



SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

EASTER

9:30 A.M. EUCHARIST



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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. Dennis Taylor
Music Director:	J.J. Cully
Musician:	Elizabeth Mahoney
Cantors:	Sandy McDougall
Eucharistic Ministers:	Dan Niven & Mary Ann Taylor
Eucharistic Visitors:	Mary Ann Taylor & Dan Niven
Acolyte:	Daniel Dempsey
Greeters:	Paul & Beth Fuentes
Lectors:	Susan Sanderson & Judy Smith
Counters:	Sharon Johnson & Sue Shepherd

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

WelcomePresider

Prelude Christ is Risen, Polish Hymn, arr. Brenday Dillon Elizabeth Mahoney, Piano

Flowering of the Cross and Processional Hymn

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.

The flowering of the cross will take place during the Processional Hymn

Processional Hymn Jesus Christ is Risen TodayHymn 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 **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.

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 – *All on the Refrain, Cantor on first part of the verses, then all to finish the verse*

REFRAIN

This day was made by the Lord, let us re-joyce, let us be glad!

2. *Fine* VERSES
Cantor

let us re-joyce in sal - va - tion. 1. I thank you, your love is e -
2. Your hand raised me up in
3. The stone which the build - ers re -
4. You o - pened the gates of
5. (?) You are my strength and my

1.ter - nal, you have giv - en me life. You have giv - en me life.
 2.tri - umph, you have giv - en me life. You have giv - en me life.
 3.ject - ed is the cor - ner - stone. Is the cor - ner - stone.
 4.heav - en, you have giv - en me life. You have giv - en me life.
 5.Sav - ior, you have giv - en me life. You have giv - en me life.

1.-5.I will pro - claim the won - ders you do.

A Reading From Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn..... Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen LordHymn 178

Presider: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 28:1-10

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

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

Deacon: Let us offer our petitions, adoration, and thanksgivings to the Lord with humility and grace.

Heavenly Father, please watch over your Church and clergy, especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Philip, our Bishop, Dennis, our deacon, and David, our interim priest. Please watch over and encourage our Vestry as they care and lead us, especially during this time of discernment and transition. In our diocese, we pray for the people of Ascension, Seattle, and Epiphany, Seattle. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and La Iglesia Anglicana de México. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for all victims of violence and discrimination throughout the world, especially remembering those trapped and suffering by the wars in Iran, the wider Middle East, and in Ukraine; and for all who are experiencing discrimination, oppression, fear, and anxiety, both near and far. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord our God, we pray for your patience and guidance as we care for one another, especially those who are struggling with the strife and conflicts in our nation. We pray for all who hold authority in this nation and the world, that they will serve with common good. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for the whole world, and especially for your children living in countries where terrorism and genocide are an everyday fear, as we remember our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, your faithful family in Nigeria. Help us to discern how best to respond and act to the harm and evil perpetuated against your people. Help us remain optimistic that change can happen, and that we can be a part of it. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, we praise you for this loving community of St. Paul's. Help us to care for each other with love and compassion. Help us to love and serve your cold, wet, hungry children who live in our own neighborhoods. May our testimony of your love and grace in our lives be signs of the truth of your resurrection as Savior of the world. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, we ask for healing and mercy upon ourselves, and upon our brothers and sisters who are in pain and distress. Grant us relief from our ailments – and soothe our troubled hearts. We thank you for lovingly holding our friends and family who are facing illness and death, loneliness and isolation, assured that your presence will never depart from them. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we are grateful for our families and friends. Thank you for warm, dry places to lay our heads at the end of the day. Thank you for our food and the roofs over our heads. Let us never take any of your gifts for granted as we share with others out of the bounty you have given us. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all Peace, we ask you to welcome home our dear family and friends, all those who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and those whose faith is known to you alone. Calm our aching hearts as we mourn our losses. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

Almighty Creator, you sent your precious Son to live among us and to teach us how to forgive and accept one another. You love each of us in spite of our daily failings. Grant that we may do likewise to our brothers and sisters. Through your blessed Son we pray. **Amen.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

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 Thanksgivings

Offertory.....O Sons and DaughtersH. Walford Davies

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 - 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!

The Holy Communion Eucharistic Prayer D

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 your chest as the chalice bearer approaches. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread.

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.

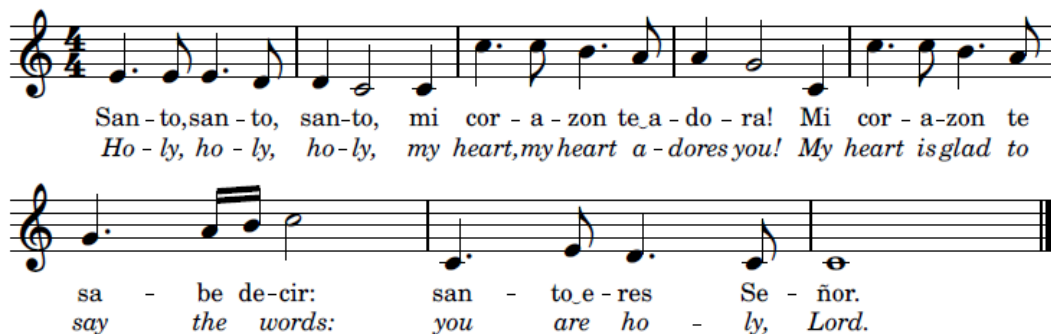
People: We lift our hearts to God.

