



SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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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
Music Director:	J.J. Cully
Cantor:	Sandy McDougall
Eucharistic Minister:	Sharon Rader
Eucharistic Visitors:	Sandy McDougall & Sue Shepherd
Acolyte:	Daniel Dempsey
Youth Acolyte:	Kassian Crudder
Greeters:	Grace Kamano & Roland and Kassian Crudder
Lectors:	Susan Sanderson & Barbara Tasker-Mueller
Counters:	Bud Burnham & 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

Unless otherwise noted, the Presider speaks the regular type, the People respond boldly.

Opening Bell

Welcome Presider

Prelude Jesus Tender at Evening Cotter

Opening Hymn We Walk by Faith.....Hymn 209

Opening Acclamation

Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures 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

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Presider and People: O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please be seated.

Lector: A Reading From Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you

in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:10, 15-19



1. I believed, even when I said, “I am greatly afflicted.”
Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.
2. I love the Lord because he has heard my voice in supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me the day I called.
3. The cords of death encompassed me; the snared of the netherworld seized upon me;
I fell into distress and sorrow, and I called upon the name of the Lord, “O Lord, save my life!”
4. Gracious is the Lord and just; yes, our God is merciful.
The Lord keeps the little ones; I was brought low, and he saved me.

Lector: A Reading From 1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

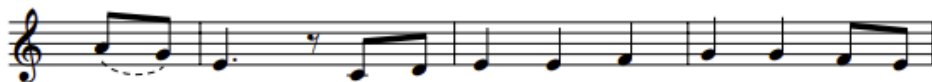
Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn Two Were Bound for Emmaus



1, 5. Two were bound for Em - ma - us, dis - heart - ened
2. On the Sea of Ti - ber - ius, when the night was
3. Then they knew it was Je - sus and they has - tened
4. When the road makes us wea - ry, when our la - bor



1, 5. and — lost; all their hope for the fu - ture had been
2. near - ly gone and their toil seemed so use - less, not one
3. in to shore; bread and fish for their break - fast from the
4. seems but loss, when the fire of faith weak - ens and too



1, 5. nailed to a cross. Love un - known then walked be - side — them,
2. fish had they caught, from the shore the strang - er called to them:
3. hands of their Lord. "O — Pe - ter, if you love — me
4. high seems the cost, let the Church turn to its ris - en Lord,



1, 5. come — back from the dead, and they knew he was
2. "Cast your net, friends, once more." And they filled it to
3. you must care for my sheep; if you fol - low your
4. who for us bore the cross, and we'll find our hearts



1, 5. ris - en in the break - ing of bread.
2. burst - ing, but the net was not torn.
3. Shep - herd, then a shep - herd you'll be."
4. burn - ing at the sound of his voice.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke 24:13-35

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.

Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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, adoration and thanksgivings unto the Lord responding to the bidding “Patient and loving God,” with “Hear the prayers of your children”.

Blessed God, we pray for your Holy Church. We pray for Sean, our presiding bishop; for our own bishop, Philip; for Dennis, our Deacon; for David, our interim priest; and for our next Rector. Please watch over and encourage our Vestry as they care for and lead us, especially during this time of discernment and transition. In our own diocese we pray for St. Mark’s Cathedral, Seattle, and St. Paul’s, Seattle, and for our companion congregation of La Iglesia de la Resurreccion. And in the Anglican Communion we pray for people of the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma). Patient and loving God,

Hear the prayers of your children.

Patient Creator, we ask you to grant the President, our Congress, courts and State Governors the courage to lead our country with fairness and dignity for all, regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, or religion. Patient and loving God,

Hear the prayers of your children

Loving God, we pray also 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; have mercy on their souls and grant healing to the physically and emotionally wounded, and to those many doctors, nurses and ministers who tend to them. Patient and loving God,

Hear the prayers of your children.

Lord our God, be patient with us as we struggle to come to grips with strife and hostility within our own country. Help us to accept that everything is not black and white. Help us to listen, and to sometimes just be silent. Keep us strong – yet always compassionate. Patient and loving God,

Precious Lord, we praise you for this loving, giving community of St Paul’s. Help us to patiently care for one another – without judgment. Help us to love and care for our cold, hungry, unhoused neighbors. Patient and loving God,

Hear the prayers of your children.

