SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We believe that God is healing and restoring the world, and that we are recipients of and participants in that healing and restoration.



Sunday, June 6, 2021 The Second Sunday after Pentecost

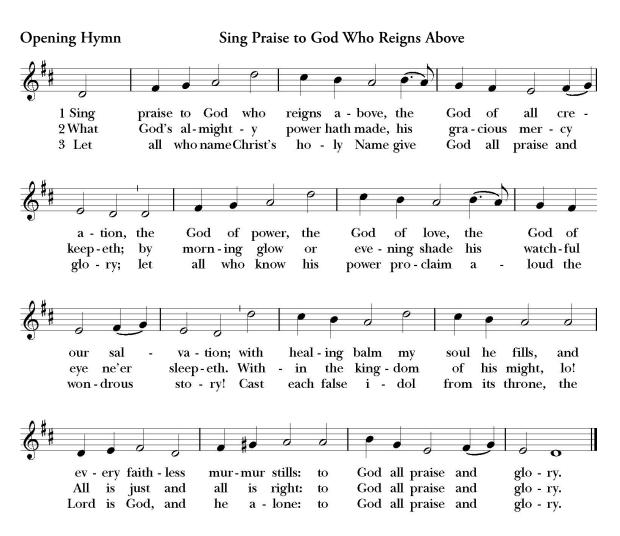
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The Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as able.



Presider: Blessed be God, Earth Maker, Pain Bearer, Life Giver.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now, and for ever American for ever

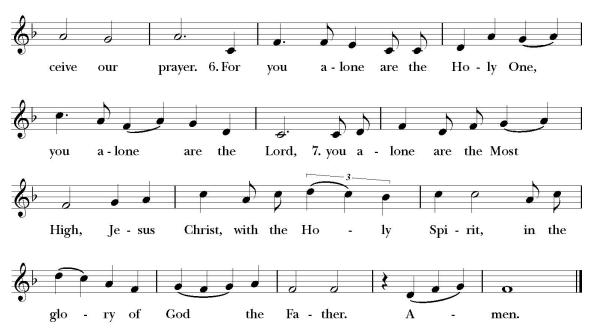
People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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 cont'd.



The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray together.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please be seated.

A Reading from Genesis 3:8-15

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures;

upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers;

he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.



With the Lord there is mer—cy; with him there is



plen-teous re-demp-tion.

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; / Lord hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my / sup-plication.

[ANTIPHON]

If you, Lord were to / note what is done amiss,*
-/O Lord, who could stand?

For there is for/giveness with you;* therefore/you shall be feared. [ANTIPHON]

I wait for the Lord; my/soul waits for him; * in his/word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen/for the morning,* more than watchmen/for the morning. [ANTIPHON]

O Israel,/wait for the Lord,*
for with the Lord/there is mercy;
With him there is/plenteous redemption,*
and he shall redeem Israel/from all their sins. [ANTIPHON]



A Reading from 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke" —we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee



Presider: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark 3:20-35

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Paul Moore

The Nicene Creed

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: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Eucharistic Minister: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Silence.

Presider: 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.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

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.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

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.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider speaks an Absolution.

The Peace | La Paz

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you. | La paz del Señor sea siempre con vosotros.

People: And also with you. | Y con tu espíritu.

For those of you worshiping in person, please remain in your pew during the Peace.

If you are worshiping with us virtually, use the chat function to "say" peace to your fellow parishioners, or text/email someone with whom you would like to share the peace of Christ.

Celebrations and Thanksgiving of Life

The flowers on the altar were given by Andy and Bonnie Schuh in thanksgiving for their St. Paul's family and in celebration of the return to worshipping together.

Sue and Giles Shepherd celebrate their 56th anniversary on June 5.



The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

Please stand as able.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

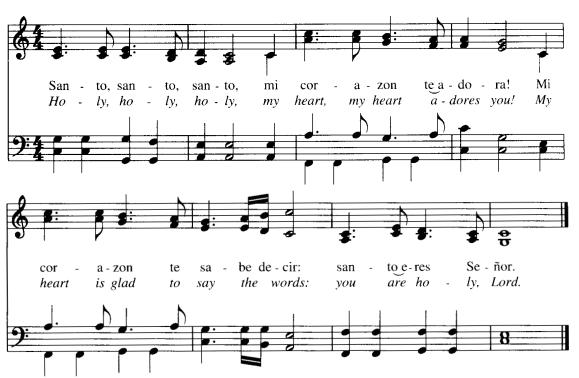
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

Presider and People:



Holy and gracious God: 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:

Presider and People:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Presider: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Loving God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

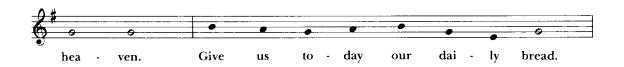
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your 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 God, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

Presider: As our Lord and Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:















The Breaking of the Bread

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please be seated.

