

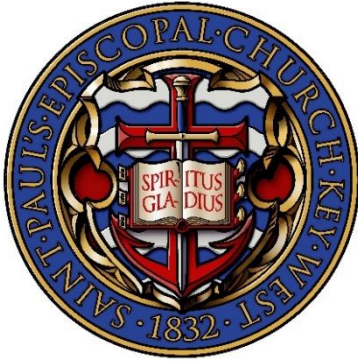
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

In the Heart of Key West

June 01, 2025

7:30am and 10:00am

The Seventh Sunday in Easter



Whoever you are and wherever you are
on your journey,
you are welcome in this place and at this table.



*Christ Monogram $\chi\rho$ with
Alpha and Omega*

*Sousse Archaeological Museum
Sousse, Tunisia*

(Chi and Rho are the first two letters of
“Christ” in Greek)

⌘ sung at 10am
† spoken at 7:30am, sung at 10am
✠ sign of the cross (optional)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Word of God

Prelude *Chorale Prelude on "Coronation"*

arr. Robert J. Powell

Ring of the Angelus

Opening Hymn # 450 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Coronation

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

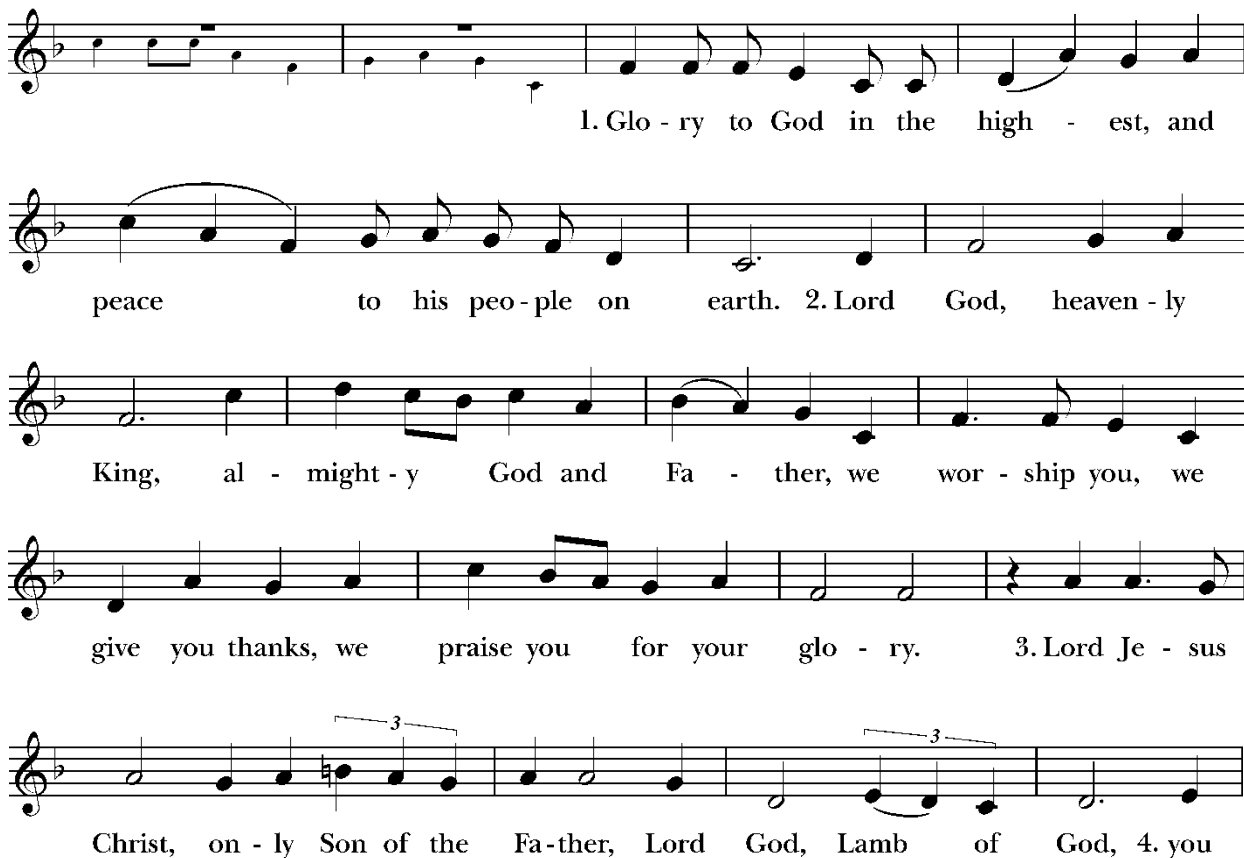
The people standing, the celebrant says

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ has risen!

People: *Christ has risen indeed! Alleluia!*

The Gloria S-280 † spoken at 7:30am, sung at 10am

Robert Powell



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Salutation

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

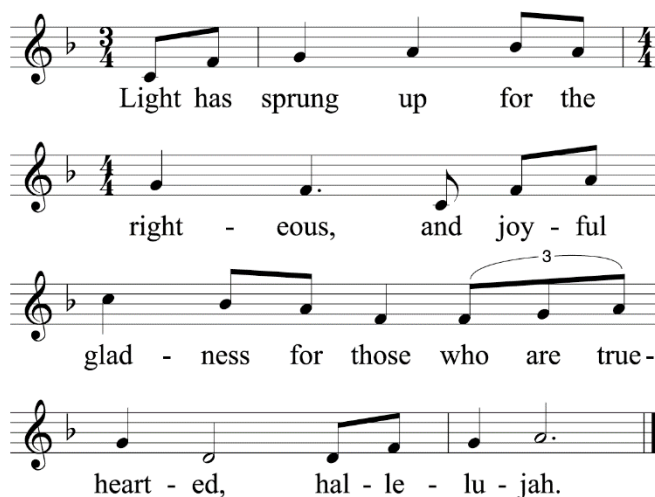
About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 97

Psalm 97



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1 The Lord is King;
let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

Refrain

3 A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.

Refrain

5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.

Refrain

7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O Lord.

