

**Epistle**                      **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

**Gospel**                      **Mark 16:1-8**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.



**Cover Art:**

James Tissot, *Mary Magdalene and the Holy Women at the Tomb* (Brooklyn, NY: Brooklyn Museum, 1886–94), opaque watercolor over graphite on gray wove paper. Dimensions: 25.2 × 21.3 cm (9.9 × 8.4 in)

*Pray for the Church and the Body of Christ*

The Daughters of the King are dedicated to supporting the prayer needs of St. Paul’s. They are available in the west corner of sanctuary every Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. worship service for private prayer. You can also submit intentions in the prayer box in the narthex. To add names to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise renewed.

Please pray for: *Rita Woods, Bob Scarbrough*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

**The ONCE IN A LIFETIME Total Solar Eclipse will be on Monday, April 8th. At 11:00 a.m., there will be a briefing held by an amateur astronomer, followed by the eclipse viewing at 1:42 p.m. Volunteers are needed to make this event a success! Please contact Frank McKee at (903)454-4618 for further information.**

**Adult Catechesis will reconvene on April 7, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.**

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| <b>Apr. 3, Wed.</b>   | 8:00 a.m.-Leadership/Eclipse Breakfast<br>10:00 a.m.-Children’s Chapel<br>10:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer<br>7:00 p.m.-Bible Study |
| <b>Apr. 4, Thurs.</b> | 7:00 p.m.-Community Choir Rehearsal  |
| <b>Apr. 7, Sun.</b>   | 12:30 p.m.-Astronomer Briefing   |
| <b>Apr. 8, Mon.</b>   | 1:42 p.m.-Total Solar Eclipse Viewing<br>6:30 p.m.-Ladies Night Out-Cancelled  |
| <b>Apr. 9, Tues.</b>  | 6:00 p.m.-School Board Meeting   |
| <b>Apr. 10 Wed.</b>   | 10:00 a.m.-Children’s Chapel<br>10:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer<br>7:00 p.m.-Bible Study   |

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**March 24**

Offering: \$885.00 - Attendance: 53

Jesus Christ, *Head of the Church*  
The Rt. Rev. Dr. George R. Sumner, *Bishop*  
The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk, *Rector*  
The Rev. Gordon Miltenberger, *Assisting Priest*  
David Gish, *Music Director*  
Rebecca Shasteen, *Pianist and Organist*  
Debbie McClain, *Parish Administrator*

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*The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday*  
*March 31, 2024*



Service Times at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. . . . .ADULT CATECHESIS  
10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. . . . .NURSERY OPEN  
10:30 a.m. . . . .HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

MONDAY—FRIDAY

7:30 a.m. . . . .MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m. . . . .CHILDREN’S CHAPEL  
10:30 a.m. . . . .MORNING PRAYER  
7:00 p.m. . . . .BIBLE STUDY

“ST. PAUL’S YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP-GREENVILLE, TX”:  
FOLLOW ON FACEBOOK FOR INFORMATION ON TIME AND  
LOCATION

This Sunday, Mar. 31

Lector/LEM: John Stachniak  
Acolyte: David Stipe  
Vestry Person of the Day: Pat Bolick, Suzanne Taylor  
Intercessory Prayer: Dana Medford  
Next Sunday, Apr. 7  
Lector/LEM: Debbie Shaffer  
Acolyte: David Clegg  
Vestry Person of the Day: Frank McKee, Suzanne Taylor  
Intercessory Prayer: Suzanne Taylor  
Altar Guild: Pat Bolick, Laura Funk,  
Georgianna Harrison, Nancy Wyant

Tech Team: Jacob Faunce, Jeff Faunce, Jennifer Faunce,  
Georgianna Harrison, Dana Medford,  
Alex Stachniak, Chris Wolff

Morsel for Meditation

Belief in the Resurrection is not an appendage to the Christian faith; it is the Christian faith. The full diet of public worship on any Sunday, anywhere throughout Christendom, is the celebration of the Resurrection of the Redeemer. This is the only sufficient basis and guarantee of Christian faith and worship. It is not tacked on to the Gospel story to make a happy ending, or to hide what, without it, would be the supreme tragedy of history; it is implicit in the story from the beginning. It is from the foundation of the world. We cannot begin to understand how it happened. The Gospels cannot explain the Resurrection; it is the Resurrection which alone explains the Gospels. Here is the mightiest of the mighty acts of God, foreign to the common experience of man, inscrutable to all his science, astounding to believer and unbeliever alike. But here and only here is an activity of God, wrought out in this world of pain, sin and death, which is the key pattern for the world's true life. Here is the sure promise that life according to this pattern is eternal. This and this alone is the key to the Christian doctrine of history.

-John S. Whale, *Christian Doctrine: Eight Lectures Delivered in the University of Cambridge to undergraduates of all faculties* (1941; Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993), 73.

Our old history ends with the cross; our new history begins with the resurrection.

-Watchman Nee, *The Normal Christian Life* (1957; Sussex, England: Tyndale House Publishers, 1977), 41.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Word of God

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle (7:14 a.m. Service only) BCP 285  
Processional Hymn H #191

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts and Voices Heavenward Raise (Lux eoi)

Opening Sentence BCP 323  
Collect for Purity BCP 323  
Gloria in excelsis H #S280  
The Collect BCP 222

The Lessons  
First Reading Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Gospel Hymn H #180

He is Risen, He is Risen! (Unser Herrscher)

Gospel Mark 16:1-8  
Children’s Sermon  
Sermon The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk  
Renewal of Baptismal Vows BCP 292  
Prayers of the People (Form III) BCP 387  
The Confession BCP 360  
The Peace BCP 360  
Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn A3 #69  
I am the Bread of Life

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A) BCP 361  
Sanctus H #S129  
The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364  
Agnus Dei H #S157  
The Presentation BCP 362

Communion Hymns  
King of Kings Choir  
Post Communion Prayer BCP 365  
The Blessing & Dismissal BCP 366  
Recessional Hymn H #207

Jesus Christ is Risen Today (Easter Hymn)

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (black)  
H = Hymnbook (red)  
A3 = Alleluia III (yellow)

All baptized Christians are welcome to  
receive the Holy Eucharist.

The Collect

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Psalm Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 - Confitemini Domino

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.