

Welcome to St. Paul's!

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025 10:00am

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The Liturgy of the Palms celebrates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of the week of his Passion. We give thanks over the branches that we carry. A procession then moves into the church building with festive songs of "Hosanna in the highest!"

The Old Testament reading is one of Isaiah's poems about the suffering servant of God whose suffering atones for the sin of the people. This passage and others like it are understood by Christians to foretell the suffering and death of Jesus.

The reading from Philippians is an early Christian hymn which announces that Jesus' Lordship is revealed not in the power of his divinity but in self-giving love to the point of dying for us, his beloved. This is the ultimate restoration from exile brought about by Jesus.

Today we enter into the celebration of the mighty acts of God which brought about that restoration. During this week, we will rediscover what God has done for us, rediscover the meaning of baptism, and rediscover the meaning of our sharing in Eucharist.

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Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Liturgy of the Palms

When circumstances permit, the congregation may gather at a place apart from the church, so that all may go into the church in procession.

The branches of palm or of other trees or shrubs to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the people before the service, or after the prayer of blessing.

CelebrantBlessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.PeoplePeace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant Let us pray

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Here the person appointed reads the following

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Celebrant says the following blessing over the palms

	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way.

Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen*.

CelebrantBlessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.PeopleHosanna in the highest.

The Procession

Celebrant	Let us go forth in peace.		
People	In the name of Christ. Amen.		

The Liturgy of the Word

A Prayer for the Transition and Search Ministry

Faithful and loving God, grant wisdom and clarity to the Transition and Search Committee and guide the clergy you are calling to St. Paul's. Strengthen the Wardens and Vestry as they lead our community through this time of change. Grant us patience as we trust in your perfect provision. Continue to inspire our imaginations, and embolden our faith, as we look to the future with joy and possibility. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Processional Hymn All Glory, Laud and Honor (Please see page 4)

Hymnal 154

Tom Andrews





The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: Valet will ich dir geben, melody Melchoir Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

The Celebrant says

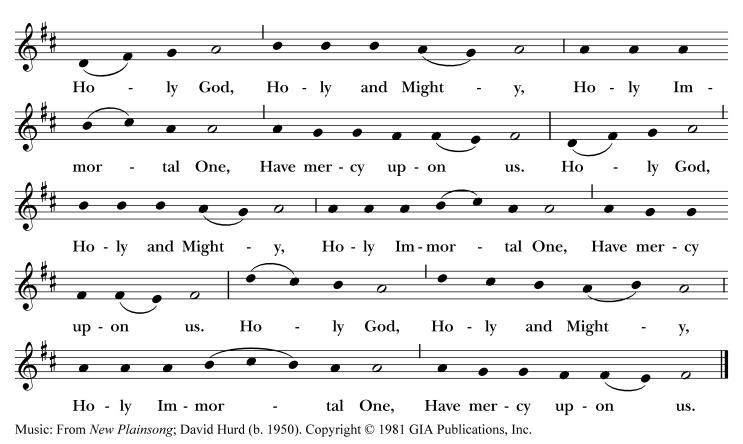
Celebrant +Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant and people say the Collect for Purity

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.

Trisagion



David Hurd

Collect for Palm Sunday

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.		
People	And also with you.		

The Celebrant says the Collect.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **People** Amen.

Old Testament

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Confitemini Domino

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
 his mercy endures for ever.
 Let Israel now proclaim, *
 "His mercy endures for ever." Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
 I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
 he who is righteous may enter." I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
 and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected * has become the chief cornerstone. 23 This is the LORD's doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes. 24 On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it. 25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! * LORD, send us now success. 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; * we bless you from the house of the LORD. 27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; * form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar. 28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; * you are my God, and I will exalt you." 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

The Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE All remain seated until the arrival at "the Place Called the Skull".