Refrain

9 For you are the Lord,
most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.

10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Refrain

[11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.]

12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

A Reading from Revelation

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be

with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

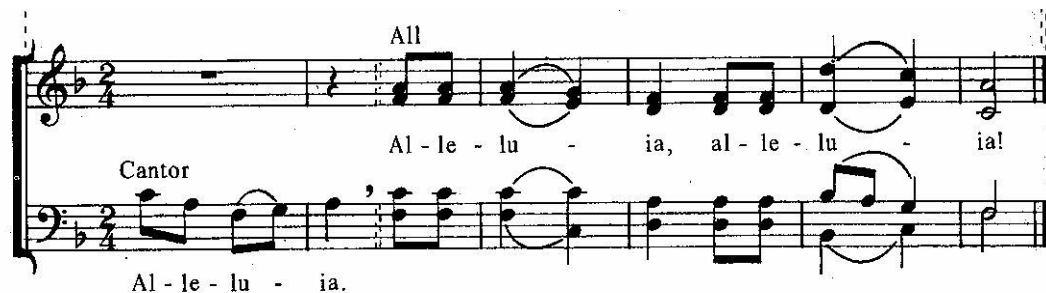
"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

All stand for the gospel verse and the reading of the gospel.

Gospel Verse (music from Taizē)



The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John

John 17:20-26

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON The Very Reverend Donna S. Mote, PhD

Rector, St. Paul's Church

Silence follows the sermon.

THE CREED

All stand.

***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.*

The Prayers of the People

Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Risen Christ, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people and leaders of this land and state and city and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Risen Christ, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth and in particular the Lower Keys as your own creation, that we may use all resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Risen Christ, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all who live and work in this community, especially service members, first responders, and healthcare providers, and bless all who visit here. May we serve Christ in each other and love one another as you love us.

