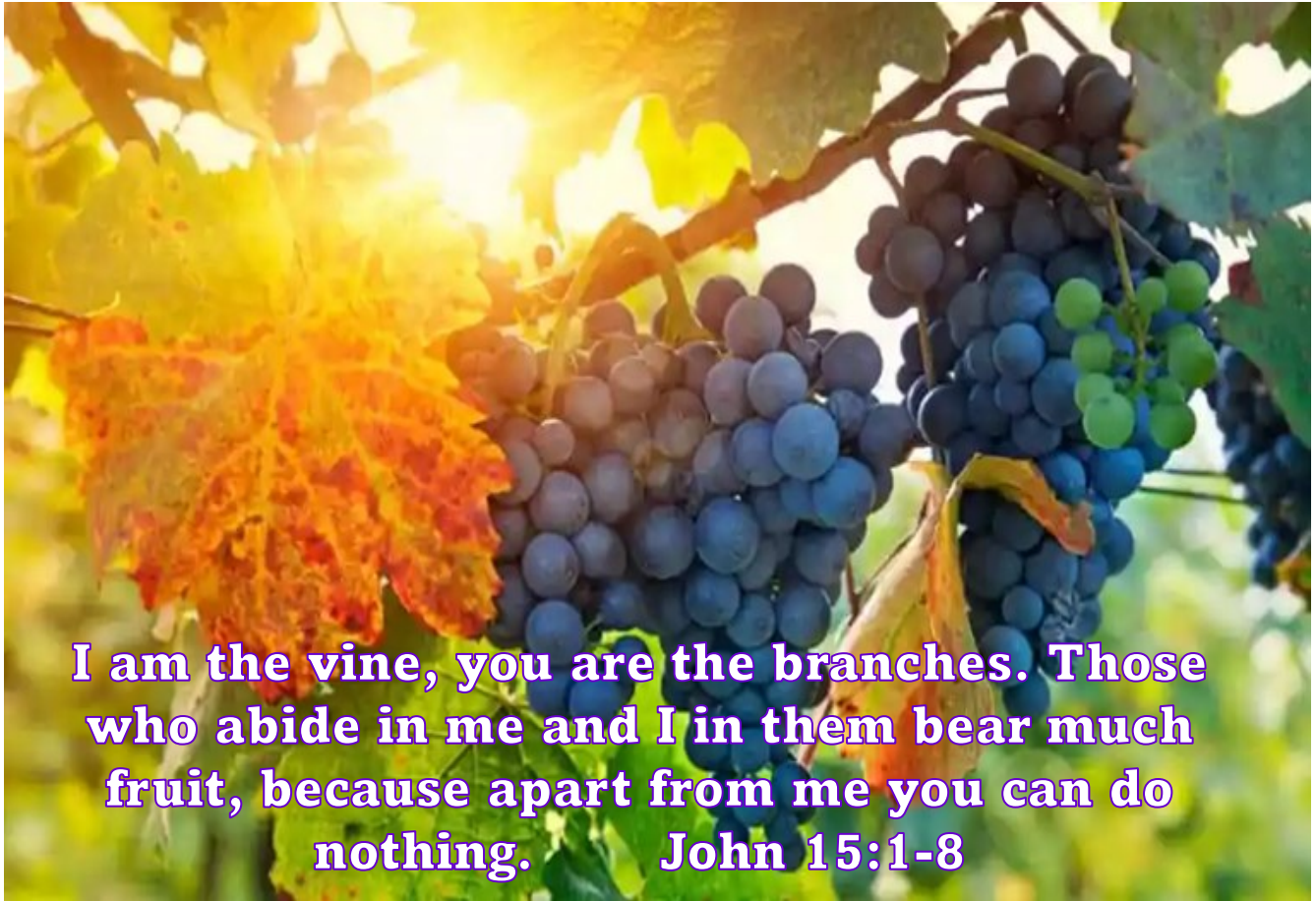


# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



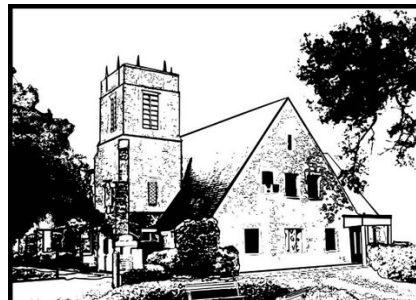
**I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:1-8**

To All who are weary and need rest;  
To All who are lowly and want friendship;  
To All who mourn and need comfort;  
To all who pray and all who do not, but ought;  
To All who sin and need a Savior, and to whomsoever  
will come...

