

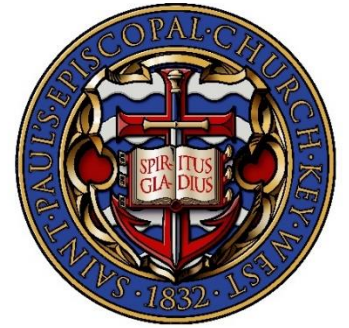
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

In the Heart of Key West

July 14, 2024

10:00am

8th Sunday after Pentecost



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



David with Ark of the Covenant Francesco Salviati, 1510-1563 Palazzo Sacchetti, Rome

✠ *sign of the cross (optional)*

ORGAN PRELUDE *Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus*

setting by John A. Behnke

CHIMING OF THE ANGELUS

Remain seated

ENTRANCE HYMN #436 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

Truro

All stand.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

✠ Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People *And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE *Glory to God*

The following is sung, all standing

Refrain



☞ **Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;**



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Cantor (sung)

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

Refrain

Cantor (sung)

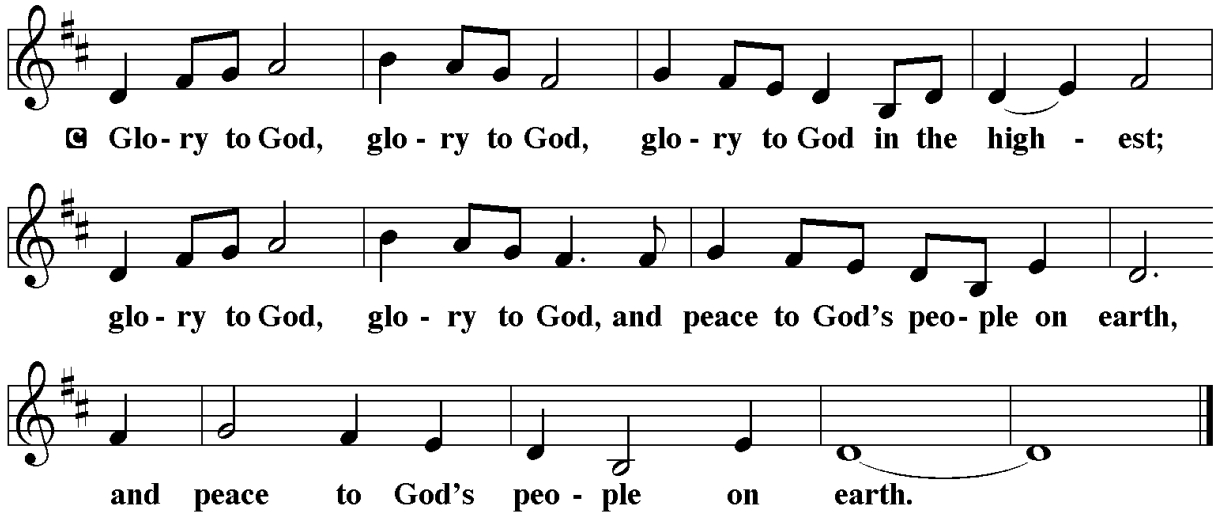
Lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
Receive our prayer.

Refrain

Cantor (sung)

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.

Final Refrain



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth,
and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The people sit.

The Lessons

A Reading from Second Samuel

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

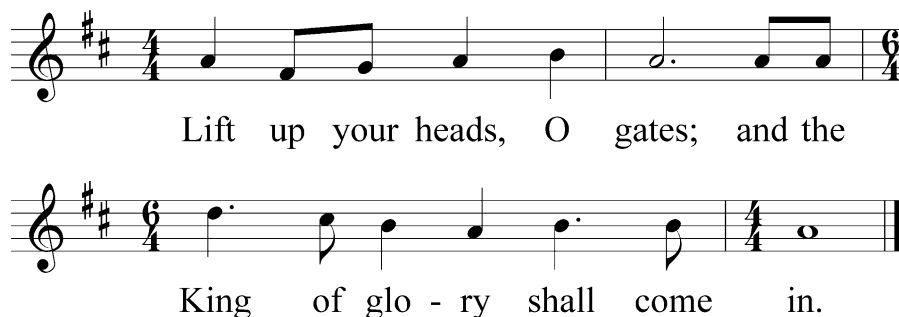
They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 24 *Remain seated.*



Musical notation for Psalm 24:1-2. The first line of music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, with a 6/4 time signature at the end of the line. The second line of music is in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Lift up your heads, O gates; and the King of glo - ry shall come in."

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1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

Refrain

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"

4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.

Refrain

5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Refrain

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
"The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle."

Refrain

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory."

Refrain

SECOND READING:

The people sit.

A Reading from Ephesians

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his

grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Gospel Verse (music from Taizē)

UBI CARITAS

Where charity and love are found, God himself is there.

Ostinato Response

Two or Three Equal Voices

A *Lento* ♩ = 72 **B**

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, U - bi ca - ri -

tas De - us i - bi - est.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark

Mark 6:14-29

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Priest The Gospel of our Savior.
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

THE SERMON **The Very Reverend Donna S Mote, PhD** Rector, St Paul's Church
After the sermon, a period of silence will be kept.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Celebrant says
The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor
I present David Harvey Temple to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks each candidate when presented
Do you desire to be baptized?
Candidate: I do.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of Candidates who can speak for themselves

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

Question: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support David in his life in Christ?