Risen Christ, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Watch over and protect all those who are unsheltered, displaced by war, hungry, unemployed, underemployed, and despairing, that they may find the resources they need and that we may be of service to them as you give us opportunity.

Risen Christ, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

Risen Christ, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Risen Christ, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and 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.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you all your sins through Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated

Announcements

*1 Clap your hands, O faithful people
Shout to God a song of praise!
From the dust of conquered nations,
God a realm of grace shall raise.*

*2 In appointed counts of glory
Faithful to God's name always.
May we prosper all our days.*

*3 With a shout and blast of trumpet,
God shall mount a throne on high;
Let our praise, as finest incense,
Rise to meet God in the sky.*

*4 Fill the world with glad rejoicing,
Heaven shall sing, and earth reply,
All God's work to glorify.*

*5 Let your hear be filled with gladness,
As the Lord your life shall bless;
Live as heirs of God's great justice,
Wear the cloak of righteousness.*

*6 God will grant us earth's dominion.
All things good and nothing less,
For our gift of faithfulness.*

Presentation Hymn #483 *The Head That Once Was Crowned With Thorns*

St. Magnus

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer † spoken at 7:30am, sung at 10am

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with 'Celebrant' and 'People' labels above the staves to indicate the parts.

Staff 1: Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And al - so with you.

Staff 2: Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them to the Lord.

Staff 3: Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Staff 4: People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Preface of Easter

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-125 † spoken at 7:30am, sung at 10am

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The people remain standing. Then the Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

“Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St Paul, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise now and for ever. AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

S-150 The Lord's Prayer † *spoken at 7:30am, sung at 10am*

Unison or harmony

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us

Slightly faster

from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king-dom,

the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

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The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

S-167 The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus † *spoken at 7:30am, sung at 10am*

This setting is not used in Lent.

Antiphon

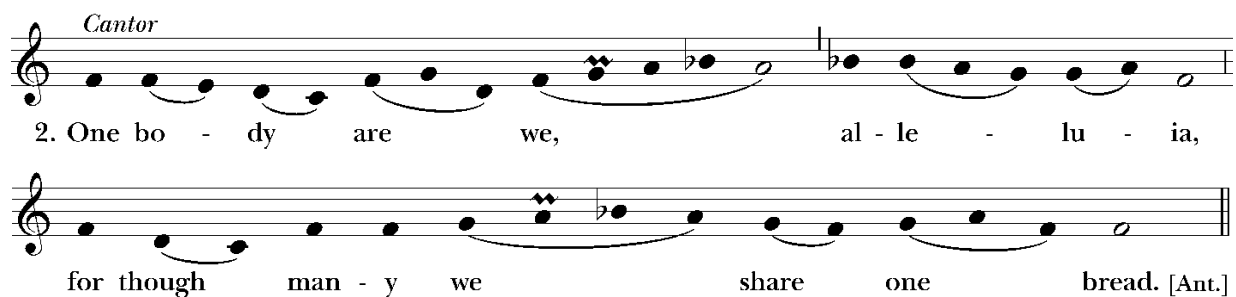
Cantor; then All

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor

1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,

is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]



Music: Mode 6 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991). Copyright © 1971 Mason Martens.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you may still come forward to receive a blessing. Cross your arms over your chest to indicate you wish to receive a blessing.

We do not practice intinction (the dipping of the bread in the wine) at St Paul's or anywhere in the Diocese of Southeast Florida.

If you cannot come forward to receive communion, we will bring the sacrament to you. Please let an usher know you wish to receive.

COMMUNION HYMN #305 Come Risen Lord, and Deign to Be Our Guest

Rosedale

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

All standing

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.