Narrator	The whole assembly got up and led Jesus to Pilate and began to accuse him.
Accuser	"We have found this man misleading our people, opposing the payment of taxes to
	Caesar, and claiming that he is the Messiah, a king."
Narrator	Pilate asked him,
Pilate	Are you the king of the Jews?
Narrator	Jesus replied,
Jesus	That's what you say.
Narrator	Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,
Pilate	I find no legal basis for action against this man.
Narrator	But they objected strenuously, saying,
Accuser	He agitates the people with his teaching throughout Judea – starting from Galilee all
	he way here.
Narrator	Hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that Jesus was
	from Herod's district, Pilate sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that
	time. Herod was very glad to see Jesus, for he had heard about Jesus and had wanted
	to see him for quite some time. He was hoping to see Jesus perform some sign. Herod
	questioned Jesus at length, but Jesus didn't respond to him. The chief priests and the
	legal experts were there, fiercely accusing Jesus. Herod and his soldiers treated Jesus
	with contempt. Herod mocked him by dressing Jesus in elegant clothes and sent him
	back to Pilate. Pilate and Herod became friends with each other that day. Before this,
	they had been enemies. Then Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the
	people. He said to them,
Pilate	You brought this man before me as one who was misleading the people. I have
	questioned him in your presence and found nothing in this man's conduct that
	provides a legal basis for the charges you have brought against him. Neither did
	Herod, because Herod returned him to us. He's done nothing that deserves
	death. Therefore, I'll have him whipped, then let him go.
Narrator	But with one voice they shouted,
ALL	Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us.
Narrator	Barabbas had been thrown into prison because of a riot that had occurred in the city,
	and for murder. Pilate addressed them again because he wanted to release Jesus. They
	kept shouting out,
ALL	Crucify him! Crucify him!
Narrator	For the third time, Pilate said to them,
Pilate	Why? What wrong has he done? I've found no legal basis for the death penalty in his
	case. Therefore, I will have him whipped, then let him go.
Narrator	But they were adamant, shouting their demand that Jesus be crucified. Their voices
	won out. Pilate issued his decision to grant their request. He released the one they
	asked for, who had been thrown into prison because of a riot and murder. But he
	handed Jesus over to their will. As they led Jesus away, they grabbed Simon, a man
	from Cyrene, who was coming in from the countryside. They put the cross on his back
	and made him carry it behind Jesus. A huge crowd of people followed Jesus, including
	women, who were mourning and wailing for him. Jesus turned to the women and
	said,

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Celebrant	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Mark Delcuze

Prayers of the People – Form 2

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

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *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. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

Celebrant says

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant	The peace of Christ be always with you.
People	And also with you.

Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem Blessed Man Whom God Doth Aid

Charles Wesley

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand as they are able and sing the Doxology while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

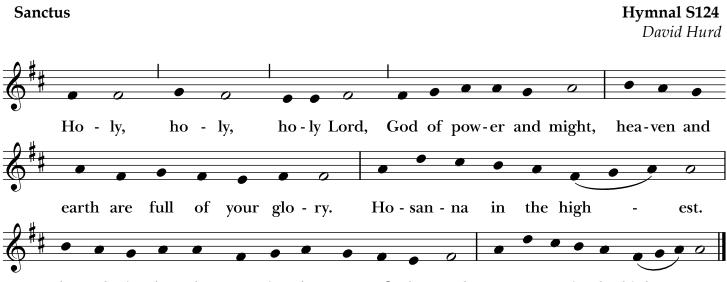
The people remain standing			
The Celebrant, faces them and says			
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.		
People	And also with you.		
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.		
People	We lift them to the Lord.		
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.		
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.		

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.

The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the created order, and for God's self-revelation to the human race in history;

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:



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

The celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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 God and Father of all. He 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 Lord 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 he 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.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

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

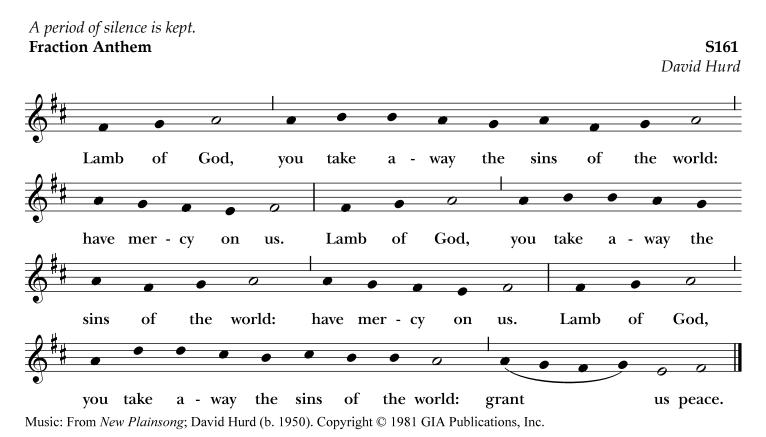
People and Celebrant Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,

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,

for ever and ever. Amen.



Breaking of the Bread



The Celebrant says

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.

Communion Music

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. *Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.

Celebrant says

Let us bow down before the Lord. Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Recessional Hymn



Words: Johann Heermann (1585-1647); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930) Music: Herzliebster Jesu, Johann Cruger (1598-1662), alt.

