

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



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WELCOME

The congregation gathers in the Cathedral Rain Garden and receives bulletins, candles, and instructions for the procession that will make its way down 9th Street after the Paschal candle is lit. The congregation will enter the church via the entrance on 9th and High Streets. Those who need a level entry are invited to use the north door from the parking lot.

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Celebrant

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing God's Word and celebrating the Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

A Deacon or acolyte strikes the flint for the new fire

Celebrant

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Paschal Candle is lighted from the newly kindled fire. The Deacon, bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing



The light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

At the second and third pause, the Versicle and Response is sung successively a step higher.

The procession continues indoors to the Nave for the third proclamation of Christ's light. The congregation lights their candles upon entering the church from candles lit from the Paschal Candle. The church is kept as dark as possible until the Resurrection is announced.

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. Then the Deacon stands near the Candle and all remain standing as able while the cantor sings the Exsultet.

The Cantor

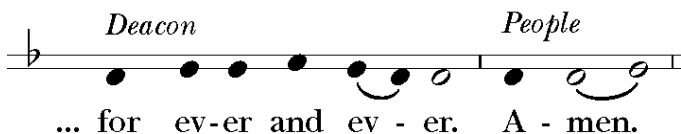
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Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



... for ev-er and ev - er. A - men.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Deacon</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Lord be with you.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>People</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">And al - so with you.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Deacon</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>People</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">It is right to give him thanks and praise.</p>	

The Cantor

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

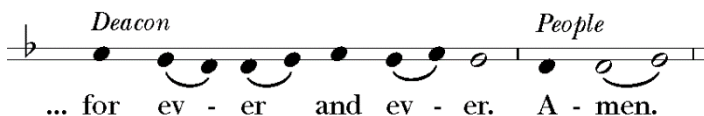
This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning – he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The congregation is seated throughout the readings, musical responses, and collects.

The Celebrant Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

The choir extinguish their candles. Congregation candles may remain lit through the four Old Testament prophecies.

The Story of Creation	[Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 2]	Mr. Scott Perrin
Choral Response	<i>Hymn 385 (St. 1)</i>	DAKOTA INDIAN CHANT

The Rev. Jean Davis
Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Flood	[Genesis 7: 1 – 5, 11 – 18; 8: 16 – 18; 9: 8 – 13]	Ms. Anna Whipple
Choral Response	<i>Canticle 9, The First Song of Isaiah</i>	CANON MARK BABCOCK

The Rev. Michael Monnot

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea [Exodus 14: 10 – 31, 15: 20 – 21]

Mr. John Zickefoose

Choral Response *Canticle 8, The Song of Moses* Babcock

The Rev. John Doherty

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Valley of Dry Bones [Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14]

Ms. Phyllis Melton

Choral Response *Dry Bones* Ben Allaway

The Rev. Tom Early

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gathering of God's People [Zephaniah 3: 12 – 20]

Mr. Michael Leland

Choral Response *Sing Praise* Taizé

The Very Rev. Nicola Dance

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EASTER GREETING

The Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

The frontal is revealed and the candles at the Altar are now placed and lighted from the Paschal Candle. The lights rise, and the people extinguish their candles.

The Gloria

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The Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church the Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

THE EPISTLE

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

[6: 3 - 11]

Hymn 178 (St. 1)

Alleluia

ALLELUIA NO. 1

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment of Jesus Christ?

People I do.

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 concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant 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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

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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.

Now bless this water, we pray you, that it may be a sign to us of our Baptism, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Celebrant leads the people in the Diocesan Prayer

Holy God of abundance and life, we thank you for the gift of the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Iowa in which we live out your call. Stretch our minds and the capacity of our hearts as we learn and grow into the community of disciples that you dream of. Send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we seek your plan for the future of this diocese. Enliven our faith as we learn to take risks in following Jesus. Strengthen us as one church, one diocese, united in Christ's love, and bring us in joy to the day when we step out of the boat and dance on the water, in the name of Jesus who calls us.

Amen.

The Celebrant asperges the people with Holy Water as a reminder of the waters of our own baptism.

