

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, MARCH 17, 2024
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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A Penitential Order: Rite II

WELCOME to St. Paul's! We are grateful for your prayers and presence on this day in the life of the parish community. We hope that our 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.

Our worship service takes place here and online; it is also being recorded for later viewing. Feel free to greet one another as is your custom as you gather. When we are ready to start, our Angels Aloft will sound an opening bell. This signals those gathered that our service is now being recorded. Please maintain quiet and turn your attention to our opening activities at this time.

Opening Bell

Welcome

Celebrant

Announcements

Member of Vestry

Prelude

Sarabande – G. F. Handel

Land Acknowledgement

Celebrant

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

Mission Statement

Presider and People:

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

Please stand as you are able

Opening Hymn

“What Wondrous Love is This”

Hymn 439

Penitential Order

Presider: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Presider: Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider speaks an Absolution.

Lord Have Mercy

Kyrie (sung twice)



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy on me.
Ky - rie e - lei-son Chris - te e - lei-son Ky - rie e - lei-son, elei - son

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Lord, have mer - cy Christ, have mer - cy Lord, have mer - cy on me.
Ky - rie e - lei-son Chris - te e - lei-son Ky - rie e - lei-son, e - lei - son

The Collect

Presider: May God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please be seated.

A reading from Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:9-16 (spoken responsively)

In quo corrigit?

9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? *

By keeping to your words.

10 With my whole heart I seek you; *

let me not stray from your commandments.

11 I treasure your promise in my heart, *

that I may not sin against you.

12 Blessed are you, O LORD; *

instruct me in your statutes.

- 13 With my lips will I recite *
all the judgments of your mouth.
- 14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees *
than in all manner of riches.
- 15 I will meditate on your commandments *
and give attention to your ways.
- 16 My delight is in your statutes; *
I will not forget your word.

A reading from Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;
as he says also in another place,
“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

“At the Name of Jesus” verses 1-3

Hymn 435

Presider: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John 12:20-33

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice

came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Paul Moore

Sermon notes page at the back of the booklet

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 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 Form II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for our Bishops Michael and Melissa; for this gathering ; and for all ministers and people.

We pray for the Church.

Silence

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

We pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

We pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

We pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed especially _____.

We pray for those who have died.

Silence

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present

I ask your prayers for _____.

I ask your thanksgiving for _____.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially
_____ whom we remember today.

We pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Presider adds a concluding collect.

The Peace | La Paz

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

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

Celebrations and Thanksgiving of Life

Offertory

“Ave Verum”

St. Paul’s Choir

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Mount Vernon, WA 98274. You can also make payments online at www.stpaulsmv.org*

Doxology

Praise God through-out these for - ty days. Praise

Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spir-it who im -

parts God's love in Christ in - to our hearts. A - men.

Intinction: Also known as dipping the bread in the wine, is not available at this time. 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.

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer C

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 for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Presider: May 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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Dear God, for we are sinners in your sight.

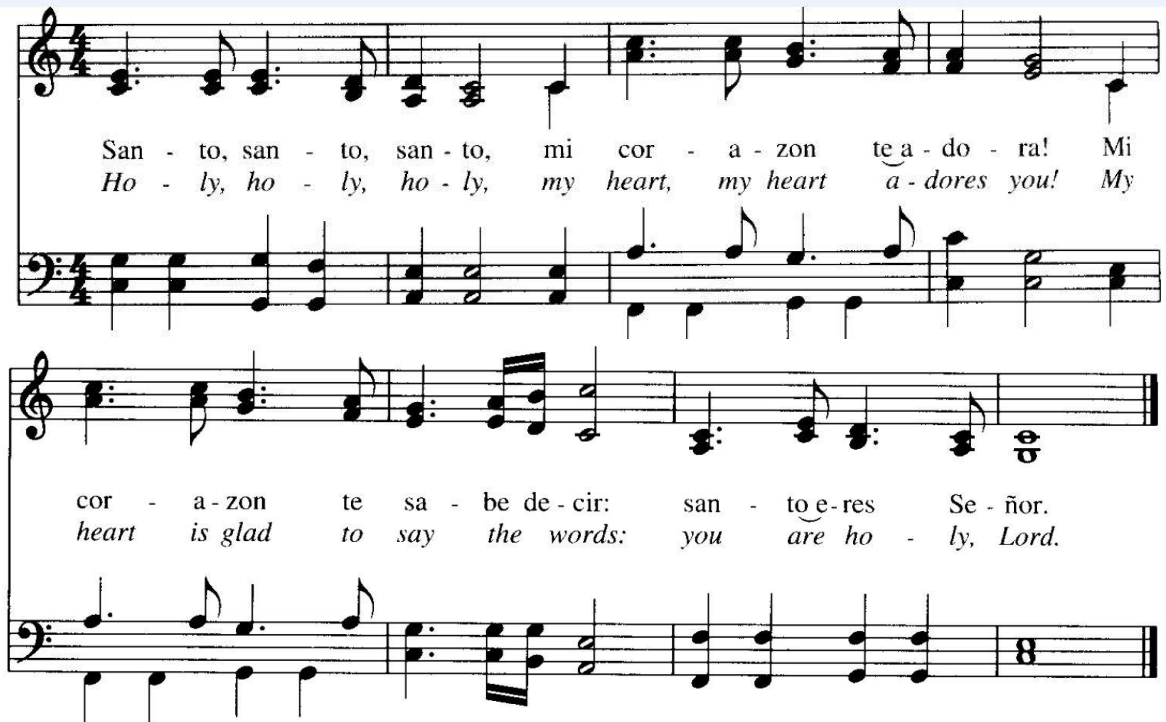
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of Mary his mother, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, Christ reconciled us.