People: We will.

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant, Candidates, and Presenter lead the congregation to the baptismal font at the back of the church.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Baptism

The Celebrant pours water upon the candidate, saying

David Harvey Temple, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Celebrant, the Newly Baptized, the Presenter, and Others return to the front of the Church

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Then the Celebrant places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying to him

David Harvey Temple, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Or this action may be done immediately after the administration of the water and before the preceding prayer.

The Celebrant lights a baptismal candidate from the Paschal Candle and presents it to the Newly Baptized

Receive the light of Christ.

The Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The baptismal certificate is presented to the Newly Baptized.

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

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

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offertory Anthem *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. Mark Hayes

*1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.*

*2 Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Song by flaming tongues above;
Praise His name, I'm fixed upon it
Name of God's redeeming love.*

3 Hitherto Thy love has blest me;
 Thou hast brought me to this place;
 And I know Thy hand will bring me
 Safely home by Thy good grace.

5 O to grace how great a debtor
 Daily I'm constrained to be!
 Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
 Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.

4 Jesus sought me when a stranger,
 Wand'ring from the fold of God;
 He to rescue me from danger,
 Bought me with His precious blood.

6 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
 Prone to leave the God I love;
 Here's my heart, O, take and seal it;
 Seal it for Thy courts above.

OFFERTORY HYMN #WLP 742 Living Spirit, Loving Spirit

Omni die

All stand.

1. Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be;
 2. Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own.
 3. Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me. Teach me the dis - cern - ing eye.
 4. Friend and lov - er in your close - ness I am known and held and blest:
 5. Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be;

you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
 Feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
 Hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
 in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
 you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

Words: Shirley Erena Murray (b. 1931). Music: *Omni die*, melody from *Gross Catolische Gesangbuch*, 1631; harm. William Smith Rockstro (1823-1895).

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 130 Holy, holy, holy

Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the maker and preserver of all people. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

EPICLESIS

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People and Celebrant

***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,***

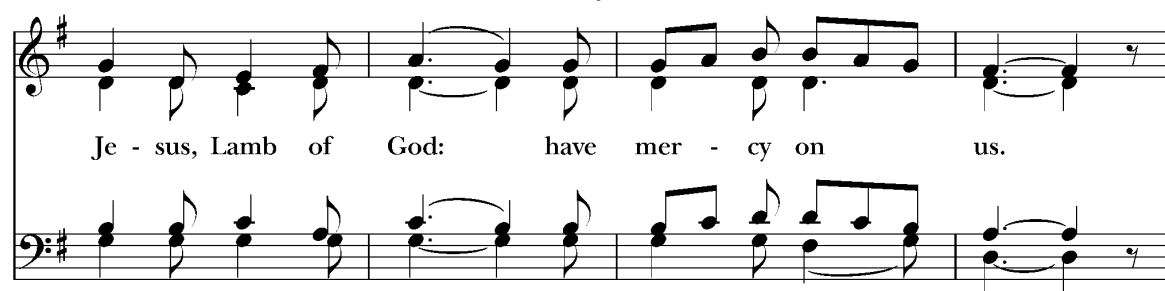
***as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.***

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

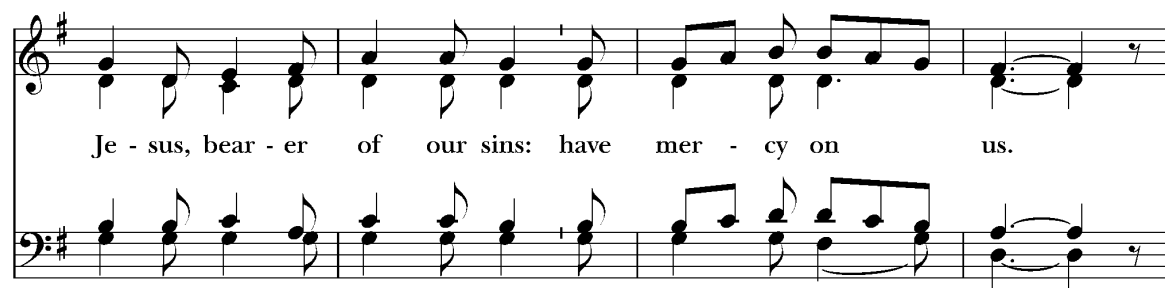
*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.
Then may be sung or said*

