# SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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# SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024 EASTER

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# The Holy Eucharist - 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 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.

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 "Alleluia Medley" - arr. D. Torrans

### 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, including 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:

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The flowering of the cross represents the transition from Good Friday to Easter, from meditation on Jesus' death to joyful celebration of his resurrection.

The ceremony transforms a barren cross, a reminder of Jesus' death, into an Easter symbol. Covered with fresh, living flowers, the cross serves not only as an emblem of Jesus' resurrection but also of the continuing presence of Christ among today's Christians.\*

**Opening Hymn** 

"Alleluia, Alleuia" with "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

St. Paul's Choir will begin with a festive Alleluia. Please join in singing hymn #207 following the last Alleluia.

### St. Paul's Choir:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord is Risen today, Alleluia! Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Alleluia! Fought the fight, the victory won. Raise your joys and triumphs high, Sing ye heavens and earth reply. Jesus' agony is over, darkness veils the earth no more. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Congregation:** *Join the choir in singing all verses of Hymn 207.* 

**Easter Greeting** 

Please stand as able.

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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 Hymn S278

The Collect

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People:

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Word

Please be seated.

A Reading From Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him

after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

### Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

### Cantor sings the refrain first, then the congregation sings with the Cantor.

### Refrain:





### **Cantor:**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; God's mercy endures forever Let the house of Israel say "God's mercy endures forever."

### **Congregation sings the refrain (above)**

### Cantor:

The hand of the Lord has struck with power, God's right hand is exalted, I shall not die, but live anew, Declaring the works of the Lord.

### **Congregation sings the refrain (above)**

### Cantor:

The stone which the builders rejected Has become the cornerstone, The Lord of love and mercy Has brought wanderers to our eyes

### Congregation sings the refrain and then...



### ... Congregation sings Alleluia



### A reading from 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

### Gradual Hymn



Presider: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John 20:1-18 **People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When

she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, `I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Paul Moore

Sermon notes page at the back of the booklet

Please stand as able.

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

Presider: Everliving God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **People: That we all may be one.** 

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence.

Here other intercessions may be offered, silently or aloud.

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 ustedes.

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

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

**Offertory Anthem** 

"This Joyful Eastertide"

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. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Mount Vernon, WA 98274. You can also make payments online at www.stpaulsmv.org

### Doxology - Sung to the Tune of "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise God all creatures here below Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God above ye heavenly hosts Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

### The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer D

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.

Presider: God be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift our hearts 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 truly right to glorify you, O God, our Refuge and Strength, and to give you thanks, for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

### Presider and People:



Presider: We acclaim you, Holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, given the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might dwell as faithful companions with all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Gracious God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom, to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose, Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for the One who died and rose for us, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit, the first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, Jesus loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave it to them, 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; offered thanks and 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Most Blessed One, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Presider and People:

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, the Rock of our Salvation.

### Presider continues:

We pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, O God, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

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Remember our Bishops all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

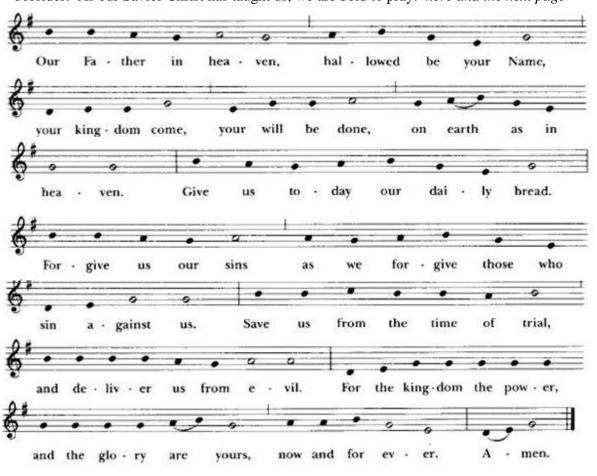
Remember all who have no shelter this night, all who have no food, all who suffer and hurt this night, all who are alone. May they know the healing warmth of your love. Remember all who serve this night on behalf of others.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles and martyrs, with St. Paul and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

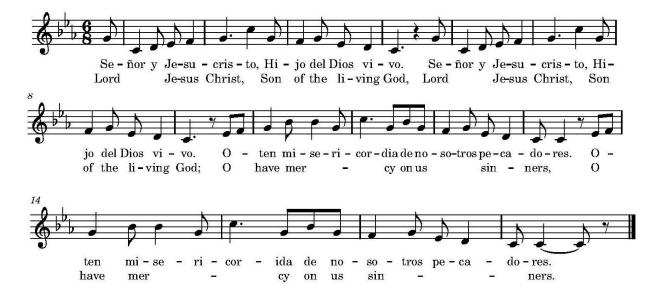
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God our Creator, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and forever. **AMEN**.

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray: here and the next page



### The Breaking of the Bread

### The Fraction Song



Presider: Alleluia! We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread. Alleluia!

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 Hymns** The Hymnal 1982

"I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord" - #304 "How Bright Appears the Morning Star" - #497

### **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.

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** 

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Hymn 494

### Dismissal

The Presider dismisses the people, adding the "Alleluia, Alleluia!" from which we have refrained during the season of Lent.

Presider: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

- You are invited to enjoy the gift of postlude music and then greet your friends - afterwards.

Choral Postlude: "Jubilate Deo" St. Paul's Choir

# 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. 18<sup>th</sup> Street Mount Vernon, WA 98274 You can also make payments online at www.stpaulsmv.org

### 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: Keith Axberg

Greeters: Michael & Carol Boss

Lector(s): Margie Lauer & Susan Sanderson

Counters: Alec & Sally McDoougall

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 31, 2024

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 better.

### Paths to Understanding

Pastor Terry Kyllo, 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 13. Bring a project, an idea, a friend. All are welcome.

### **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.

### Vestry

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

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

Member ......Tony Smith

# **Easter Sunday Altar Flowers**

### **Easter Flowers Given by**

In Memory of / In Honor of / In Thanksgiving for:

## **Bonnie & Andy Schuh**

Thanksgiving for our St. Paul's family

### Michael & Carol Boss

In memory of our mothers Flo Boss and Velma Qualls

### The McCabe Family

In memory of Lloyd & Jerry Cooley, Jean Beardsley

### **Carol Treston**

In memory of Beryl and Edward Falasca

### Ron & Pat Kostanich

In memory of Our Parents Steve & Astrid Kostanich, Boyd & Helen Trindle

### **Sue & Giles Shepherd**

In memory of Family Gone, Children and Grandchildren and our Community

### Susan Sanderson

In memory of Mary Hart

### Alec & Sandy McDougall

In memory of Helen Schwinden

### Sally Rode

In memory of Bruce McCormick

## **Roger && Mary Emerson**

In memory of Jennie Hisewaner & Gertrude Emerson

## **Dennis & Mary Ann Taylor**

In thanksgiving of the marriage of Bayard and Rune Taylor

### Sally Rode

In memory of Bruce

### **Paul Lowe**

In memory of Theresa Morehouse

### **Sybil Benham**

In memory of Eldon Benham and Mervin & Joy Benham

# **Acacia McDermott**

### **Margie Lauer**

### **Anonymous**

# Welcome to Saint Paul's!

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. The prayer book gives directions as to when we stand, sit, or occasionally kneel; these are guidelines. 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. 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 worshiping with us online reverently pray and meditate on God's grace and blessing whenever you observe the Eucharist being taken.

TELECOIL ASSIST AVAILABLE.
GREETER.



HEADPHONES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE, PLEASE SEE A

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