

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026
9:30 A.M. EUCHARIST
THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



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Welcome to St. Pauls! We are grateful for your prayers and presence on this day in the life of the parish community. We hope that your worship with us will be both inspirational and spiritually nurturing. Please feel free to participate in the worship service as much or as little as you wish.

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord’s Table.

We ask that those worshipping with us online reverently pray and meditate on God’s grace and blessing whenever you observe the Eucharist being taken.

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Coast Salish peoples who have reserve treaty rights to this land, including the Skagit Tribe who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. We thank these caretakers of the land, who have lived here and continue to live here since time immemorial.

Our Mission Statement

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

Prayer For The Search Of The Next Rector

Eternal Guide, please watch over our steps as the congregations of Resurreccion and Saint Paul’s walk the path of selecting a new rector. Guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose a spiritual leader and pastor for us – a leader who will care for your people and prepare us for our ministries. We ask that you bless them with insight, faithfulness, patience, and joy, so that they may truly hear your voice during their decision-making. Open the hearts of those who feel called to embark on this journey to an unfamiliar place, and walk with us as we trust in this process together. For the wonder of your love, Amen.

Serving Today:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Presider and Preacher	The Rev’d David Walker
Deacon:	The Rev’d Dennis Taylor
Music Director:	J.J. Cully
Musician:	Elizabeth Mahoney, Piano
Cantor:	Alec McDougall
Eucharistic Minister:	Judy Smith
Eucharistic Visitors:	Mary Ann Taylor & Sue Shepherd
Acolyte:	Daniel Dempsey
Youth Acolyte	Roland Crudder
Greeters:	Penny Worrell & Carol Treston
Lectors:	Susan Sanderson & Judy Smith
Counters:	Diana Hume & Joe Thomas

St. Paul’s Prayer Team prays daily for those on the prayer list. Please email Acacia McDermott at redwoodam@proton.me

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The Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Opening Bell

Welcome Presider

Prelude Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies..... Arr. Werner

Opening Hymn All Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymn 599

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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 **S280**
In the front of the blue hymnal

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People: O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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 Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 2:7-11, 13



1. Let me announce the decree of the Lord: he said to me, “You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.
Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for your possession.
2. You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”
And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.
3. Submit to the Lord with fear, and with trembling bow before him;
Happy are they all who take refuge in him!

A Reading From 2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.


So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.


Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.


Gradual Hymn ‘Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here



1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Your
2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Your
3. Ful - fill - er of the past! Prom -
4. Be - fore we taste of death, We
5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet



glo - ry fills the night; Your face and gar - ments,
beau - ty to be - hold, Where Mos - ses and E -
-ise_ of things to be! We hail your bod - y
see_ your king - dom come; We long to hold the
we_ may not re - main; But since you bid us



like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
- li - jah stand, Your mes - sen - gers of old.
glo - ri - fied, and your re - demp - tion see.
vi - sion bright, and make this hill our home.
leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 17:1-9

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah,

talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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

Please be seated.

The Sermon The Rev’d. David Walker

The Nicene Creed
All stand as you are 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:
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 and the Son,
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

Deacon: Let us offer our petitions, adorations, and thanksgiving to God, responding to the bidding "For this we humbly pray" with "**In your tender mercy, hear us, O Lord.**"

Silence

Eucharistic Minister: Blessed Father, we pray for your holy church. We pray for Sean, our presiding bishop, Philip, our bishop, and for all our clergy. We pray for the vestry and those assisting this congregation to help us discern the call of our next rector. We are grateful to those who have served in this role previously and we are excited to experience the Holy Spirit revealing to us who might join us on this journey of faith. For this we humbly pray..**In your tender mercy, hear us, O Lord.**

Almighty God, we pray that you watch over our nation, our president, the Congress, the courts, and the governors of states. May our elected leaders regard all their people with respect and dignity. For this we humbly pray...**In your tender mercy, hear us, O Lord.**