Those present, are invited to receive Holy Communion. You can approach the altar at the direction of the Presider.

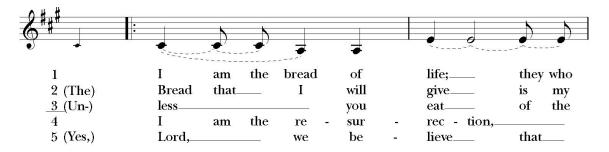
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We share spiritual communion today.

Communion Hymn

I Am the Bread of Life

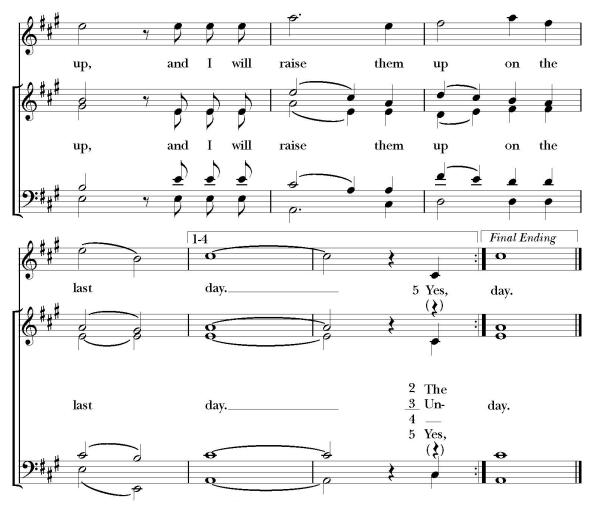
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Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly One, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing



Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses them with these words:

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Church Reopening Picnic - Today!

To celebrate the reopening of the church on Sunday, June 6, the Stewardship Committee invites you to an all-church picnic! In order to comply with COVID restrictions, we are planning to eat outside and everyone will bring their own picnic lunch. The Stewardship Committee will provide beverages and ice cream bars for dessert. If you have camping chairs, you are encouraged to bring those as well. The picnic will start directly after the 9:30 service. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Offertory - Thank you for giving!

Please drop your offering in the church's mailbox or mail it to:

St. Paul's Episcopal Church 415 S. 18th Street Mount Vernon, WA 98274

Celebrations and Thanksgiving of Life

Submit your celebrations of birthdays and other life events to be read aloud in the service via email (stpaulmv@comcast.net) by Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 p.m.

Stitchers Assemble!

Do you quilt, crochet, knit, and needle point or any other textile work? If so, call [(360) 424-1822] or email [stpaulmv@comcast.net] the office. The "Stitchers" group meets with the hope of bringing together people who stitch for shared creativity and fellowship.

Saint Paul's Directory for June 2021!

Hot off the press! Pick up a copy of the update from the counter in the Narthex.

Your <u>Vestry</u> members request your prayers for this congregation and their leadership. They want to be in conversation with you. Speak with them so they know the needs of the congregation:

Bonnie Schuh Darcy Wells Sandy McDougall
Dan Niven Sara Young Frosty Wilkinson

St. Paul's Prayer Team prays daily for those on the prayer list. Please email Penny Worrell at *penny.worrell@gmail.com*.

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Where are we on the Liturgical Calendar? - Pentecost

"Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them." -Acts 2:3 (NRSV)

Among the stories people tell about the human relationship with God, most remind people that God's vision for how we will care for Creation is far more expansive than we expect or imagine. Pentecost is a story like this. Chapter 2 of the Book of Acts tells a surprising tale involving a particular group of people, a band of ancient Jews who had come to believe a man named Jesus was also God; then watched him die and rise from the grave. Fifty days after the Passover, when it was common among them to celebrate the passing down of God's law to the Israelites, these followers of Jesus Christ were surprised by a great wind and the Holy Spirit came to rest on them. Other worshippers, who had come from faraway places, were shocked to hear a new story about God in their own languages. Telling the Pentecost story each year reminds Christians that the treasure bestowed by God is not for humans to keep hidden. Each Christian is given the spiritual gifts he or she needs to share this story with people whose languages, cultures and expectations of God vary widely. Like the early followers of Jesus, today's Christians experience Pentecost as a time of reaching out to the corners of the earth or even past cultural boundaries and proclaiming boldly that God is present to all of Creation.

Welcome to Saint Paul's!

What is more important is that you bring your complete self to worship God.

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's table. We use real wine in the cup. If you wish to receive only a blessing, simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest approaches. If you do not want to drink from the chalice, keep the piece of bread on your open palm, and present it to the chalice bearer, who will then dip the bread into the wine and place it on your tongue. Non-gluten bread is also available. Please inform us if this is your preference. We ask that those worshiping with us online reverently pray and meditate on God's grace and blessing whenever you observe the Eucharist being taken.

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