

The Word of God

PRELUDE | *Galliarde; Courante; Aria; Passepied*
Easter Messiah Medley
Toccata on "O filii et filiae" (see hymnal #206)

Michael Prætorius
George Frideric Handel, arr. Ramm
Lynnwood Farnam

ENTRANCE HYMN | *The strife is o'er (Victory)*
The people stand.

Hymnal 208

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

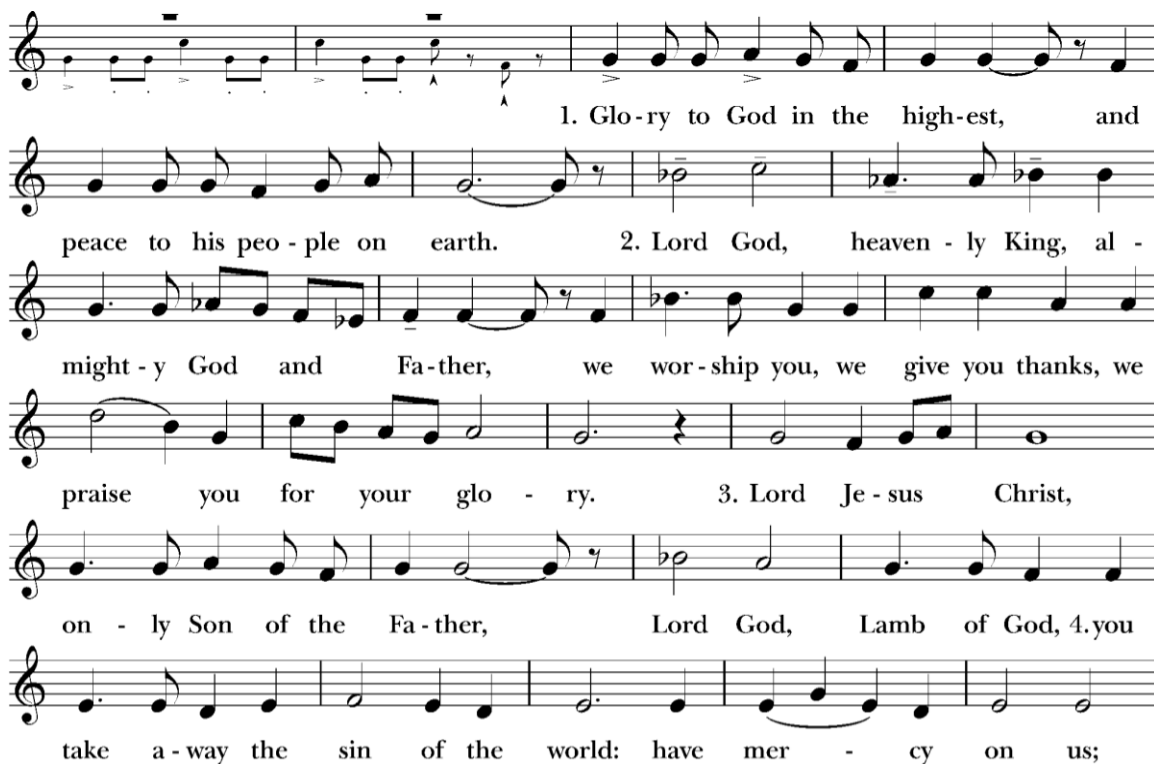
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The Celebrant says the following prayer

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 | *(William Mathias)* *The children are invited forth to flower the cross during the Gloria.*

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1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:1-6

The people sit.

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

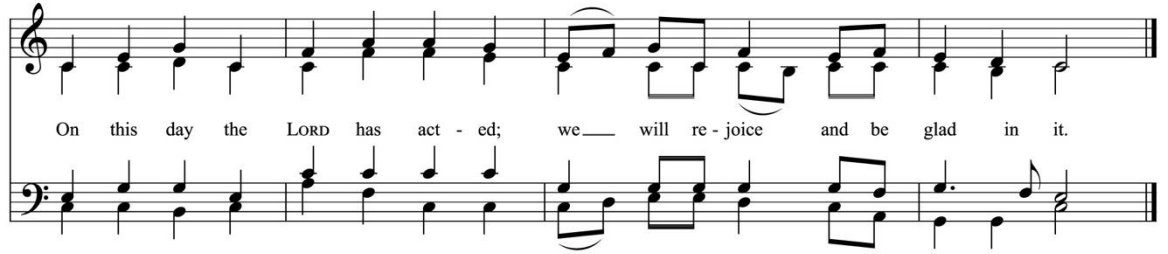
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 118 | Carl P. Daw & Kevin Hackett

1x organ, 2x choir, 3x all; thereafter, all. The congregation is invited to join in the antiphon.