The Church opens the door and says in the  
name of the Master

### Welcome to St. Paul's

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle,  
Bishop of Texas  
2024 VESTRY  
Senior Warden –  
Rebecca Rutledge  
Junior Warden – Ray Hancock  
Clerk - Bill Smith  
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Morning Prayer 8:00am  
Rite II (Family Service) 10:00am  
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## Holy Eucharist Rite Two

The service is in the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), a blue book.

Hymns are in *The Hymnal*, a maroon book. Hymn numbers beginning with "S" are at the front of *The Hymnal*.  
*Or LEV, Lift Every Voice and Sing II Hymnal Or Renew Hymnal*

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Mark Wood

**Homilist:** The Rev. Mark Wood

Prelude *Through the Red Sea Brought at last* Keyboard  
Hymn *The Strife is O'er* *The Hymnal* 208

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity** *The Book of Common Prayer p. 355*

CELEBRANT: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

PEOPLE; **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

CELEBRANT: 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.

**Gloria** (*Sung by all.*) *The Hymnal S 280*  
*When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing.*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you,  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
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.**

**The Collect of the Day** *(See Readings Insert)*

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

ALL: **Amen.**

Hymn *Through the Red Sea Brought at last* *The Hymnal* 187

*Please be seated.*

**The First Lesson:**

READER: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (See Readings Insert)

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm:**

READER: The psalm appointed for today is Psalm 22:24-30 (See Readings Insert)  
We will read responsively by whole verse.

**The Second Lesson:**

READER: A reading from the 1st Letter of St. John (See Readings Insert)

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel reading.*

**Sequence Hymn** (Vv. 1& 2) *Love's Redeeming Work is Done* *The Hymnal* **189**

DEACON: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

PEOPLE: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Gospel:** John 15:1-8 (See Readings Insert)

DEACON: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sequence Hymn** (V. 3) *Love's Redeeming Work is Done* *The Hymnal* **189**

**The Sermon**

Following the Sermon, all stand and say **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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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**

## Prayers of the People

LEADER: As we celebrate with joy the glorious resurrection of our Lord, let us offer our intercessions and thanksgivings to God:

We pray for the holy Church of God and for its mission, that its divisions may cease, and that it may be filled with truth and love, and bear faithful witness to the Gospel of Christ. As you upheld your servant Athanasius to maintain and proclaim boldly the catholic faith against all opposition, 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.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER: We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector, our own bishops; for Mark and Meg, our priests, and for Margaret our deacon; and for all other ministers and for all the holy people of God. Grant that they may be so filled with the power of the resurrection that they may lead us steadfastly in the way that brings us to everlasting life.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER: As you gave your apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to the truth, grant that we also may bear that witness, glorifying in life and death the Name of our risen Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER: We pray for the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples. Bring the nations into your fold. Grant that people everywhere listen to the voice of the shepherd who calls each one by name and follow where he leads.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER: As you so kindled the flame of holy love in the heart of blessed Catherine of Siena that she devoted her life to the poor and the sick and to the peace and unity of the Church, grant that we also may share in the mystery of his Passion and rejoice in the revelation of his glory.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER: As your servant Monnica persevered in offering her love and prayers and tears for the conversion of her husband and of Augustine their son, deepen our devotion and use us in accordance with your will to bring others to the knowledge and love of you.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER: We pray for our families, friends and neighbors who live and work in this community, especially those who have commended themselves to our prayers, that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health. Grant that we remain secure in the knowledge that your power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER: We pray for the relief and protection of the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger. Open the eyes of our faith that we may behold you in all your redeeming work.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER: We pray for all who have died in the communion of your Church, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. Grant that we, who have been raised with Christ, may abide in his presence, and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory.

