

# SAINT PAUL AME CHURCH — ONLINE WORSHIP

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## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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Sunday, May 10, 2020 – 9:30am

• *The Fifth Sunday of Easter — Mother's Day* •

### The Welcome and Announcements

#### The Mother's Day Call to Worship

*Adapted from Christine Sine's "Godspace"*

<https://godspacelight.com/2019/05/09/a-litany-for-mothers-day/>

**Leader:** Loving and nurturing God, we thank you for mothers and "moms" and all those who nurture us in mothering ways, for all they mean or have meant to us.

**People:** **We thank you for the love they have shown and the care they have given. For the many times they gave us hugs and held us close.**

**Leader:** Loving and nurturing God we thank you for the qualities of mothers: for their patience, their kindness, concern and understanding, in so many ways reflecting who you are.

**People:** **We thank you for the part they play in our lives, and for this special day of saying 'thank you' to them.**

**Leader:** Loving God, we pray for those for whom Mother's Day brings heartache rather than celebration. We pray for those who have never known their mother or whose mothers have passed on. And we grieve with those who are orphaned or have a difficult relationship with their mother.

**People:** **We thank you that when we long for a mother's love you do not abandon us.**

**Leader:** We wait with those who long to be mothers but as yet have not had their own children. We grieve with those who ache because they will never be mothers. We pray for those who struggle with the way their children have chosen to live their lives.

**People:** **We thank you for their mothering hearts which long to be expressed.**

**Leader:** Loving and nurturing God we thank you for the wonder of your mothering: protecting, providing and being present with us day by day. May all of us have the comfort of knowing that your mothering love is constant, your understanding is perfect, and your compassion is never-ending.

**People:** **We thank you that you gave birth to all of us with delight and joy, Lord in your mercy mother us all with your love. AMEN!**

### The Worship Hymn

**AME Hymnal #97**

***"We praise Thee, O God (Revive Us Again)"***

*1. We praise Thee, O God! For the Son of Thy love,  
For Jesus who died, and Is now gone above.*

*-Refrain-*

*Hallelujah! Thine the glory, Hallelujah! Amen;  
Hallelujah! Thine the glory, Revive us again.*

*2. We praise Thee, O God! For the Spirit of light,  
Who has shown us the Savior, And scattered our night.*

*[Refrain]*

3. All glory and praise To the Lamb that was slain,  
Who hath borne all our sins, and has cleansed every stain.

[Refrain]

4. Revive us again; Fill each heart with Thy love,  
May our souls be rekindled With fire from above.

[Refrain]

## The Mother's Day Prayer

Adapted from liturgy created by Donna M. Cox  
[http://www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org/PDF/MothersDay\\_WR\\_May0811.pdf](http://www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org/PDF/MothersDay_WR_May0811.pdf)

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Lord, we thank you for the gift of motherhood. We thank you for the many examples of faithful mothers in Scripture, like Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Lois. Hear now the names of other women who have inspired us by their motherly examples ... **[pray the names of your mothers, moms, and mother-figures in your life and journey]** ... Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we give you thanks for all of our mothers. We are grateful that you chose to give us life through them, and that they received the gift of life from your hands, and gave it to us. Thank you for the sacrifices they made in carrying us and giving birth. We thank you for the women who raised us, who were our mothers in childhood. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother, or someone else, we thank you for those women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms. We are mindful this day of all these women, and especially Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had the courage in faith to say "Yes!" to your calling. May these women we celebrate today emulate these examples of faith. And may they model for all the rest of us what it means to be your disciple. Bless them on this special day; in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray... **AMEN!**

## The Scripture Reading

John 14:1-14 (New International Version)

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter — Acts 7:55-60 • Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 • 1 Peter 2:2-10 • John 14:1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup>You know the way to the place where I am going."

<sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

<sup>6</sup>Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup>Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

<sup>9</sup>Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. <sup>11</sup>Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."

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## The Mother's Day Litany

By the Rev. Robb McCoy (UMC Pastor)  
<https://fatpastor.me/2015/05/06/mothers-day-litany/>

- One:* All who gather here are sons or daughters.  
**All:** **We praise God for the women who gave us life.**
- One:* For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,  
**All:** **We give God thanks and praise.**
- One:* For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,  
**All:** **We pray for peace.**
- One:* For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,  
**All:** **We pray for healing.**
- One:* For mothers who have died, that live no longer with us, but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,  
**All:** **We pray for those that mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.**
- One:* For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,  
**All:** **We weep with those with broken hearts.**
- One:* For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary,  
**All:** **We pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.**
- One:* For those who are preparing emptier nests,  
**All:** **We both celebrate and mourn with you, and hope their wings are as strong as their roots are deep.**
- One:* For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,  
**All:** **We pray for wisdom and patience.**
- One:* For Grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,  
**All:** **We pray the caregivers have those who care for them.**
- One:* For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for adoptive process to be fulfilled.  
**All:** **We wait eagerly with you, and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.**
- One:* For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others,  
**All:** **We give God thanks and praise.**
- One:* For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world. For the women who, created in the image of God, give not just life, but abundant life. For women fighting, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others. For women caring, compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ. For the caregivers, prophets, preachers, teachers, leaders, shepherds, healers. For Moms, in their wide variety and many forms,  
**All:** **We give God thanks and praise.**