ANTIPHON



¹Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

²Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures for ever." **Antiphon**

¹⁴The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

¹⁵There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:

¹⁶"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!" **Antiphon**

¹⁷I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

¹⁸The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death. **Antiphon**

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

²⁰"This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter."

²¹I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation. **Antiphon**

²²The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. **Antiphon**

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN | *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun (Duke Street)*

Hymnal 544

The people stand. Verses 1 - 3 before the Gospel; verses 4 - 5 after the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his

feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The people sit.

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The people stand.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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The people kneel or stand.

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy;
People Hear our prayer.

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy;
People Hear our prayer.

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy;
People Hear our prayer.

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy;
People Hear our prayer.

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy;
People Hear our prayer.

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy;
People Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS (*William Mathias*)

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Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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 People stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, 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

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Paul, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

NOTE ON RECEIVING COMMUNION: *All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament regardless of age or denomination. Those who have not been baptized are welcome to receive a blessing—indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Intercessory prayer teams are available to pray with you at the back of the nave.*

COMMUNION HYMN / *The day of resurrection (Ellacombe)*

Hymnal 210

COMMUNION ANTHEM | *Cornerstone*

Shawn Kirchner

Refrain The stone that the builders rejected became the cornerstone of a whole new world.

A grain of wheat may be knocked to the ground
And suffer through the winter's cold
 Only to rise right up again
And bear its seed a thousandfold.

 Never can our journey fail;
 A little child shall lead the way
Whose eyes are filled with a shining light,

To whom the night is bright as day.

 The love that rolls the stone away
 Gives us life that we may sing
 “Grave, where is thy victory?
 Death, o death, where is thy sting?”

[Psalm 118:22, Isaiah 11:6, John 12:24, I Corinthians 15:55]

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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The people kneel or stand.

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 Priest gives 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.*

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the People with these words
Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE | *Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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8:45 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. Kristine Blaess, Rector
The Rev. Michael Whitnah, Associate Rector
The Rev. Funmi Odidi, Volunteer Priest Associate
The Rev. Deacon Josh Wilson, Pastoral Resident
Dr. Sean Vogt, Director of Music
Lector: Paul Fischer
Intercessor: Alice Gibson
Chalice Bearers: Jennifer Groth, Steve Luboniecki
Prayer Team: Paul Fischer, Peter Heren
Acolytes: George Carlson, Lukas Duchacek,
Veronika Duchacek, Emery Nix
Ushers: Jay Anderson, David Lowrey
Altar Guild: Gina Garner, Jim Calder, Beverly Calder,
Holly Cunningham, Krystal Marsh,
Macie Peek, Mary Hooper
Flowers by the Flower Guild
Technical Team: Rex Fayter, Jeanne Potter

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“Special thanks to our brass quintet and to David Loucky who took time to organize and rehearse with them before meeting with the Choir for Easter rehearsals.”

Trumpet 1	Sarah Browning
Trumpet 2	Wyatt Murphy
Horn	Brent Isaac Webb
Trombone	Jocelyn Bullock
Brass Trombone	Mitchell Elmore

EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS

Lilies are given to the Glory of God

In memory of James Marshall Hamby by Melissa and Morris Hamby

In thanksgiving for Christ's love for us by Stan and Laney Golden

In honor of our daughters, Caroline and Maragaret, by Greg and Anna Stewart

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God

In thanksgiving for God's many blessings, by Tom & Barbara Collins

In thanksgiving for our grandsons, Alex, Jacob, and Joseph, by Carol & Louis Deken

In thanksgiving for our grandchildren, Randy, Robbie, Rachel, Gabby, Bella, Tanner, Eva and Morgan, and our great-grandchild Alma, by Beverly & Jim Calder

In thanksgiving for our Children, Linda, Jon, and Joey, by Beverly & Jim Calder

In celebration of my wife, Beverly Read Calder, by Jim Calder

In memory of our parents, Otto Joseph and Lucila Rinaldi Calder, and Col. Charles Marshall & Betty Evans Read, by Beverly & Jim Calder

In memory of Joan L. & John C. Neff, Cora Linden, Margaret Delaney, Alice S. Hay and E.H. Taylor Hay, by Tom Neff

In memory of The Rev. John Fletcher Comer, Jr., by Dixie & Mark Groutt

PRAYER CONCERNS

For those with cancer: Dennis, Earl, Jeff, Kerri, Katarina, Leigh, Lois, Lyle, Margaret, Mark, Marsha, Mary Beth, Matt, Maxine, Molly, Pat, Sage, Sherry, Tim, Trevor and Virginia.