PEOPLE: **Lord, have mercy.**

LEADER: Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

PEOPLE: **To you, O Lord our God.**

CELEBRANT: [Concluding Collect]

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 360*

*The Deacon or Celebrant says .*

**Leader:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Leader and People**

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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 Book of Common Prayer p. 360*

CELEBRANT: The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

**Announcements**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Offertory*

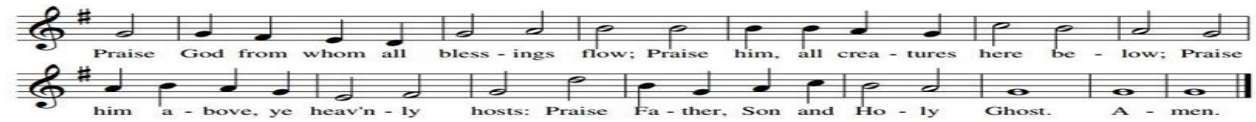
*Now the Green Blade Riseth*

*The Hymnal 204*

*Doxology*

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessing Flow, v. 3*

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**The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer A**

*The Book of Common Prayer p. 361*

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 him thanks and praise.**

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

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: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(The people stand or kneel.)

*Then 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.

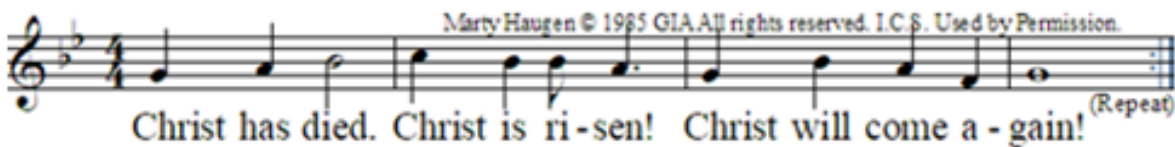
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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.**



**Eucharistic prayer continues**

*The Book of Common Prayer p. 363*

*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

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

**The Lord's Prayer**  
*People and Celebrant*

*The Book of Common Prayer p. 365*

**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.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

CELEBRANT and PEOPLE:

**Fraction Anthem:**

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

CELEBRANT: 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.

*We joyfully invite all baptized Christians to join us at the table of our Lord.  
If you prefer to receive communion in the pews, please let the ushers know.  
If you do not wish to receive communion, but instead wish to receive a blessing,  
come forward and stand or kneel at the altar, crossing your arms over your chest.*

*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.)**

**Communion Music:**

<i>Praise to God, Immortal Praise</i>	<i>The Hymnal 288</i>
<i>O Jesus, Crowned with All Renown</i>	<i>The Hymnal 292</i>
<i>We Know That Christ is Raised</i>	<i>The Hymnal 296</i>

**Post Communion Prayer**

*The Book of Common Prayer p. 366*

All: **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Blessing**  
**The Hymn:**

*Christ is Alive!*

*The Book of Common Prayer p. 366*  
*The Hymnal 182*

**The Dismissal**

DEACON: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

*Christ is Alive!*

Organ

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Sunday, April 28**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Rite II, with Deacon Margaret Light  
 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice  
 9:15 a.m. The Book of Acts Book Study with Father Mark and Deacon Margaret  
 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Rite II, with Father Mark  
 4:00p.m. Lamar Choir: "LoveU Concert" at the Dishman Art Museum

**Wednesday, May 1**

Art Class at 9:30am with Shirley Marshall

**Thursday, May 2**

Game Group at 10:00am with Teri Duos

**Sunday, May 5**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Rite II, with Deacon Margaret Light  
 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice  
 9:15 a.m. The Book of Acts Book Study with Father Mark and Deacon Margaret  
 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Rite II, with Father Mark

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Wednesday May 8**

Supper and Book Study at 6:00pm "In the Footsteps of the Savior" by Max Lucado

**Sunday, May 19**

Pentecost Sunday (Wear red)

**Sunday, May 19**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Birthday Party with cake and punch.

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

We are glad you are here! Please sign the visitor's book located in the back of the sanctuary. Let us know how we can make your experience at St. Paul's more joyful. You can call our office at 409-883-2969 or e-mail us at [stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com).