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,



San-to, san-to, san-to, mi cor-a-zon te a-do-ra! Mi cor-a-zon te
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, my heart, my heart a-dores you! My heart is glad to
sa-be de-cir: san-to e-res Se-ñor.
say the words: you are ho-ly, Lord.

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.

Remember our Bishops and all who minister in your Church.

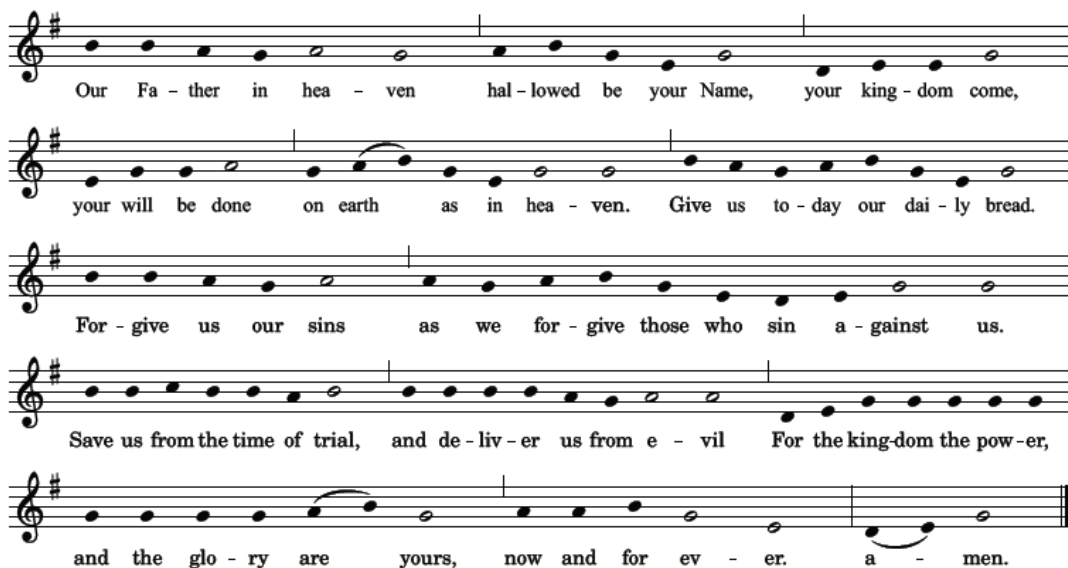
Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

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:



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 Hymn S164

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

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 HymnsMorning Has Broken..... Hymn 8

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Our God Reigns

♩ Verses



1. How lov - ly on the moun - tains are the feet of him
 2. He had no state - ly form, he had no maj - es - ty
 3. It was our sin and guilt that bruised and wound - ed him;
 4. Meek as a lamb that's led out to the slaugh - ter - house,
 5. Out of the tomb he came with grace and maj - es - ty;



who brings good news, good news:
 that we should be drawn to him
 it was our sin that brought him down.
 it was our sin be - fore its shear - er.
 he is a - live, he is a - live!

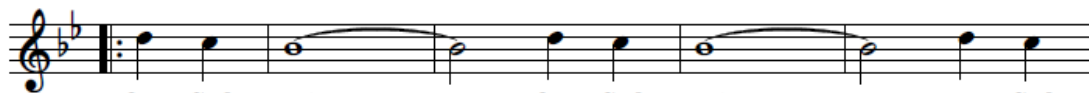


— an - nounc - ing peace, pro - claim - ing news of hap - pi - ness
 — He was de - spised and we took no ac - count of him.
 — When we like sheep had gone a - stray, our shep - herd came
 — his life ran down up - on the ground like pour - ing rain.
 — God loves us so: see here his hands, his feet, his side:



— our God reigns, our God reigns!
 — Yes now he reigns with the Most High!
 — and on his shoul - ders bore our shame!
 — that we might be born a - gain!
 — yes, we know he is a - live!

Refrain



Our God reigns, Our God reigns, our God



reigns our God reigns! reigns! reigns!

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors:

The Deacon sends forth the Eucharistic Ministers

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.

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 Christ is Alive Hymn 182

Dismissal

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

Deacon: 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.

Postlude: Jesus Messiah Arr. Tornquist

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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

Coffee Hour

The coffee hour this morning is hosted by Melissa Bird. Thanks Melissa for your generous gift to the congregation!

A Coming Birthday

Tuesday April 14 is Marty Lewis' 84th birthday. Marty is Barb Cheyney's sister in law. A card or note would be very much appreciated as she is having health issues as well as feeling in "limbo" since Barb's accident. There will be a large group card in the office for you to sign or you can mail to : Marty Lewis 2521 Stonebridge Way, Mt Vernon WA 92273.

Sign up in the Parish Hall to host a coffee hour, it doesn't have to be elaborate. Contact Arlene Zimmerman if you have questions.

Barb Cheyney

There is a basket in the office if you want to write a card to Barb Cheyney. Her condition has improved, and is continuing to improve, and she would enjoy short visits, as well as cards.

Other things to do to participate in our community

Check out the whiteboard in the narthex for other interesting events and happenings in the area.

Wednesday Evening Suppers Continue

Your Faith Community nurses are pleased to continue our speaker series the first Wednesday of each month beginning on **May 6**. This first presentation will be from **Community Action of Skagit**, focused on the services they provide and how we can get involved either as a volunteer or a recipient.

Soup and Bread served at 6pm and the speakers will present at 6:30.

SonShine Crafters!

The SonShine Crafters meet the first and third Wednesdays from 1 to 3 pm in the church. Please join us for craft projects and fellowship. Bring a project, an idea, a friend. All are welcome.