BLESSING ☩

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the people: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Hymn #542 Christ is the World's True Light

St. Joan

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR MINISTRY

During the off-season, we will have our coffee hour after the 10 am service on the cloister—that's the fancy name for the side porch. It will be scaled down to finger foods like cookies, cheese, and crackers, and/or fruit, plus iced tea, lemonade, and water. The setup and clean-up is minimal. We need volunteers to coordinate from now through October. If you are interested, please get in touch with the office or Sarah Kindinger. Thanks to those who helped last week who either brought food, set up, and cleaned up. **If you are visiting us, we hope you will join us so we can meet you.**

Wednesday, June 4th, will be our next **Loads of Love** at **Stock Island Laundry**. We will again be serving KOTS (Keys Overnight Temporary Shelter). We will be taking more money since the last two times we were there, we ran out of money. Typically, we would be there from 1 to 4 pm. We will stay until we've put every quarter in a machine. We hope to see you there. If it is your first time to volunteer, please contact Sarah Kindinger at sakindinger@gmail.com for more information. The experience is bound to be transformative.

Thank you for your generous donations of non-perishable food items to **Loaves and Fish Food Pantry**. From May through September, please bring your items to coffee hour on Sundays. One of our volunteer squad will pick them up and ensure they are delivered.

PRIDE PARADE We ask that anyone interested in participating in the **Pride Parade on Sunday, June 29th at 7 PM**, to please attend a meeting at 11:20 am, immediately following church this morning. We will first meet upstairs in the Holy Innocence storage room (above the parish administrator's office) to look at the materials we have. Holy Innocence is the building between Kipany House and the Parish Hall. We will continue our meeting in the parish hall, joining in the coffee hour, to get a good game plan in order. If you wish to participate but are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Tricia in the office at info@stpaulskeywest.org or Sarah Kindinger at sakindinger@gmail.com, and we will share the plan with you. Members and friends of St Paul's are welcome. All individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, are welcome; this means LGBTQ+ and heterosexuals alike, One Human Family.

Remember in Your Prayers Today: Eileen Flynn (sister of Susie Trost), Phil Hooper (friend of Sarah and Mike Kindinger), Clark, Jade, Jim McCloud, Fran Lepine, Sheila Rogers, Bj. Thompson, Susan Gilman, Tricia Lloyd, Jo Mares, Stephanie Fisher, Crew Philips, Joseph Lyles, Dan Courtney, Cayce Pritchett, Bert, Tom Chesnutt, Alexa Noya (granddaughter of Donald Curry), Carla Harper, Jane and John Payne, Halee Darden, Brad Hahn, Martha Glover, Kenneth Dunaway, Chris Mario

Remember those serving in the Military: LTJG Kelsey Fauser, US Navy Chaplain Corps; Jesse Millard, U.S. Coast Guard; Keifer Ewing, Army Special Forces (Green Berets); Brodie Kirkland, Virginia National Guard

Remember those who have died: Perley Warden (uncle of Dean Warden)

We Celebrate these Birthdays during June:

Holle Campbell	06/02	David Eyer	06/26
Ray Warren	06/07	Carole Fauth	06/26
Miles Mungall	06/07	Percy Curry	06/27
Irene Eyer	06/08	Mason Godoy	06/29
Rachel Sweeting	06/14	Julia Pischke	06/30
Stephen Graniela	06/17	Barry Hitch	06/30
Anne Shaver	06/19		

We Celebrate these Anniversaries during June:

Juan & Joan Mayancela	06/08	Damon & Susan Byrd	06/23
Bill & MaryCarlin Porter	06/08	Donna Mote & Becky England	06/25
David & Phyllis Sweeting	06/17		

Rector:		The Very Rev. Donna S. Mote, PhD
Director of Music:		Tim Peterson, M. Mus.
Cantor:		Dean Warden, B. A. in Music Education
Parish Administrator:		Tricia Coyne
IT Guru:		Michael Kindinger
Reader:	7:30	Shelli Skeels
Reader:	10:00	Lilla Whiteside
Intercessor:	10:00	Joseph Lyles
Assisting Ministers	7:30	Michelle Garcia
	10:00	Phyllis Pita
		Kitty Roberts
Thurifer:	10:00	Effie Ford
Crucifer:	10:00	Michael Wedincamp
Gospel Bearer:	10:00	Greta Ford
Ushers:		Donald Curry
		Michael Rison

