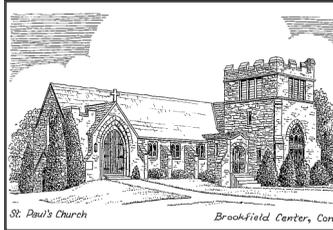


# Saint Paul's Church

(Episcopal/Anglican)

Brookfield, Connecticut

*Fourth Sunday of  
Easter  
Healing Sunday  
April 22, 2018*



"Celebrating 233 years in the Spirit"

*Preacher  
The Rt. Rev. Gerard Mpango  
Celebrant  
The Reverend Joseph Shepley  
Rector*

**8:00 A.M. Worship Service**

*When you enter church, talk to God. When you worship, let God talk to you. After church, talk to each other.  
Please be mindful of others' need for silence before the service.*

**[www.saintpaulsbrookfield.com](http://www.saintpaulsbrookfield.com)**

**203-775-9587 (Office)**

We extend a warm welcome to everyone who has joined us for worship this morning. We pray you experience the presence and love of Christ as we worship together! We invite you to join us after the service for coffee and fellowship in Crocker Hall, followed by The Rector's Forum in the Guild Room at 9:30 A.M. Please join us!

**Prelude**

**"St. Columba"**

**M. Archer**

**Opening Hymn**

**"The King of Love, My Shepherd Is"**

**Hymnal, 645**

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 in Excelsis

Hymnal, S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## **Collect of the Day (Celebrant and People)**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

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. *Amen.*

### **First Reading:**

Reader: A reading from Acts. (4:5-12)

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

### **Psalm 23**

- 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.

### **Second Reading:**

Reader: A reading from First John. (3:16-24)

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in

truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

### **“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need  
thy tender care;

In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy  
folds prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought  
us, thine we are.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought  
us, thine we are.

We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the  
guardian of our way;

Keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us  
when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us  
when we pray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us  
when we pray.

### **Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### **“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;

Blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

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Words attributed to Dorothy A. Thrupp; Tune: BRADBURY by William B. Bradbury

## **Nicene Creed (Please Stand As Able)**

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.

## **Litany of Healing**

*The Celebrant introduces the Litany with this bidding*

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

*The People audibly name those for whom they are interceding.*

*A Person appointed then leads the Litany*

God the Father, your will for your people is healing and salvation;

*We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

*We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

*We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

*We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

*Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

*Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

*Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

*Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

*Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

*Hear us, O Lord of life.*

You are the Lord who does wonders:

*You have declared your power among the peoples.*

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

*And in your light we see light.*

Hear us, O Lord of life:

*Heal us, and make us whole.*

Let us pray.

*A period of silence follows.*

We remember the faithful departed this day in whose memory the altar flowers are given:  
George Schofield.

*Celebrant concludes the Prayers:*

Almighty God, giver of life and health: Send your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen*

### **Peace (Please Stand As Able)**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

### **Offertory**

## **I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD Sung by Beth Trott and Sandy Chadwick**

**Jay Trott**

The flock was scattered everywhere,  
There was no one to tend them there.  
Then God sent his own Son to man,  
According to his plan.

Chorus:

I am the Good Shepherd,  
I feed all my sheep.  
I call them by my word,  
And their hearts I keep.

He healed the sick and brought good news,  
Their chains he taught them how to lose,  
He told them blessed are the meek  
Who God's own shelter seek.

When trouble came on that dark day,  
He did not flinch or run away,  
For their sake he was whipped and tried,  
And for their sake he died.

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

### **Presentation**

#### **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## Great Thanksgiving (Please Stand As Able)

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.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

### Sanctus

Hymnal, S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues (You may stand, sit or kneel)*

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.

*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*

*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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

## Agnus Dei

John Merbecke, 1549



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive in one kind is considered full communion. If you choose to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please let the priest know as you kneel at the altar rail. For those who wish to intinct the Bread, by dipping it in the Wine rather than drinking directly from the Chalice, you may signify this choice by holding the consecrated Bread between your fingers. Please intinct the Bread in the small Chalice which will come before the larger Chalice. After you leave the altar rail, please know that we have prayer teams in the hallway available to pray with you.*

### **“Jesus, Name Above All Names”**

Jesus, name above all names,  
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
blessed Redeemer, living Word.

Jesus, loving shepherd  
vine of the branches, Son of God  
Prince of Peace, wonderful counselor  
Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

He is the Prince of Peace, wonderful counselor  
Mighty God, everlasting Father,  
and the government shall be on his shoulders,  
and His increase will have no end.

Jesus, Way of salvation,  
King of kings, Lord of Lords,  
the way, the truth, and the Life,  
Mighty creator, my Savior and friend.

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### **“You Are Here”**

You are here among us  
For we have gathered in Your name  
We can feel Your presence in this place.  
You are here among us,  
You are enthroned upon our praise  
You are here, here to heal  
And here to save.

