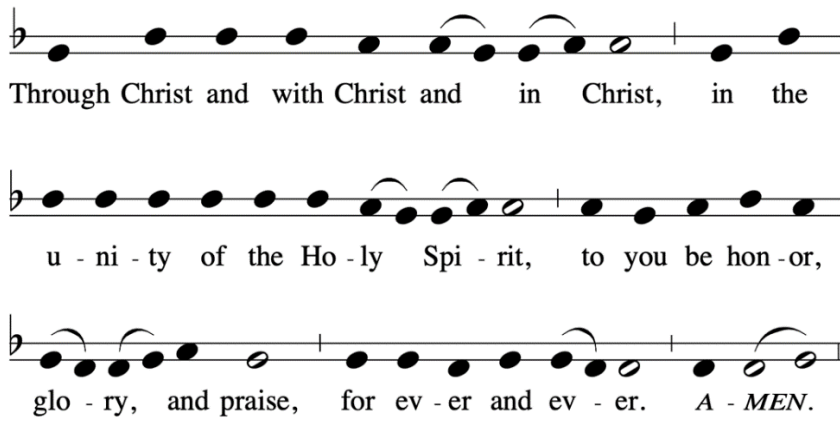
LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*The altar is set for the Eucharist. The offering plate is passed. You may also give by
scanning this QR code:*



Offertory Hymn *please see insert.*

Please be seated to sing the Offertory Hymn.



Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the
u - ni - ty of the Ho - ly Spi - rit, to you be hon - or,
glo - ry, and praise, for ev - er and ev - er. A - MEN.

The Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant introduces the Lord's Prayer:

Please stand as you are able.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction: The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Agnus Dei *please see insert for music.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Please kneel as you are able.

Celebrant: ✠ Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

See insert for communion instructions.

Communion Hymn *please see insert.*

Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion, one of the following Postcommunion Prayers is said

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant & People

Almighty and everliving God,
*we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

or this,

Eternal God, *heavenly Father,*
*You have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
And grant us strength and courage
To love and serve you
With gladness and singleness of heart;
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

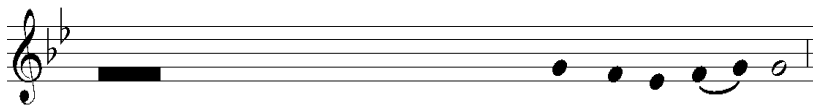
Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The celebrant pronounces a ✠ blessing, after which all respond Amen.

A Deacon or Priest sings the Easter dismissal, and all sing the response:



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia.



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Closing Hymn *please see insert.*