Loving God, we pray for all victims of violence and discrimination who suffer simply because they look or sound different from us, and for those experiencing oppression, fear, and anxiousness, who are known to you alone. For this we humbly pray...**In your tender mercy, hear us, O Lord.**

Precious Lord, we praise you for this loving and giving community of St. Paul's. Help us as we gently care for each other. We ask that you watch over and lead us as we strive to love and nurture our hungry and struggling neighbors, trusting that you are healing and restoring this world, and have empowered us to participate, share, and receive this gift of reconciliation. For this we humbly pray...**In your tender mercy, hear us, O Lord.**

Most Gracious God, we thank you for our families and friends. We thank you for the food on our tables each day and the roofs over our heads. Thanks you for our very breath. May we never take your blessed gifts for granted. For this we humbly pray...**In your tender mercy, hear us O Lord.**

Heavenly Father, at the Transfiguration you showed Jesus in glory, a glimpse of what His disciples would see in His risen life. Bless us in our humanity, with an awareness of your presence, leading us to share in your divine life even in our daily struggle. Help us to deepen our knowledge of the Law and the Prophets, channels of your graced throughout history, and signposts for our Journey. For this we humbly pray...**In your tender mercy, hear us , O Lord.**

Gentle Creator, we pray that you welcome into your tender arms our love ones whose earthly journeys have come to an end, especially those who have died alone. Hold us gently, we pray, as we tearfully remember the joy and laughter they once brought into our lives. We pray especially for those we now name either silently or aloud.

For this we humbly pray...**In your tender mercy, hear us, O Lord.**

Silence

For whom or for what else do we pray? *Whatever is on your heart, either silently or aloud*

Presider offers a concluding collect

Deacon: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence.

Presider proclaims an Absolution.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

If you are worshipping 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 Thanksgivings

OffertoryLet the Sound Like Thunder Roar..... St. Paul's Choir

Your gifts are much appreciated.

*If you are joining this live stream, you may mail your offering/pledge to 415 S. 18th Street,
Mount Vernon, WA 98274. You can also make payments online at www.stpaulsmv.org*

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

Amen

The Holy Communion – Eucharistic Prayer A

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to come forward for communion or blessing. Gluten free wafers are available. The assembly is invited to stand as they are able for the Eucharistic Prayer. Intinction, also known as dipping the bread in the wine, is not practiced here. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please cross your arms in front of our chest as the chalice bearer approaches. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread. Gluten free is available.

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to God.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the One who created us.

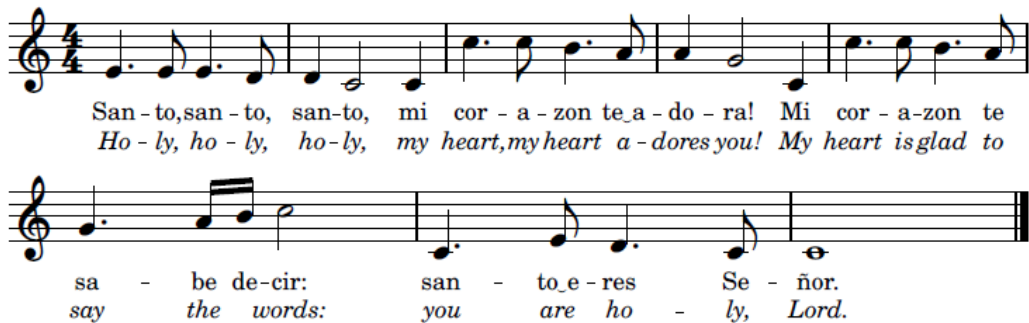
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

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Presider: Oh God, you are holy and gracious: 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, our Rock and our Foundation.

Jesus 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, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Reign.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Most Blessed One, now and for ever.

Amen.

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come,
your will be done on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil For the king - dom the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. a - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction HymnS164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us
Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

Those present are invited to receive Holy Communion. You can approach the altar after the invitation by the Presider. Those with us online, during these next moments of meditation, wherever you are, receive God's gifts to you. We share spiritual communion today.