## The Gloria Patri

**AMEC Hymnal #628**

*"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; World without end! Amen, Amen."*

## The Sermon

## The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

## The Altar Call

Pastor: "Lord in Your Mercy..." ✠ People: "...Hear Our Prayer"

## The Offering

**1 Chronicles 29:14; AMEC Hymnal #644**

*"All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own, have we given thee. Amen."*

## The Final Remarks

### The Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostle's Creed*

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. The third day He arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## The Closing Hymn

**AME Hymnal #522**

### **"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"**

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

## The Benediction



# THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 10, 2020

## TEACHING MOMENTS

### Next Week's Scripture Lessons and ONLINE Connection Details:

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter:

Acts 17:22-31 • Psalm 66:8-20 • 1 Peter 3:13-22 • John 14:15-21.

- Facebook Live-Stream – [www.facebook.com/stpaulameversailles](http://www.facebook.com/stpaulameversailles)
- Conference Call (to Listen-In) – (425) 436-6260, Access Code: 2913187#
  - *You are automatically muted, but please mute your phones so you don't disturb others*
- ZOOM (Video Conference or Conference Call) – <https://zoom.us/j/170841778>
  - *Or, call (929) 205-6099 or (312) 626-6799*
  - *Zoom Meeting ID for 9:30am SPV Worship Only: 170 841 778*
  - *You are automatically muted, but please mute your devices so you don't disturb others*

#### Church School ONLINE – 8:00 am Every Sunday

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  - *Zoom Meeting ID for SPV Sunday School Only: 535 400 285*
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#### Prayer Meeting & Bible Study ONLINE –Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.

- Facebook Live-Stream – [www.facebook.com/stpaulameversailles](http://www.facebook.com/stpaulameversailles)
- Conference Call (to Listen-In) – (425) 436-6260, Access Code: 2913187#
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- ZOOM (Video Conference or Conference Call) – <https://zoom.us/j/809097857>
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## MONTHLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

- Current In-Person, Face-to-Face, Meetings are Postponed until Further notice.

## CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

- Special Thanks to all the Angels of Saint Paul who have done, and are doing, and going to do, Angelic things! BLESS YOU!!!
- Choir Rehearsal – Postponed until further notice.
- YPD – Postponed until further notice.

## REMINDERS

- Please be reminded that the taxation for Church Anniversary of **\$171.00** is payable throughout the year and should be earmarked on your offering envelope as **CA171**.
- Conference Claims per member per month is **\$15.00/\$180.00** per year. Please pay monthly to help meet our Conference assessments.
- The Seed Sowers Project is an ongoing project for the building fund of the church. Sow a seed and watch it grow. Mark on your envelope as "Seed". For more information contact Sis. Geraldine Brown.
- Mass and Men's Choir: Please be reminded of your monthly choir dues of \$10.00 per member per month. Also be reminded that Mass Choir rehearsal is every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. unless notified otherwise.

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.

### Calling Post

If you're not part of our Calling Post, then please text or email the Pastor using his contact information on the front of the bulletin. Give him your name, phone number and email address, and we'll make sure you are kept in the loop! *The Calling Post comes on your caller-id as "Oklahoma City", phone number (405) 308-4474, so please add that to your contacts as "The Calling Post". Thank you!!!*

Sunday School, Sunday Worship and Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study Call in: 425-436-6260; Access Code: 2913187#. Please mute your phone so others can't hear you or what's going on around you. Thank you!! For Sunday School, call in about 7:55 a.m., start promptly at 8:00 a.m.; For Sunday Worship, call in about 9:25 a.m., start promptly at 9:30 a.m.; For Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study, call in about 6:55 p.m., start promptly at 7:00 p.m.

- Visit our Saint Paul website to "worship in giving" digitally (visit [spvame.com](http://spvame.com) and you will see the link for "Offerings"), get a copy of our Sunday Bulletin, or see our church calendar.

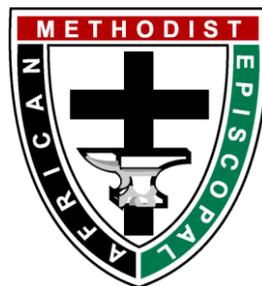
## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Logan Hale	May 1
Jessie Scarce	May 15
Richard Kirtley III	May 20
Alexis Higgins	May 25

## OUR SICK & SHUT-IN

The Family of the Rev. James E. Smith	The Family of Allie Johnson
Armenta Chase	Richard Kirtley, Jr.
Christine Collins	Norman Morton
Lorie Dale	Betty Moseley
Phyllis Dockies	Odes Nash
Lewis Givens	Thomas Parrish, Jr.
Damon Greene	Cora & Nikaleigh Pennie
Jacqueline Greenlee	Mona Amburgey Romaine
Rev. Frederick E. Hale	Renee Scott Smith
Pearl C. Higgins	Russell Thornton
Kenneth Howard	Frances Walker
Mildred Jones	Anna Williams

*Please remember the sick and shut-ins in your prayers. Call, send a card, and let them know you care. Also keep in prayer the families of the bereaved throughout our community and area.*



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GOD OUR FATHER ~ CHRIST OUR REDEEMER ~ THE HOLY SPIRIT OUR COMFORTER ~ HUMANKIND OUR FAMILY

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