St. Paul's Vestry

Senior Warden, Lilla Whiteside (Class of 2028)

Junior Warden, Greta Ford (Class of 2027)

Class of 2026: Tom Bond, Samantha Hall, Mike Kindinger

Class of 2027: Brent Collins, Jennifer Trapani

Class of 2028: Judy Herrick, Joseph Lyles

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HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St Paul's Church was formed by an official act of the City Council of Key West. In a petition to the bishop of New York, the city council requested a priest be sent and the Parish of St. Paul's be established. In 1831, the council gave notice of a public meeting to establish an Episcopal Church, and a committee was appointed.

The first rector was the Reverend Sanson K. Brunot, who arrived December 23, 1832. He held the first service on Christmas Day 1832 in the County Courthouse on Jackson Square. That same day the congregation signed an "Act of Association" of the Episcopal Congregation in Key West to be called St Paul's Church.

The first Vestry was elected April 8, 1833, and the Reverend Brunot became a permanent house guest of Vestryman William Whitehead, as there was no rectory or church building. Land for a church site was given by the widow of John William Charles Fleming in 1832 with the only stipulation that her husband's remains stay where they were. He is still buried on the grounds, but the actual site is unknown.

The original church made of coral rock, was built in 1838-39. The building, when completed, was 38 x 58 feet, and the total cost of construction was \$6,500. This first building was totally destroyed by a hurricane on October 11, 1846. The second church was a wooden structure measuring 28 x 66 feet. Services were first held in this building on June 30, 1848, and the church was consecrated on January 4, 1851, by the Right Reverend C.E. Gadsden, Bishop of South Carolina.

In 1857 a rectory was erected on the corner of Duval and Eaton Street, facing Eaton. The Reverend Osgood E. Herrick was the first in a long line of rectors to call it home. The church was growing steadily, and the seating capacity of 350 was becoming inadequate. This is when St Peter's was established (1875), and the Spanish Mission of St John's followed.

The second church was destroyed in the Great Fire of Key West in March 1886. By some good fortune the rectory survived undamaged. Rebuilding the church began immediately, and the third church was completed in 1887. Constructed of wood, it stood in the center of the block with the doors facing Eaton Street. It measured approximately 58 x 98 feet.

In 1890, the Vestry voted to purchase a chime of bells. Once installed, the first chime of bells in Florida was inaugurated on Palm Sunday morning, March 22, 1891, at 10:00 am.

On October 11, 1909, another disaster struck, and the church was destroyed by a hurricane. The parish hall (completed in 1904) and the rectory survived the storm and were used for services. Plans for a new church, which would be constructed of concrete, were approved in 1911. The church would be located at the corner of Duval and Eaton Streets. This required the moving of the rectory to its current location in 1914. The first service in the current building was held June 8, 1919. During this time, many of the beautiful stained-glass windows were ordered, and installation began in 1920. The organ arrived in 1931 in time for Christmas services.

A major restoration of the current church building began in 1991 to save the building from collapse. The concrete used in the initial construction had been mixed with seawater and beach sand, causing the steel reinforcing within the walls and columns to split. Work was completed in 1993 at a cost of nearly one million dollars.

In the 2020s, over a century into its life, the historic nave of St Paul's is again in need of a major restoration. The first chime of bells in Florida is silent because both the bell tower and the platform upon which the bells rest are structurally unsound. The historic rectory and the parish hall are also in need of significant restoration and repair.

This oldest US congregation south of St Augustine has been served by dozens of priests throughout almost two centuries. The thirty-fourth rector of St Paul's is the Very Reverend Donna S. Mote, PhD, who began her tenure June 5, 2021.

The church building and grounds at the corner of Duval and Eaton Streets are open daily for prayer, meditation, and visitation. As a beautiful and beloved venue for concerts and community events as well as worship, St Paul's is an iconic and historic community asset stewarded by the congregation for the enrichment and enjoyment of everyone, now and always, in the heart and the hearts of Key West.