



St. Paul's Episcopal Church Brookline



The Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025, 10:00am

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Welcome to St. Paul's!

We are blessed by your presence here this morning and want to do everything possible to make you feel at home. In our celebration of Holy Communion we believe that God welcomes all to Christ's altar, including you! Any hymns not printed here may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982 next to your seat. If you have not done so already, we invite you to fill out an information card found next to your seat and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher so that we may welcome you more fully into this vibrant community of faith.

Children in Church

Children of all ages are welcome in church. Squirming and the noise of the youngest among us is welcome. A changing table is located in each restroom on the upper level. We also have nursery care available through the end of the 10:00am service. Please speak to an usher if you need assistance. Sensory kits are available for school aged children.

Hearing & Accessibility

We have an audio system in the main church to assist anyone with hearing challenges through your own hearing aids, smartphone, or a device supplied by our ushers. If you would like assistance with a wheelchair or walker, or if you would like Communion brought to you at your seat, please see an usher for assistance.

GATHER

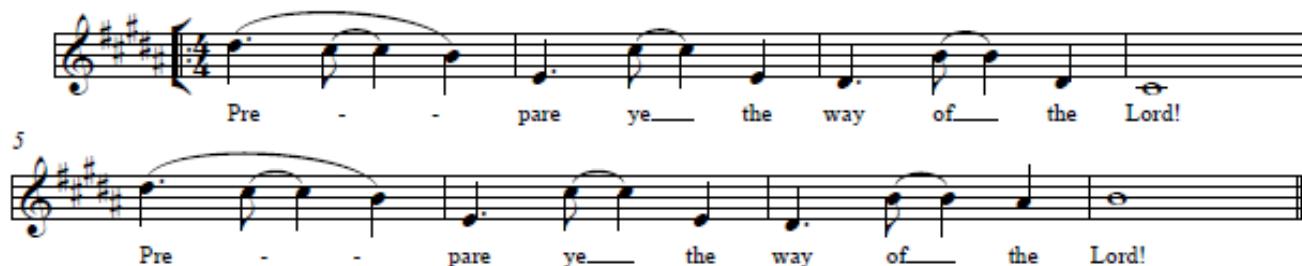
We are drawn together as one body

PRELUDE *Long live God +*

All stand as able to sing

HYMN *Prepare ye the way of the Lord +*

*Congregation starts singing following
chorus introduction and instrumental interlude.*



Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Presider 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.**

SONG OF PRAISE *Learn your lessons well +*

All remain standing as able.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray together.

All **Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

WORD

We hear and respond to the story of God's liberating acts

All are seated

FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Bless the Lord* +

Based on Psalm 103

After a period of silent reflection, all stand as able to sing

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

After a period of silent reflection, all sing

HYMN *Day by day* + *All children – and all who identify as children – are invited to join Chris Dulla in a Gospellian Dance Processional around the sanctuary during the singing of this hymn.*

Chorus sings thru twice, then congregation joins chorus on the third time thru

Day by day, Day by day, Oh, dear Lord, three

things I pray: To see Thee more clear - ly, Love Thee more dear-

- ly, Fol-low Thee more near - ly, Day by day.

We remain standing as able and turn to face the reader for the proclamation of

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Deacon or Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the religious authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Deacon or Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

After a brief prayer, all are seated

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Won-Jae Hur

After a period of silent reflection, all stand as able

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We beseech thee +

Joyful Voices

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR:

ST. PAUL'S MINISTRIES: Youth Group and Church School Teachers

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Churches of the Charles River Deanery: St. John's Church, Newtonville; St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls; Parish of St. Paul, Newton Highlands; and Prison Ministries.

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

PARISH PRAYER LIST: Alexis and her Family, Constance, John, Beth, Ed, Edward, Etelvina, Giorgia Boccato, Joe, Margaret Wilhelm, Mary, Maverick, Nancy, Phil, Walter, Jim Kneser, Rich Boucher, Kenia & her family, Jeannie O'Meara, Crystal S. and others in need in the Community Prayer Book. We also pray for Rümeyza Öztürk and all who fear wrongful arrest and deportation on account of their nationality, ethnicity, religion, immigration status, or political views.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Lyn, Joy, Robert, and Mark.

IN THE ORDINATION PROCESS: Julie, Jocelyn, and Elliott.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED. The altar flowers are offered in loving memory of Sandy Schamel by her daughter, Jennifer.

CONFESSION *Save the People* +

Joyful Voices

THE PEACE

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All are seated

WELCOME AND MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TABLE

We offer our gifts, give thanks, and gather at Christ's banquet

All remain seated for

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *All Good Gifts* +

All stand as able

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Hymnal #380, verse 3

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All remain standing as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord is here.