5th Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024	6th Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024
<b>Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers</b>
10:00 AM 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading and Psalm Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:24-30 Donna Hall	10:00 AM 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading and Psalm Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 Anne Breitenstein
EM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Readings, Prayers, Chalice 1 John 4:7-21 Bill Smith  Gospel: John 15:1-8 Rev. Mark Wood	EM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Readings, Prayers, Chalice 1 John 5:1-6 Becky Rutledge  Gospel: John 15:9-17 Rev. Margaret Light Rev. Mark Wood
Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Bill Smith Ushers: Ray & Ruth Hancock Altar Guild: Becky Rutledge Eric & Annie Reeves	Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Arlene Howland Ushers: Eric & Anne Reeves Altar Guild: Bonnie Blanchard Anne Breitenstein Sherlon Jones Haley Morris Allison Maglothin
<b>Flower Guild: Krispen Walker</b>	<b>Flower Guild: Anne Reeves</b>

**Prayers of the People – Notes**

**Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria (328-273), at the council of Nicea won approval of the phrase "of one being with the Father" in the Nicene Creed that expresses unequivocally the full godhead of the Son. He defended the Nicene Christology against emperors, other bishops and theologians and was exiled five times for his steadfastness.**

**Catherine of Siena, mystic and prophetic witness, despite the opposition of her family, entered the Dominican order to become a nurse, caring for sufferers from cancer, leprosy and plague. During the great schism of the papacy, with rival popes in Rome and Avignon, she wrote to civil and religious authorities, urging them to restore the unity of the Church.**

**Monnica, mother of Saint Augustine of Hippo, grew in Christian maturity and spiritual insight through an ever-deepening life of prayer. Her ambition for her gifted pagan son to be converted to Christ was realized when Augustine was baptized in Milan by Bishop Ambrose in 387.**

**Prayer List Sign Up Sheet**

We will have the Prayer list in the bulletin each week. We will have these people on the prayer list for the whole month. At the beginning of each month we will start over and we will have a sign up sheet for that month. If you are not able to sign the sheet, email me at [stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com). If you need to add anyone during the month just add to the list or email me.

**Happy Birthday**

Hancock, Mrs. Ruth	4/28
Shaw-Wheat, Erin	5/04
Baldwin, Melissa	5/28

**Happy Anniversary**

Hall, Miles & Donna	5/05
Sterling, Pete & Delores	5/18

**Family Prayer List: Jay Todd Cleaver, Pete Sterling, Rosie Hurst, Allen Jones, Bob Walker & Family, Amanda Watt, Jenny Guth, Cheryl, Charlie Pieper, Kenric Marshall, Sabine Lamar, The Ruehlens, Tom Freeland, David Haley, Becca Hagan, David Silk, Robert Cheek, Samantha, Ester Jeans, Barbara Klein, Jasper Richmond, Eloy Serenil, Walter Rotsch, Alyssa & Keene Wilson, Haley Morris, Mimi Hollier, Robert Hollier, Justin Morvant, Randolph Knipp, Peggy Lane, The Cook Family, Janet Foreman, Ken Slaughter, Denice Thomas, JoAnn Gilbeaux, Milton Husbands, Kristi, Kaitlyn Hogg, Bishop Michael Curry, Steven Bruce, Pat Jones, Jimmy Odom, Kirk Odom, Chris Gayle, Doris Byrd, Kayla Cheek**

Friends Prayers : All Military personnel. Pray for the people in Ukraine, People suffering with an illness, Victims of Violence, Victims of natural disasters, City of Refuge, Schools, All Ministries of St. Paul's, Unemployed, Talbert Meadows, Regina, Chris, Sidney, Jacquie Pence, Casey D., Beth Holm, Joanne Price, June & Merrill Stringer & Dena, Kelly and John, Ross, Deanna Davis, Matthew H., Alison Clary, Renee, Jennifer, Jill, Gabriel, Josie Walter, Margaret & Debbie Herrington, Charlotte Parker, Elizabeth, Kelly Clawson, Thomas Ray Manuel, Tim Fading, Brianna, Mary Guillot, Bette, Carol and Bruce Thornburgh, Nick Tullier, Tim Lawler, Melanie Maxie, Kay Gragg, Kay Stone, Yolanda, Mary Ann, Kim Keyser, Anne Hoffpauir, Janelle Ramsey, Erin Lawler, Kathleen, Ronnie and Margaret Sonnier, Kailey Smith & Family, Barbara Richard, Tony Dallas, Steve Roger, Dave Shows, Sharon Debes, Anthony Sparacino, Marcia Sharp, Freddie Nail, Felicia, Dale, Cayden, Whitney and Tyler Legrand, The Woodleys, Leona Fields, Shawn Best, Ruby, Sharon Childress, Faith, Dennis Kirk, Harry Hobden, Louis Davis, DianaDotson, Debbie Garlington, Olalia Stone, Kay Shelton, Cheryl Cannelly Radke, Bella Houston