For those in cancer remission: Andie, Jim, and Mandy.

For those healing from surgery: Aidan, James, Jennifer, and Jim.

For those with disabilities, their families, and their caregivers.

For those experiencing mental health issues.

For those with other needs: Alyssa, Beverly, Bernice, Bobby, Byrena, The Chaney Family, Dan, Davina, Doug, Elsie, Jane, Emily, Erika, Hannah, Henry, Idalia, Jack, Jennifer, Jerry, Kandace, Kim, Kristin, Lisa, Marcie, Miranda, Nicole, Poston, Ray, Sam, Shelly, Vanessa, Vicki, Waylon, and Zach.

For those imprisoned including: Abu-Ali, Charlie, Corinio, Gregory, Joe, Michael, Tyrone, and Tyler.

For those experiencing homelessness including: Adrienne, Andrea, Carol, Cindy, Connie, Deborah, Donna, Jacki, Jeri, Jessica, Joe, Kanasha, Kelsey, Kimberley, Kristi, Laura, Leanna, Lonetria, Lori, Melissa, Renada, Sharon, Tiffany, and Trista.

For all veterans and those in military service and their families, including: Benjamin, Brianna, Chris, Evan, Gaven, Jeffrey, Josh, Kaitlin, Topher, Trevor, and Sean.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Will Resume April 12

Christian Education | 10:00 a.m.

- Rector's Forum and Parents' Group | Sunday, April 12 | 10:00 a.m. | Parish Hall
The groups will combine for a special presentation from Joni & Friends/Sonshine Group. Come and learn about ministries that support with special needs and disabilities.
- Catechesis | Catechesis Room, Parish Hall, 2nd floor
- Youth Sunday School | Sewanee Room, Parish Hall, 2nd floor
God's Promise to Abraham: Beginning with a Promise
- SNL | 5:00 p.m.
The Psalms of Praise.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies' Night | Thursday, April 9 | 5:30 p.m. | 2240 Shannon Drive (enter through gate at bottom of drive)
Join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship. Bring your favorite beverage and an item to share, when your day permits. Contact Libby at 615-545-0220 if you have questions.

Vacation Bible School | Registration opens April 10.

Join us for an exciting VBS! June 8-12; 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; age 3 to rising 6th graders. The cost is \$20 per child. Questions? Email Cindy at cindy.guevart@stpaulsmurfreesboro.org.

Adult Confirmation Class | Sunday, April 12, 9:45 a.m. | Christian Education Rooms 2-3, Parish Hall, 1st floor
This course explores the question, "What does it mean to belong to the Episcopal Church and to St. Paul's?" It is designed for people who wish to commit themselves to this parish as their faith community, who want to know more about it, or who are already confirmed but want to strengthen their understanding. The class will meet Sundays from 9:45-10:45 a.m. through April 26. If you wish to participate, or if you just have questions, contact David Rowe at drowe@bellsouth.net or 615-631-1088. Couples, please include contact information for both partners.

Ordination of The Rev. Deacon. Josh Wilson | Wednesday, April 15, 6:00 p.m., Nave

It is with great joy that we host Rev. Josh Wilson's ordination to the priesthood on Wednesday, April 15 at 6:00 p.m. The Right Reverend John Bauerschmidt, Bishop of the Diocese of Tennessee, will preside as we support Josh on his journey. Your prayers and presence are encouraged and appreciated. Immediately following the service there will be a reception held in the Parish Hall. Scan the QR code to sign up to bring a dish to share or assist with set-up/clean-up.



Youth Retreat | Friday, April 17 - Sunday, April 19 | Camp McDowell

Come join us for an awesome time--faith, friends, and fellowship. The theme this year is *The Cost of Love: The Beloved Son from the Binding of Isaac to the Cross*. There is a \$125 cost per young person. Please contact Cindy at cindy.guevart@stpaulsmurfreesboro.org with questions.

Baptism at St. Paul's | May 24, 2026 | 11:00 a.m.

If you or a loved one wish to be baptized and/or if you have any questions about the baptism process, please contact our Baptismal Shepherds at baptism@stpaulsmurfreesboro.org or Josh Wilson at josh.wilson@stpaulsmurfreesboro.org by Monday, May 4, 2026. There will be a baptism information session and rehearsal on Saturday, May 23.

Offering

To make an offering online with your debit/credit card, scan the QR code with your smart phone camera. A link will appear, click on it to open our website's giving page. You can select the fund you want to give to (i.e. pledge fulfillment, general offering, CONNECT, etc.) and leave a note in the memo line, if desired. Text giving is also available, text GIVESTPAULS to 73256 (ex., GIVESTPAULS \$100).