All **God's Spirit is with us.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
Question Why is it right to give God thanks and praise?
Answer **Listen, and we will hear.**

Presider Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish. You give us happy times and things to celebrate. In these we taste your kingdom, a feast for all your children. You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

All sing
SANCTUS

Hymnal #S-130

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'd is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider We thank you, loving God, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Question Why do we share this bread and wine?
Answer **Listen, and we will hear.**

Presider On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: "This is my

body, given for you. Do this to remember me.' After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.' So Loving God, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Savior.

Question How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Answer **Listen, and we will hear.**

Presider Help us, God, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And so, with blessed Paul and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

All **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Presider and People **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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The consecrated bread is broken. A period of silence is kept.

Chalice bearers come forward while all sing



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac - ri-ficed for us;

there-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Music: Thaddeus P. Cavuoti (b. 1955) from *Mass of St. Columbia*. Copyright © 1995 Thaddeus P. Cavuoti.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

- **All are welcome** to receive Communion by placing one hand over the other to receive the bread, and then help guide the chalice of wine to your lips.
- **Intinction** (dipping of the bread) is not offered, as the science indicates that intinction is more likely to spread germs than sharing a common cup. Please know that no one is required to receive both bread and wine. In the Episcopal Church, we believe that receiving in one kind is receiving in both.
- **Gluten-free** wafers and glass wine chalice are also available. Please let the clergy know if you want or need them.
- **Blessings** are available for those who desire one. Place your arms across your chest in an “X” and the clergy will know to offer a blessing instead of the bread and the wine.

COMMUNION ANTHEMS *By my Side +*
On the Willows +

After a moment of silent reflection, all stand as able to say the

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray together.

People **God of abundance, you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth**

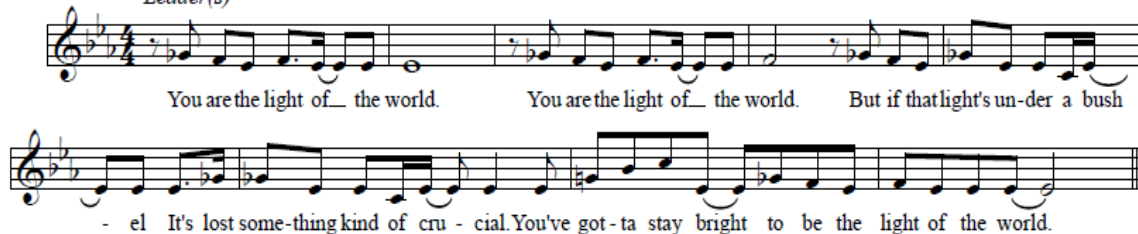
in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim
 your redeeming love to the world
 and continue for ever in the risen life
 of Christ our Savior. Amen.

SEND

We go forth as Christ's Body in the world

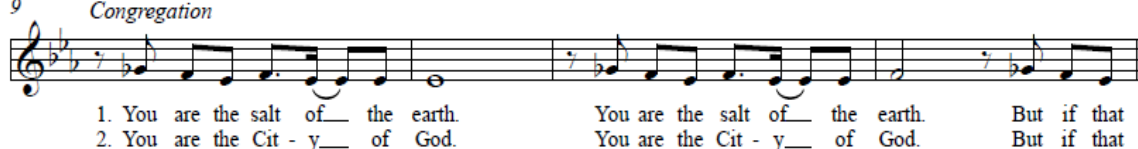
HYMN *You are the light of the world* +

Leader(s)



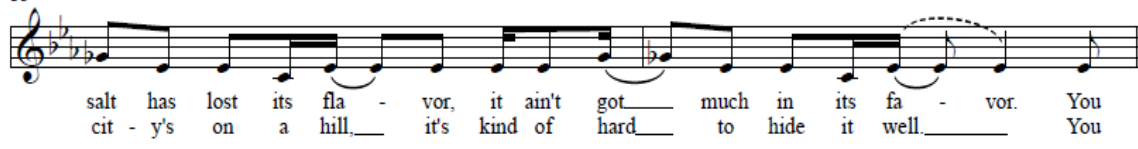
You are the light of the world. You are the light of the world. But if that light's un-der a bush
 - el It's lost some-thing kind of cru - cial. You've got - ta stay bright to be the light of the world.