THE PEACE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem *I Am the Resurrection and the Life*

Jacob Gallus

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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Sanctus

(in the front section of the Hymnal)

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Fraction Anthem *(in the front section of the Hymnal)* S160

All who seek a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion by moving forward to the altar rail or by remaining in your place and indicating to an usher that you would like to receive. Alternatively, you are welcome to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are not yet baptized and feel drawn to receive Holy Communion, please speak with a priest about baptism after the service.

Communion Music *O Filii et Filiae* Ivo Antongini

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THE BLESSING

May almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 205 (St. 1 – 3) *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!* GELOBT SEI GOTT

DISMISSAL

Organ Voluntary

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PARTICIPANTS IN TONIGHT'S LITURGY

Celebrant	The Rt. Rev. Betsey Monnot
Bishop's Chaplain	The Rev. Jean Davis
Minister of Ceremonies	The Very Rev. Nicola Dance
Homilist	The Rt. Rev. Betsey Monnot
Deacon of the Gospel & Dismissal	The Rev. Greta Muller Levis
Deacon of the Table	The Rev. John Doherty
Crucifer	Ms. Jolene Phelps
Thurifer	Mr. Alex Kane
Boat bearer	Mr. Ned Whipple
Torch-bearers	Mr. Harold Freeman, Ms. Nora Long
Vigil Collect Intercessors	The Rev. Jean Davis The Rev. Michael Monnot The Rev. John Doherty The Rev. Tom Early The Very Rev. Nicola Dance
Story Tellers	
The Creation	Mr. Scott Perrin
The Flood	Ms. Anna Whipple
The Red Sea	Mr. John Zickefoose
The Valley of Dry Bones	Ms. Phyllis Melton
The Gathering of God's People	Mr. Michael Leland
Epistler	Ms. Peggy Aerisolphal
Cathedral Organist/Choirmaster	Canon Mark A. Babcock
Assistant Choirmaster	Dr. Joshua Boggs
Cantor	Mr. Austin Rozendaal
Choir	St. Paul's Cathedral Choir
Eucharistic Ministers	The Rt. Rev. Betsey Monnot, The Very Rev. Nicola Dance, The Rev. Tom Early, Ms. Phyllis Melton, Mr. Nathan Brown, Ms. Sheila Brown
Audio	Mr. Mike Gillespie
Video	Mr. Josiah Sutton
Ushers	Mr. John Skinner, St. Paul's Team Member

Announcements for March 30, 2024

Thank you for joining us tonight. God bless you.

We hope you will join us for Easter Services tomorrow
either in person or online.

Easter Sunday Services at 8:00 & 10:00 am
10:00 am service will be livestreamed

*Please note that the Cathedral Office will be closed
on Easter Monday, April 1, 2024*

Volunteer opportunities for Connection Cafe- April 7 and 8, 2024 are now open. Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet: volunteersignup.org/MABRX To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do. Thank you for volunteering!

St. Paul's Cathedral Arts: Sunday, April 21

3:30 pm organ recital (Ben Hoskins, Guest Organist)
with Choral Evensong led by The Howells Scholars at 4:00 pm

**More information about all our activities can be found on the handouts
and on our website: www.stpaulsdm.org**

About tonight's cover:

Tonight's cover features a detail of the window given in 1885 by John L. Weeks and his wife Deborah. Designed by the Philadelphia firm of Groves & Stiel, the windows in the Nave are original to St. Paul's, and they reflect two artistic influences at the time: the Gothic Revival and the Aesthetic Movement. The floral symbolism is noteworthy: passionflowers for the Christian faith, and lily-of-the-valley for purity and humility.



**Easter Offerings and Flowers are Given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of:**

Peggy Aerisolphal	<i>In honor of my grandchildren</i>
Mark Babcock & Anthony Braida	<i>In memory of Diane R. Babcock</i>
John & Jan Doherty	<i>In memory of Joe & Nia Doherty, Frank & Jean Cate</i>
Barbara Duro	
Susan & Mike Gillespie	<i>In thanksgiving for the birth of our new grandchild, Riley Xaio Gillespie</i>
Leslie, Jane, & Joanne	<i>In memory of Irene Tower</i>
Carol Clay Hall	<i>In memory of Ceola Clay & John Hall</i>
Barbara L. Hein	<i>In memory of Barbara N. & Marshall G. Linn, Marilyn L. & Herbert H. Hein, and Douglas Hein</i>
Alan & Katie Kaufman	<i>In memory of Dr. George & Ginny Mastio, O.J. & Barbara Kaufman</i>
Barbara Mathes	
Terry & Phyllis Blood Melton	<i>In memory of Tom & Suzanne</i>
Marilyn & Duane Sand	<i>In memory of Stephanie Monnin</i>
Mark Thompsen & John Fletcher	
Richard Williams, Jill Williams, & Nancy Deever	<i>In memory of our parents, Marvin & Betty Williams and our sister, Sue Williams Deever</i>
Walter Wilson	<i>In memory of Nancy Jensen & Jean Cilek</i>
John Zickefoose & Elvin McDonald	