By Christ's wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim

with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

And so, Most Gracious God, we who have been redeemed by Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, ***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

God of our kindred and their generation: God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Deborah, Hannah and Rebecca; God and Father of our Savior Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let this grace of this Holy

Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in your Son's name.

Risen and Ascended One, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, O God, Most Merciful, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

AMEN.

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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

The Fraction Song:



Se - ñor y Je-su - cris - to, Hi - jo del Dios vi - vo. Se - ñor y Je-su - cris - to, Hi -
Lord Je-sus Christ, Son of the li-ving God, Lord Je-sus Christ, Son
jo del Dios vi - vo. O - ten mi - se - ri - cor - dia de no - so - tros pe - ca - do - res. O -
of the li-ving God; O have mer - cy on us sin - ners, O
ten mi - se - ri - cor - ida de no - so - tros pe - ca - do - res.
have mer - cy on us sin - ners.

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

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 usher.*

*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 Hymn

‘I Come With Joy’ – Verses 1-3

Hymn 304

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors:

The Presider sends forth the Eucharistic Minister with a blessing:

Presider: We who are many are one body

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

Presider: 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.

Presider: Our prayers go with you, go in peace. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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.

Prayer over the People

Closing Hymn

“Lift High the Cross”

Hymn 473

Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

“O Sacred Head” – arr. Lani Smith

Offertory - Thank you for giving!
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Mount Vernon, WA 98274
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Serving Today:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Presider and Preacher:	The Reverend Paul Moore
Deacon:	Rev. Dennis Taylor, Rev. Vicki Johnson
Organist and Music Director	Nancy Blaire Serrano
Eucharistic Minister:	Dan Niven
Greeters:	Debby & Eric Bloom
Lector(s):	Marilyn Allen & Bonnie Schuh
Counters:	Elizabeth Tucker & Margie Lauer

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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Announcements for March 17, 2024

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2024 Lenten Devotional Book

If you would like to receive the Lenten devotional book by email and have not received it that way before, please go to http://eepurl.com/hi9_lb to sign up.

Paths to Understanding

Pastor Terry Kylo, formerly of this parish, has written a book called, *Go and Do Likewise*, and there are several interesting Zoom conversations in honor of the book's launch. Details on the conversations and how to register are in your email newsletter.

Cathedral Day

Please save April 27th for Cathedral Day. At it, people who would like to officially join St. Paul's can do so. The rest of us can go along to support them. We will coordinate transportation. A number of people from Resurrección will also be going. If you are one of those who would like to join us, please speak with Fr. Paul.

SonShine Stitchers

The SonShine Stitchers meet the first and third Wednesdays from 1 to 3 pm in the church. Please join us this upcoming Wednesday, March 20. Bring a project, an idea, a friend. All are welcome.

Lenten Soup and Bread/Book Study

Please join us for soup and bread on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. as we look at Jay Bowen's new book "Boy to Man: Times of Klak-A-Dub, a Skagit History 1730-1910". If you would like to volunteer to bring soup or bread or help set-up/clean up, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Covid Tests

There are free covid tests in the Parish Hall. It's a good idea to have one in advance of needing one, so stop by and get one as necessary. It's just one more way to show caring to those around you.

More Announcements for March 17, 2024

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Easter Sunday Altar Flowers

We have a young woman in the Resurreccion congregation that has volunteered to design a few arrangements for the Easter Sunday Services. If you would like to donate funds toward Easter Flowers, please add "Easter Flowers" to the memo line of your check and put it in the offering plate, attached to the form that you can pick up from the round table in the Narthex. The form is designed for you to designate your thanksgiving or memorial to be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin. For more information, please speak with Bonnie Schuh.

Flowering of the Cross

The flowering cross will meet you in the Narthex on Easter Sunday morning waiting to be filled with offerings of beautiful flowers and greens. Please look around your yard for flowers or greens that you would like to add to this community collection. It is always a blessing to see the beautifully flowered cross on Easter Sunday!

Fire Blanket

Thanks to Acacia there is now a fire blanket at the kneeler near the candles at the back of the sanctuary. Please stop by to read the instructions on how to use it.

Vestry

Vestry meetings are every second Tuesday at 4:30, usually in the Fireside room. Your vestry are:

Rector:.....The Rev. Paul Moore

Treasurer:Margaret Bird

Clerk:Joe Thomas

Senior Warden: .Margie Lauer

Junior Warden:..Carol Boss

.....Sue Shepherd

.....Tony Smith

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Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. We use real wine in the cup. Intinction, which is also known as dipping the bread in the wine, is not available at this time. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please cross your arms in front of your chest as the chalice bearer approaches. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread, which is gluten free.

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.

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