You are here in our midst  
How we’ve waited for moments like this  
Have Your way in this place  
Holy Spirit come do as You wish  
We are changed as you move in our midst.

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### **“I Stand in Awe”**

You are beautiful beyond description,  
Too marvelous for words,  
Too wonderful for comprehension,  
Like nothing ever seen or heard.  
Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom?  
Who can fathom the depth of Your love?  
You are beautiful beyond description,  
Majesty enthroned above.

And I stand, I stand in awe of You.  
I stand, I stand in awe of You.  
Holy God, to whom all praise is due,  
I stand in awe of You.

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### **Postcommunion Prayer**

Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may

bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**  
**Dismissal**

**“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”**

**Hymnal, 518**

Lay Reader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

**Postlude**

**“Praise God, You Christians, All Together”**

**J. G. Walther**



**Join Us to Celebrate First Communion - Sunday, May 6th!**

All are invited to celebrate with the four students who will receive First Communion during the 10:30 am service on Sunday, May 6th. Please come support their hard work and commitment as they take this new step in their faith. You are invited to join the students and their families downstairs in Crocker Hall following the service for a reception in their honor. We hope to see you there!

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## **Mother's Day Memorials**

Mother's Day is May 13. Anyone wishing to have flowers on the altar in loving memory of a mother, please make your check payable to Saint Paul's Church, with the name or names of those to be remembered written on the memo line. All memorials are due by Sunday, May 6, in order to be included in the Mother's Day bulletin. Please contact Gail Winkley, at 203-775-3343 or [gailwinkley@yahoo.com](mailto:gailwinkley@yahoo.com) if you have any questions. All the ladies worshipping with us on Mother' Day will receive a flower.

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### **Pray It Up!**

Notice the Red and White prayer request cards in the pew? Each Sunday, fill out your request, put it in the red bowl on the table on the way to communion. Then take a card from the bowl either right then or after service. Pray for that request for one week. How comforting to know that your request is being prayed for and that you are praying for someone else's! You might just be praying for the person sitting next to you! Or, if you'd prefer - please send your request to St. Paul's at [prayingnow2@gmail.com](mailto:prayingnow2@gmail.com)!

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### **Synthesis CE Study Guide**

You may pick up a copy of the week's Synthesis CE Study Guide, as well as the following week's, for your personal use. They are located at the back of the church. Thank You!

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**Upon entering the church, please turn off your cell phone or switch it to a worship respectful setting. Please be sure to dispose of all food and drinks before entering the church. Thank You!**

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### **Prayer Servant Teams**

Prayer for any need or request is available at each service. After you have received communion, please see one of our trained Prayer Servant Teams (with the Blue Name Badges) who are available at the open side door at the entrance to the Vesting Room. Prayer is available in the Vesting Room, Hallway or Back Room as space is available. Our Prayer Servants are ready to confidentially take your request and pray for you and with you. Should you wish to schedule a private prayer time, please let Fr. Joe or Mary Perry, Prayer Ministry Leader ([maryperry2@me.com](mailto:maryperry2@me.com)) know and we will work with you to schedule a convenient time. Your Prayer Servants today for Healing Sunday are all who are available.

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### **Food Pantry**

As part of our outreach, St. Paul's donates gift cards and non-perishable items to six area food pantries. Donations for the food pantry can be left in the basket at the back of the church or the collection bins in Crocker Hall. Loaves & Fishes Hospitality in New Milford, is the recipient of our food basket collections for the month of April.

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### **Sunday Available for Memorial Flowers**

April 29 is available for anyone wishing to have flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one or friend. Please contact Gail Winkley, at 203-775-3343 or [gailwinkley@yahoo.com](mailto:gailwinkley@yahoo.com) to make the necessary arrangements.

## Calendar for the Week

(We welcome and encourage parishioners to come to any of these ministries.)

Sun., Apr. 22	-	8:00 AM	-	<b>Traditional Eucharist</b>
		9:30 AM	-	Rector's Forum
		9:30 AM	-	Communion Class
		10:30 AM	-	Sunday School
		10:30 AM	-	<b>Contemporary Eucharist</b>
Mon., Apr. 23	-	7:00 PM	-	Men's Bible Study
Tue., Apr. 24	-	9:15 AM	-	Ladies Bible Study
		5:45 PM	-	Boot Camp
Wed., Apr. 25	-	10:00 AM	-	<b>Holy Eucharist and Healing</b>
Thu., Apr. 26	-	7:30 PM	-	Music Night
Sat., Apr. 28	-	7:30 AM	-	Men's Prayer Breakfast
		10:00 AM	-	PraiseMoves
		11:00 AM	-	St. Paul's Quilters

**Next Sunday — Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Holy Eucharist at 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.**

The Reverend Joseph Shepley, Rector

### Readings

Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8; Psalm 22:24-30

### **Saint Paul's Staff**

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