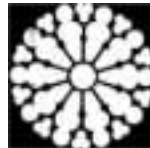


## St. Paul's Altar Guild



### Mission Statement

*We are called to be a diverse and inclusive community of Christians in the Anglican tradition. We offer a compassionate haven for reconciliation, spiritual growth, and commitment to social justice.*



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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."

Book of Common Prayer, Eucharistic Prayer II

# The Altar Guild

The Altar Guild at St. Paul's is one of the oldest groups (if not *the* oldest) in the parish still in existence. It was chartered shortly after the parish was established.

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The Altar Guild in the Episcopal Church is a group of members who serve at the pleasure of the Rector. The Guild has charge of caring for the Altar and its various accouterments, setting up for any service which is scheduled, and seeing that all is ready to help both those leading the service and the congregation, so that each worship service will go smoothly and fulfill the expectations for which that service is designed.

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Working on the Altar Guild is a truly joyous and fulfilling way of serving God's church and all who worship here.

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The Altar Guild at St. Paul's cares for all the Altar linens and the vestments worn by the clergy, polish a good deal of brass, arrange flowers, and insure that the proper colors and banners are in place for each service, based on the church liturgical season and the service itself.

The tasks are divided among the members of the Guild on a monthly basis. Two or three "guilders" are assigned a given Saturday in a month to clean, polish, arrange flowers, and ready the church for the coming Sunday's services. One to three persons are assigned to set up before, and clean up following, each of the three

regularly scheduled services.

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For special services such as Christmas, Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter, we enlist extra help from among Guild members. This also applies to special services such as weddings, memorial and funeral services.

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Four Saturdays a year, the Guild comes together as a group to do a thorough cleaning followed by refreshments and a meeting.

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If you are interested in learning more about the St. Paul's Altar Guild, please contact the Altar Guild Directress, Ann Hanson, 456-0290.