9 *Congregation*



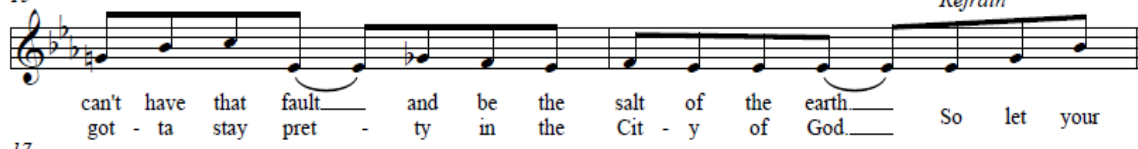
1. You are the salt of the earth. You are the salt of the earth. But if that
 2. You are the Cit - y of God. You are the Cit - y of God. But if that

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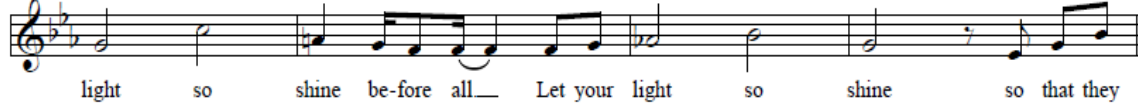
salt has lost its fla - vor, it ain't got much in its fa - vor. You
 cit - y's on a hill, it's kind of hard to hide it well. You

15 *Refrain*



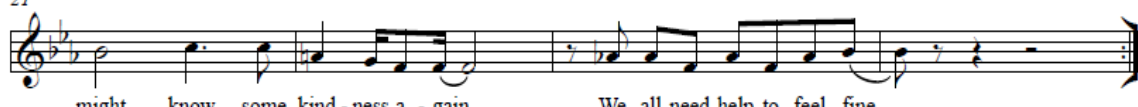
can't have that fault and be the salt of the earth So let your
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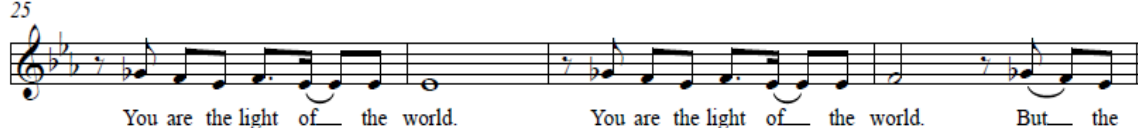
light so shine be-fore all Let your light so shine so that they

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might know some kind - ness a - gain. We all need help to feel fine.

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You are the light of the world. You are the light of the world. But the

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tall - est can - dle stick ain't much good with - out a wick. You

31



got - ta live right to be the light of the world.

CONCLUDING PRAISE *All for the best* +

BLESSING

Presider May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us one people through the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of God's blessing.

All **Amen.**

Presider May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

All **Amen.**

Presider May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

All **Amen.**

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, the Holy, and Undivided Trinity, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

All **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Deacon or Presider Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE *Day by day (Reprise)* +

SERVING TODAY

Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Won-Jae Hur
Presider	The Rev. Dr. Elise Feyerherm
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Music Ministers	Joyful Voice
Drummer	Peter Cole
Lectors	Beverly Estes-Smargiassi, Sharlene Wing, & Alan Fried
Chalice Bearers	Leahanne Sarlo & Jennifer Schamel
Altar Guild	(8:00 am) Emily Linthicum (10:00 am) Sharlene Wing & Carolyn Brooke
Greeters	Melissa Dulla & Maria O'Meara
Offering Counters:	Jennifer Schamel and a Member of the Vestry
Food, Fellowship, & Conversation	The Wing Family & Sherilyn Pharr

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Sources for Lyrics:

Prelude: Long Live God (Original lyrics by Stephen Schwartz)

Opening Hymn: Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord (Matthew 3:3/Isaiah 40:3)

Song of Praise: Learn your lessons well (Hymnal 1940, #536)

Psalm: Bless the Lord (Hymnal 1940, #293, adapted from Psalm 103)

Sequence Hymn: Day by day (Hymnal 1940, #429)

Prayers of the People: We beseech thee (Hymnal 1940, #229)

Confession: Save the People (Hymnal 1940, #496)

Offertory Anthem: All Good Gifts (Hymnal 1982, #291)

Communion Anthems: By my Side (Original lyrics by Jay Hamburger)
On the Willows (Psalm 137)

Blessing: All for the best (Original lyrics by Stephen Schwartz)

Closing Hymn: You are the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16)

Postlude: Day by day (Hymnal 1940, #429)

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Joining us On-line: You can also worship with us Sundays at 10:00am on [Facebook Live](#) or on [YouTube](#). For hymns, please visit www.hymnary.org. You can register on the website and choose "My Hymnals" and add Hymnal 1982.

Land Recognition: Our church buildings are located on the tribal homelands of the Massachusett people. We acknowledge the continuing presence of the Massachusett, the neighboring Wampanoag, and Nipmuc peoples. We also recognize the Indigenous peoples represented in the town of Brookline's residents.



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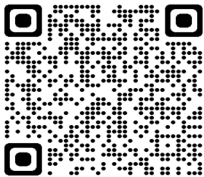
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