FRACTION ANTHEM S 164 *Jesus, Lamb of God*

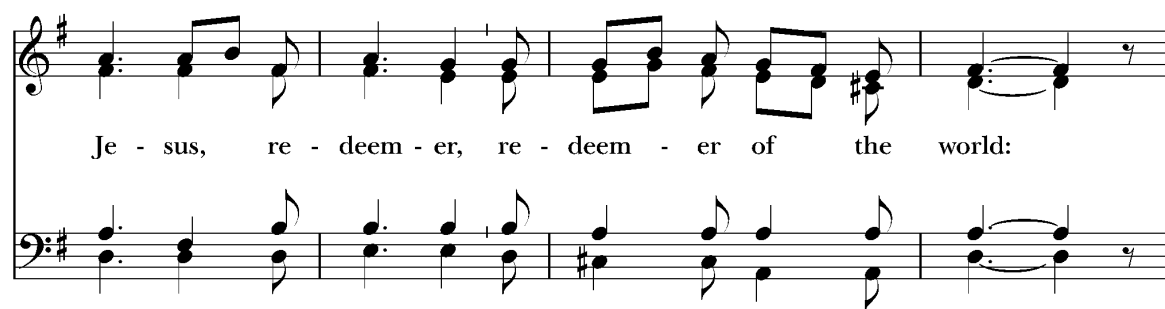
Schubert



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

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 #295 *Sing Praise to Our Creator* *Christus, der is mein Leben*

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.

All the people: ***Thanks be to God.***

POST-COMMUNION HYMN #492 *Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing With Gladness* *Finnian*

POSTLUDE *Postlude dans le style ancien (Postlude in the ancient style)* Henrietta Renié

Remember in Your Prayers Today: Larry Myers, Brooke Myers, Kelly Koenig, Wanda Philips (mother of Greta), Joseph Lyles, Harry Schroeder (founder of Paradise Big Band), Lisa (friend of Debi Hindsley & Tina Johnson), Bailey Morgan (nephew of Joseph Lyles), Navie Collins (infant granddaughter of Brent Collins), Brent Collins, Stuart Curran (friend of Susanne Woods), Richard Judge (friend of Donald Curry), Greg Harrison (partner of Les Steele), Russ Herrick, Barrett Brockhage (friend of Joseph Lyles), Neva Townsend, Martin Hindsley, Susie Olwell (younger sister of Jamie Olwell)

Remember those who have died: *"Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servants."*

We Celebrate these Birthdays in July:

Brian Wagstaff	07/01	Jennifer Trapani	07/03
Pamela McLaughlin	07/03	Dexter Simmons	07/04

Debi Hindsley	07/05	Ron Barker	07/14
Tina Johnson	07/05	Tom Ford	07/15
Susan Byrd	07/07	Jack Zimmerman	07/19
Bill Malpass	07/08	Sherri Hodies	07/20
Greta Ford	07/09	Dean Warden	07/24
Kyle Campbell	07/10	Glynn Archer IV	07/24
Mary Taylor	07/10	Mike Kindinger	07/25
Pam McCloud	07/11	Sharon Ward	07/25
Judy Sandground	07/13	Troy Thomas	07/26
Chelsea Wells	07/13	Lyle Harris	07/28

We Celebrate these Anniversaries in July:

Edward & Diane King	07/01
David & Pamela McLaughlin	07/28
Wally & Joyce Senney	07/29
Susanne Woods & Anne Shaver	07/31

Rector & Celebrant:	The Very Rev. Donna S. Mote, PhD
Director of Music:	Tim Peterson, M. Mus.
Cantor:	Dean Warden, B. A. in Music Education
IT Guru:	Mike Kindinger
Reader:	Sharon Ward
Ushers:	Don Curry

St. Paul's Vestry

Senior Warden, Jeff Dunaway (Class of 2026)
Junior Warden, Greta Ford (Class of 2027)

Class of 2025: Clare Keller, Wendy Niven, Susanne Woods
Class of 2026: Tom Bond, Mike Kindinger
Class of 2027: Ken Bagge, Jennifer Trapani

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have received a substantial increase in donations in the last three weeks. Thank you so much for these gifts. The laundromat have recently increased their charges, so this is a blessing. The **Loads of Love** laundry ministry event this past Wednesday, July 10th, invested \$286.75 in assisting about 18 families of our neediest neighbors. One family declined our assistance. It was a slower than usual evening. Our next event is **Tuesday, July 23rd**. You can contribute by putting coin, currency, or a check with **Loads of Love** on the memo line, dropping it into the laundry jug on your way to communion, or donating on the Give page of our website, <https://stpaulskeywest.org/>. If you want to join us or have questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with Tricia in our office at info@stpaulskeywest.org or Sarah Kindinger at sakindinger@gmail.com.

Thank you for continuing to support our food collection for **Loaves & Fishes!** We know that the summer can be the most difficult time for some of our neighbors. Please continue to bring non-perishable food items for donation and put them in the bin located in the back of the nave. We also need volunteers to bring the donations to the food pantry, so please use the sign-up sheet on the board in the back of the church if you are able to help. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

Summer help with **Altar Guild** urgently needed! As summer approaches, the seasonal loss of our winter residents has left gaps in some of our ministries. The **Altar Guild** is often unseen, but their work setting up for the services contributes to the beauty and smooth flow of worship each Sunday. Please consider donating your time to support this important work, by offering to fill the candles, clean the shells and refill them with fresh water, and help set up for the Eucharist. Please see Padre Donna if you are interested, or talk with any of the **Altar Guild** members: Kitty Roberts, Phyllis Pita, Judy Herrick, Russ Herrick or Wendy Niven.

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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.