St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral Leaders

The Rt. Rev. Betsey Monnot	<i>Bishop of The Diocese of Iowa</i>
The Very Rev. Nicola Dance	<i>Dean of the Cathedral</i>
The Rev. Jean McCarthy	<i>Priest Associate</i>
The Rev. Michael Monnot	<i>Priest Associate</i>
The Rev Jean Davis	<i>Deacon</i>
The Rev. John Doherty	<i>Deacon</i>
Canon Mark Babcock	<i>Organist/Choirmaster</i>
Dr. Joshua Boggs	<i>Assistant Choirmaster</i>



Dedicated on Easter Sunday in 1885, St. Paul's is on
The National Register of Historic Places.

Weekly Services at the Cathedral

Sunday

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite II livestreamed and on Facebook

Wednesday Noon Eucharist

12:05 pm in the Chapel.

To learn more about St. Paul's events and connect with us, please
visit: stpaulsdm.org/next

Have a Joyous Eastertide!



Mission Statement: St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral is a welcoming, worshiping community committed to living Christ's unconditional love through fellowship, service, and kindness.

Vision Statement: Grounded in Worship. Deepening in Faith. Reaching Out in Love.

About St. Paul's

St. Paul's has grown with Des Moines, standing as a Christian witness in the life of our community for over a century and a half. We held our first services in October of 1854. The present church building was completed in 1885 and dedicated on Easter Sunday; it was designed by Des Moines architect William Foster of the local architectural firm of Foster & Liebke in the Gothic Revival style. Our history is exemplified by our commitment to ministry as a downtown church and our intent to remain at the present site as a vital hub in the life of the city and the Diocese of Iowa. In 1992 St. Paul's became the liturgical cathedral for the Diocese of Iowa. In 2010 we were honored by our addition to the National Register of Historic Places. Unique to our location – and indeed to downtown Des Moines – is our labyrinth and rain garden, which replaced an asphalt parking lot on the north side of the church in 2011 with permeable pavement and landscaping with native plants. The labyrinth and rain garden are always open to the public, free of charge.

About our Stained Glass Windows

Inside the nave, our stained-glass windows are original. It is unusual that all were provided by a single company, Groves & Steil of Philadelphia, and the commission has proven to be its most lasting legacy as the largest and last repository of work by one of Philadelphia's most successful 19th-century art glass firms. Fabricated in the then-popular Aesthetic Style, they combine stylized floral and foliage shapes with traditional Christian symbolism and the Victorian language of flowers, giving them multiple levels of meaning, all unified by repeating colors and motifs. The eclectic design of the windows and the memorial quotations suggest that each person or couple who donated a window determined its content themselves, rather than having an overall program decided by clergy or the architect.

About our Organ

The current pipe organ, Op. 3719, was built by Casavant Freres, Ltd. of Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec. The main organ and chancel was installed in 1993. In 1997 the Antiphonal Division and trumpets were added, and in 2008 the 32-foot contre-violon was added. There are 3,916 pipes, and the biggest weighs 500 lbs. It is one of the largest pipe organs in the state.

About our Carillon

The Windsor Bell Tower, named in honor of Mary Belle Windsor, is one of four carillons in Iowa. There are 25 bells in the tower: the largest bell, which is approximately the size of a Volkswagen, weighs 2660 lbs., and the smallest, weighs 70 lbs. The approximate total weight of the completed carillon is 12,538 lbs. The bells of St. Paul's proclaim our Christian faith beyond the walls of the Cathedral to the ears of all in our community, reminding us that we are one family, coming together to show our unity in Christ.