Dismissal

Celebrant	Let us bless the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Postlude Andante Mossi

Holy Week and Easter Services



Holy Week and Easter

<u>Holy Wednesday – April 16th</u> No Wednesday Service

<u>Maundy Thursday – April 17th</u> 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar With St. Paul's Choir

> <u>Good Friday – April 18th</u> 12:00 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy

<u>Easter Sunday – April 20th</u> 10:00 a.m. - Choral Holy Eucharist II

<u>First Sunday after Easter - April 27th</u> 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

St. Paul's Parish is now streaming and recording our 10:00 Sunday services which are uploaded to the St. Paul's site on YouTube. Our videographers make every effort to avoid facial close-ups of worshipers. Your attendance indicates your understanding of our filming protocol.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS April 13, 2025

Prayer List

Please call the parish office to place a person on the prayer list, they will be on the list for four weeks. *We will bold the names of the people who are coming off the list after this week so you can call if you want them to stay on.*

Please keep the following members and friends of St. Paul's in your prayers:

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Thomas Miller	Caleb Schneck	Lynn Anstatt	Jennifer Hutcherson
Sally Clark	Richards Tillman	Dot Abbott	Audra Ashley
Ben Heilman	Iris Hager	Phil Kavasilios	Klaus Liebig
Susan Mesnard	Kathryn Marchi	Abbey Rapoport	Karen Endley
Charley Johnson	Pete Caesar	Dan Rugg	Whitney Wealing
Gary Isaacson	Wyatt Ewing	Kaylene Kovach	Carolyn Lee Crouse
Elaine Catchings	Trixie Seaton	Brian Feeley	Thelma Emerson
Melissa Quimper	John Stanger	Jeff Little	Marta Caravacca
Bryan Booberg	Liz Glass	Laura Fisher	Cynthia Klingler Isaacson
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Ted Wooten	Phil Meyers	Eleanor Strietman	Thomas DiLullo
The Rev. Peggy Samuels	Lynn Johnson	Jane Stanton	Mark Onstaugh
Ginny Schuman	Ed Ritchey	Will and Jessica Oe	sterling Carla
The Rev. Frank Crumbaug	gh KAB & JTB	Darrell Schuman	Betty Clark
Lillian Kirby	Coleman Sellers	Shane McCarthy	The Rev. Nathaniel Pierce
Carol Weller	Audie Ashley	Miranda Burak	

This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday: ECW Meeting in Donaldson Hall following the service.

Thursday: Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00pm-We will welcome the Rev. Gretchen Zimmerman. **Friday:** Good Friday Service at 12:00pm-We will welcome the Rev. Mark Delcuze.

Mid-week Service:

There is no Wednesday Service.

Haven Ministries:

Haven Ministries has a continual need for volunteers for our Food Pantries as well as our Furniture Warehouse. Please reach out to Susie Reckord at <u>VolunteerCoordinator@Have</u> <u>nMinistries.com</u> or **410-493-3452** to discuss volunteer opportunities.

Attendance:

This week's attendance was; 79 at the 10:00am service, 17 viewed online, there was 11 at the Wednesday service.



Today following the service **ECW Meeting** We will meet in Donaldson Hall

Today there will be an ECW meeting following the 10 am service in Donaldson Hall. All of our church women are automatically members of the ECW. Nothing to officially "join." So come to coffee hour, grab your snack and hear our plans.

Episcopal

Church Women

First up will be our Bake Sale on the lawn of the historic courthouse on Friday, May 9th, 10 am -1pm. We will need baked goods, people to hand out flyers before the event, people to transport sale items from the church, and sellers! Please come ready to sign up! We need everyone's help.

The profits from our fundraisers are donated to different charities. Be thinking of where we want those funds to go.

Any questions, please ask me. Barb Ackermann barbackermann@gmail.com or 443-797-4569.

May All Voices Be Heard

St. Paul's Transition and Search Committee

Our parish is beginning a new journey of faith and hope. In the coming months, we will engage our St. Paul's community in Holy Conversations and prayers, inspired by Christ and by one another, as we seek a new Rector.

This effort must truly "hear all the voices" of St. Paul's. Therefore, before each Sunday Service, a parish member – from the Vestry, the Search Committee, or the congregation-at-large- will offer a short prayer or reflection about our parish transition. These messages will be forward looking and personal, full of joy, and hope Multiple H for our community of faith.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER: Tom Andrews

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The Vestry

2026 Wendy Emerson Judy Webster Bob Ozinga

2027 Peggy Andrews Patricia Jamison Sherri Ward

2028

Debra Donnelly-Barton David Larrabee Tad Stewart

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Ministry	10:00am	10:00am
Lector-Lessons	Elsie Ozinga	Judy Webster
Lector - Prayers	D. Donnelly-Barton	Jack Shaum
LEM	Chris Pupke	Tom Andrews
LEM	D. Donnelly-Barton	Doug Kaufmann
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	David Cooper	Kim Hazuda
	Sally Cooper	Stoney Duffey
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Crucifer	Mark Freestate	Doug Kaufmann
Acolyte		Alex Leary
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Tuesdays	Susan Johnson	Diane Freestate
Altar Guild	Sally Cooper	Laura Kaufmann
	Diane Freestate	Haley Melton
	Ann Grace	Barb Ackermann



The mission of St. Paul's Parish, Centreville, is to be a strong and caring community of faith, rooted in Christ, welcoming, serving, and loving all.

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