



# SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

The Fourth Sunday  
of Easter  
April 21, 2024, 5:00 pm  
Night Mass

*St. Paul's Cathedral is a vibrant Episcopal church in the heart of downtown Oklahoma City. Deeply rooted in the ministry and teachings of Jesus Christ and the traditions of the Episcopal Church, St. Paul's is the spiritual center of the Diocese of Oklahoma. We are committed to being a place for all who seek and share God's unconditional and abundant love, which calls us to comfort and stand with the vulnerable and each other. All are invited; all are welcome.*

**Celebrant**

The Rev. Omar Cisneros

**Preacher**

The Rev. Canon Tim Sean Youmans

**Director of Music and Organist**

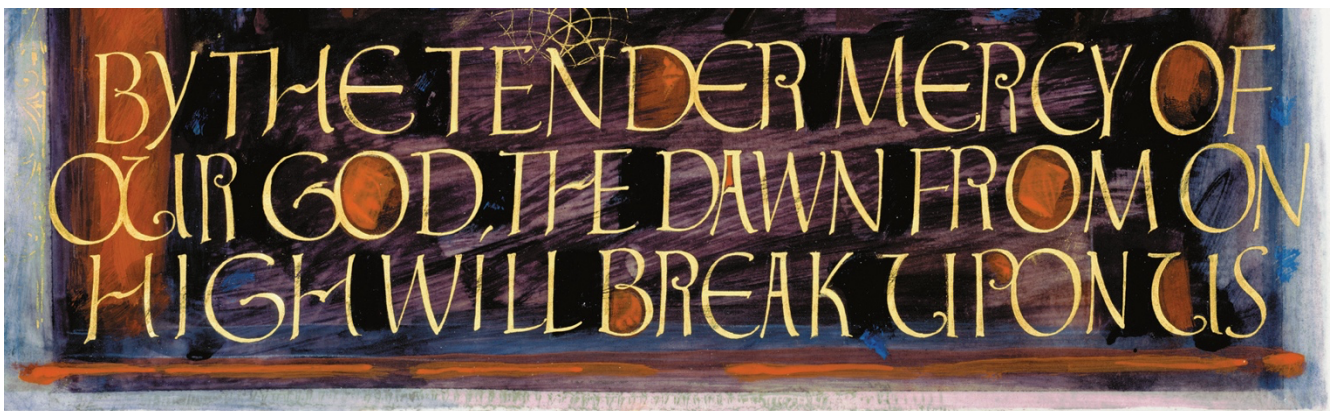
Joseph Ripka

**Crucifer/Acolyte**

John Koons

**Lector**

Van Bielstein



The church is dark when the service begins. You are invited to light a candle prior to the service or in the silence following communion.

All stand, for the silent procession.

Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal in the pew rack.

The Celebrant greets the people with these words.

Celebrant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,  
"darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light  
to you are both alike. *Psalm 139: 10-11*

The Celebrant then says the Prayer for Light.

### Prayer for Light

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, kindle within us the fire of love, that by its cleansing flame we may be purged of all our sins and made worthy to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The candles at the High Altar and lectern are now lighted in silence.

### Phos Hilaron

*The Eighth Tune*

All sing.

1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in  
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the  
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O

you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,  
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and  
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through

blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.  
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.  
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

*This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.*

## The Word of God

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be the God of our salvation:

*People*           **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

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.**

## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

God be with you.

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

*Celebrant*       Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

*People*           **Amen.**

*All are seated.*

## The Lessons

### The First Reading

Acts 4:5-12

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 23

*Said by all in unison.*

*Dominus regit me*

1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul \*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; \*

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

# Gospel Hymn 343

St. Agnes

Sung by all, standing.

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
word of grace, in strength of which we  
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with  
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.  
us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.  
heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

## The Gospel

John 10:11-18

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to St. John.

*People*           **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of our Savior.

*People*           **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Tim Sean Youmans

### The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not  
made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down  
from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
Virgin Mary and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the  
giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
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 Form II

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Poulson; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present.*

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially those whom we remember today.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## Confession of Sin

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have  
created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

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

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the People*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.*

## **Welcome**

## **The Holy Communion**

*Offertory Sentence*

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God.

## **Offertory**

Chaconne

*J.K.F. Fisher (1656-1786)*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 2*

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*        Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*            **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*



Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

*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 the wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. Oakerhater, St. Nicholas and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

*Celebrant*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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.

## Post-Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Loving God,**

**we give you thanks**

**for restoring us in your image**

**and nourishing us with spiritual food**

**in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**

**Now send us forth**

**a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;**

**that we may proclaim your love to the world**

**and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## The Blessing

*Celebrant* Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord.

God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always.

*People* **Amen**

## The Dismissal

*Clergy* Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn 34

Innisfree Farm



1 Christ, might - y Sa - vior, Light of all cre - a - tion, you make the  
2 Now comes the day's end as the sun is set - ting: mir - ror of  
3 There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer, joy - ful - ly  
4 Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion: that you may  
5 Though bo - dies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vi - gil, for ev - er



1 day - time ra - dant with the sun - light and to the night give  
2 day - break, pledge of re - sur - rec - tion; while in the hea - vens  
3 chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all cre - a - tion  
4 grant us par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak hearts,  
5 rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness



1 glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment, stars in the hea - vens.  
2 choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.  
3 join - ing hearts and voic - es sing - ing your glo - ry.  
4 rest for ach - ing bo - dies, sooth - ing the wear - y.  
5 wor - ship - ing our Sa - vior now and for ev - er.

*Please remain standing during the closing procession.*

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