

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

A parish of the Reformed Episcopal Church (ACNA)

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REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Holy Communion – Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

Christian Education – Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Morning Prayer – Fridays at 8:30 a.m.

Evening Prayer – Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

Worship Etiquette: Children are warmly encouraged to worship with us. Please remember to turn your cellphone and/or wristwatch to silent.

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for you are in the House of the Lord. Speak to God before the service; let God speak to you during the service; and speak to each other after the service.

Invitation to Holy Communion: Our fellow baptized Christians of other branches of Christ's Church, and who love our Divine Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in sincerity, are affectionately invited to the Lord's Table.



St. Paul's Anglican Church

The FIFTH SUNDAY after EASTER
commonly called ROGATION SUNDAY

Eastertide



The Blessing of the Wields in Artois by Jules Breton (1857)

The Order for Holy Communion May 10, 2026

Celebrant: The Rev. Damien C. Grout

A house of prayer. Faithful to the word of Christ.

A place of hope for Rockbridge County.



A parish of the Reformed Episcopal Church, Diocese of the Central States
The Province of the Anglican Church of North America (ACNA)



Order for Holy Communion

<u>Hymnal</u>	<u>Prayer Book</u>
the Psalter: Psalm 65	416
545-1 Processional Hymn: <i>Hail to the Lords Anointed</i>	
Order for Holy Communion	67
Collect for Purity	67
709 <i>Kyrie Eleison</i>	70
Collect for the Day	175
Old Testament: Ezekiel 34:25-31	
Epistle: St. James 1:22-27	176
101 Gradual: <i>O Jesus Crowned with all Renown (vv. 1-2; 3-4)</i>	
Holy Gospel: St. John 16:23-33	176
Nicene Creed	71
Welcome & Announcements	
138 Sermon Hymn: <i>We Plow the Fields and Scatter</i>	
Sermon	the Rev. Danien C. Groot
Oratory	
139 Doxology: <i>O HUNDRETH</i>	
Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church	74
Invitation & General Confession	75
Absolution & Comfortable Words	76
797 <i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	
Prayers of Consecration, Oblation & Invocation	80-81
Lord's Prayer & Prayer of Humble Access	82
706 <i>Agnus Dei</i>	
Communion of the People	82-83
195 Communion Hymn: <i>Father, We Thank thee Who Hast Planted</i> (sung softly, kneeling/seated*)	
Prayer of Thanksgiving	83
<i>Gloria</i>	84
Blessing	84
311 Recessional: <i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i>	

WELCOME!

If you are visiting St. Paul's today, please fill out a Visitor Card and place it in the alms basin and sign the guest book in the vestibule to let us know you were here. Join us after the service for coffee hour in the undercroft below the sanctuary.

PRAYER LIST

Parish: Melissa, Brady, Reggie, Diane, Madge, Ryan, Jonathan G., Tom M., Robert, Stone & Sarah, Shay, Becka, Sybil, Brooke, Camille, Chris, Gary, Amy, Steve, Art, Patrick

Deceased:

Clergy: the Rt. Reverend Dan Morse, Bishop Emeritus; For Emmanuel Church in Morecambe, Lancaster (FCE) and for the Foundation of Seabury College for the formation of UK clergy

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sharon Hansen, May 11

Jolie Groot, May 13

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Sunday, May 17 at 11:00 am we will celebrate Holy Communion on the Sunday after the Ascension. We will continue our Christian Ed. through St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians at 10:00 am next Sunday in the undercroft.

Join us as we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ with Holy Communion on Thursday, May 14 at 5:00 pm.

Edaily Office: We will not meet this Wed., May 13 for Evening Prayer at 5:00 pm or on Fri., May 15 for Morning Prayer at 8:30 am.

Now Wednesday Book Study this week, Wed. May 13.

A Very Happy Mother's Day today!

Congratulations to our Graduates and Students on the close of the school year!

A Prayer for Mother's Day

ALMIGHTY GOD, who has given us thy only begotten Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him by the motherhood of the most pure Virgin Mary and to bruise the Head of the Serpent by the Seed of the Woman, we give thanks for the gift of all mothers and women on this Mother's Day, who in countless ways have given life, nurtured, guided, and loved us.

We remember those who have gone on before us, and we hold dear those who are with us here in this earthly life. We acknowledge that some may have caused us significant pain, and we ask for grace and discernment as we seek to forgive and honor them.

We pray for strength and peace for all mothers and women, particularly those facing challenges or grief. Grant them your comfort and your guidance, that they may find joy in their several callings and in the love of their children, both physical and spiritual. May your blessings be upon them throughout the whole course of their lives and may they find strength and encouragement in your sure promises and never failing love.

May you fill the women of our congregation with the willingness, wisdom, and love to act as spiritual mothers in our family at St. Paul's as each has been uniquely gifted by the Holy Spirit. We pray you would make your Church fruitful, both in number and in good works, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR OUR GRADUATES AND STUDENTS

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Grant them a deepening hunger for your Holy Word, and the ears to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd as they are led in the way they should go. Transform each heart by your Holy Spirit that they may seek first the Kingdom of God and shine as lights in a dark world. Guide them and keep them in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*



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Rogation Days are a time of both celebration and prayer, a time set aside to appreciate and recognize our dependence upon the land for our food, but most importantly upon our dependence upon God for his merciful provision of granting to his creatures sunshine, rain, and fertile soil for sprouting seeds, growing plants, and a maturing harvest.

The word "rogation" comes from the Latin *rogare*, which means "to ask," and the Rogation Days are four days set apart to bless the fields, and ask for God's mercy on all of creation. Traditionally the Church has celebrated Rogation Sunday on the 6th Sunday after Easter or the Sunday prior to Christ's Ascension and the following Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On these days, the congregation used to march the boundaries of the parish, blessing every tree and stone, while chanting or reciting a Litany of Mercy, usually a Litany of the Saints. A few still do.

The Rogation Days were first instituted in the 5th Century by Mamertus, bishop of Vienne in France from 461 to 475. During his episcopate, France was in an almost continuous state of near-disaster. The Goths invaded Gaul. There was an enormous amount of disease; there were fires; there were earthquakes; there were attacks of wild animals. As a result, Mamertus spent a great deal of time in prayer, beseeching God to help the stricken community.

One night, when the village was overwhelmed with a fire, he conceived the idea of instituting an annual procession and litany in which the entire community would pray for God's blessing and protection. He is reported to have said: "We shall pray to God that He will turn away the plagues from us, and preserve us from all ill, from hail and drought, fire and pestilence, and from the fury of our enemies; to give us favorable seasons, that our land may be fertile, good weather and good health, and that we may have peace and tranquility, and obtain pardon for our sins."



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