Communion HymnTransfigure Us O Lord

Tran - fig - ure us, O Lord, trans - fig - ur us O Lord.

Break the chains that bind us; speak your heal - ing word, and

where you lead we'll fol - low. Trans - fir - ur us O

Lord. Lord.

1. Down from heights of glo - ry in - to the depth be - low,
 2. Light for those in dark-ness, the hun - gry have their fill,
 3. Par - don for the sin - ner, a shep-herd for the sheep,
 4. To the ho - ly cit - y, Je - ru - sa - lem, you go;

the love of God self - emp-tied, the love of God to show. _____
 glad tid-ings for the hum-ble, the heal-ing of all ills: _____
 a drink of liv - ing wa - ter, for all who thirst and seek, _____
 your face set toward the end-ing, the cross to be your throne. - D.C.

You light the path be - fore us, the way that we must go.
 in these we glimpse your glo - ry, God's prom - is - es ful - filled.
 and feast-ing at your ta - ble, the low - ly and the least.
 -- Shall we jour - ney with you and share your pas-chal road?

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

The Deacon sends forth the Eucharistic Visitors:

Deacon: We who are many are one body

People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

Deacon: In the name of God and of this congregation we send you forth, bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: As you have been fed, now feed others in the name of Christ.

Deacon: Our prayers go with you, go in peace. **Amen.**



Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn.....Shine Jesus Shine

Shine, Je - sus, shine; fill this land with the fa - ther's glo - ry.

Blaze, Spir - it blaze;— set our hearts on fire._____

Flow, riv - er flow;— flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.

Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
 2. Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the shad - ows in -
 3 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness. so our fac - es dis -

dark - ness, shin - ing. Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up -
 -to your ra - diance. By the blood I may en - ter your
 -play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to

-on us. Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
 bright - ness. Search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness.
 glo - ry. Mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

D.C.

Shine on me, shine on me.

Dismissal

Dismissal: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude..... Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee arr. Labenske

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Announcements and Opportunities

Take this page home with you to update your calendars.

Welcome to our guests: We are so glad that you are worshipping with us today! Please put your name and contact information in our guest book so that we may get to know you

Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by the Cooley and McCabe families in memory of Jerry Cooley.

Coffee Hour

The Coffee Hour is hosted today by Carolyn's Guild. Sign up in the Parish Hall to host a coffee hour. Contact Melissa Bird if you have questions.

Barb Cheyney

There is a basket in the office if you want to write a card to Barb Cheyney. Right now her condition dictates that visitation must be very limited, but cards do quite brighten her day and encourage her.

Mayor's Coffee Hour

Mount Vernon Mayor Donovan invites you to join him for Mayor's Coffee Hour - an opportunity for residents to ask questions, hear what's happening at the city, discuss concerns and relay ideas. February 24, Littlefield Celtic Center, 1124 Cleveland Ave, Mount Vernon. *Note - please use street parking; do not use the business lot across the street as it is during business hours for that facility.*

Forward Day by Day

The February, March, April edition of Day by Day is now available on the table outside the church office. Pick one up and start, end, or enhance your day with a daily reading and devotional.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is in search of new Altar Guild Members- Your Altar Guild members prepare the altar and sanctuary for worship services and clean up afterwards. No prior experience is necessary, as our team is ready to work alongside you, and we work in teams. The time commitment is minimal, typically one weekend per month, when we have a full team. If you would like more information, please email Bonnie Schuh at myschuhfamily@gmail.com.

Unneeded Glasses

In the hallway there is a box from the Lion's Club in Mount Vernon for you to donate your unneeded glasses. The glasses are collected and given to those who need glasses. Additionally, the Lion's Club will pay for glasses for those who need them and cannot afford them. Let David in the office know if you know of such a need in our community.

Office Closure

The office will be closed tomorrow February 16 in honor of the President's Day federal holiday.