Merciful Lord, we ask for your healing and mercy upon ourselves and upon our brothers and sisters who are living in pain, anxiety and distress. Today we pray especially for:

_____. Please offer your own prayers either silently or aloud. Patient and loving God,

Hear the prayers of your children.

Gracious God, we thank you for our families and friends, near and far. Thank you for calmer weather, occasional sunshine to warm our bodies, and for our beautiful spring flowers. We thank you for the food on our tables and for safe places to rest our heads at night. Let us never take for granted any of your precious gifts. Patient and loving God,

Hear the prayers of your children.

Tender Father, please welcome into your gentle hands the souls of our loved ones who have left this world to be with you instead. Hold us tenderly as we remember the treasured gifts they were to our lives. Patient and loving God,

Hear the prayers of your children.

For whom or for what else do we pray?

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Offertory..... Love Is Come Again 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 - 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 B

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 our hearts to God.

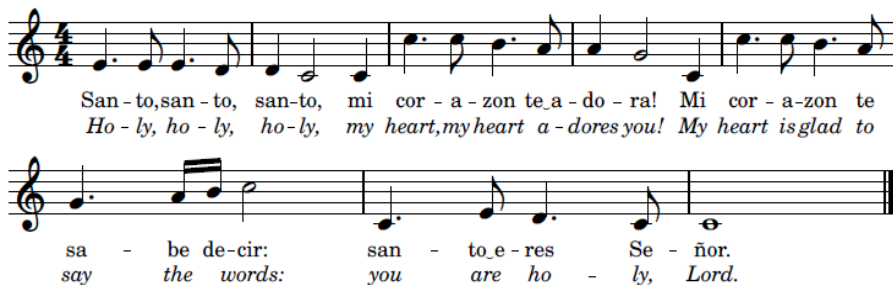
Presider: Let us give thanks to the One who created us.

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

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:



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 give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. Through Mary's Holy Child, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. You have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus * 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, Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

Presider and People:

We remember Christ's death,

We proclaim Christ's resurrection,

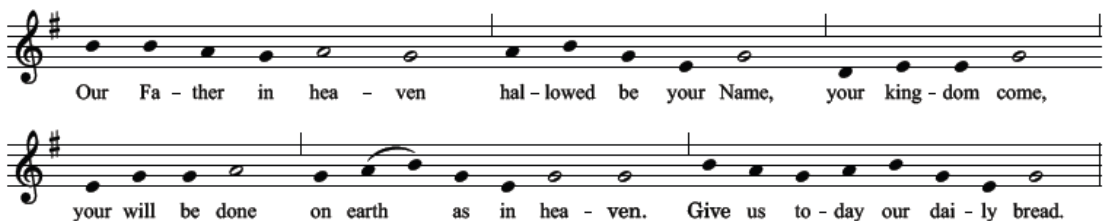
We await Christ's coming in glory;

Presider: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Dear One; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, gather all things into the circle of Christ's love, and bring us to that heavenly country where with Saint Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; through Jesus Christ, * the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,



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

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction HymnS164

The gifts of God for the People of God.

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 Hymn.....Behold the Lamb.....This page and next

Verses

1. Those who were in the dark are thank - ful for the
 2. Peace - ful now, those whose hearts are blessed with un - der -
 3. Gen - tle one, Child of God, join with us at this
 4. Lord of all, give us light. De - liv - er us from

1. sun - light; we who live, we who die are grate - ful for his
 2. stand - ing of the wheat, of the wine u - nit - ed with his
 3. ta - ble. Bless our lives; nour - ish all who hun - ger for this
 4. e - vil. Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that

Refrain

1. gift, thank - ful for his love. Be - hold, be - hold the Lamb of
 2. word and the love we share.
 3. feast; shel - ter them with peace.
 4. blow; cra - dle us with love.



God. All who eat, all who drink shall live; and all,
all who dwell in God shall come to know his glo-ry.

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..... In The Garden



1. I come to the gar-den a-lone while the dew is
2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the
3. I'd stay in the gar-den with him though the night a -
still on the ros-es, and the voice I hear fall-ing on my ear,
birds hush their sing-ing, and the mel-o-dy that he gave to me
-round me be fall-ing, but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe

Refrain

the Son of God dis - clos - es.
 with - in my heart is ring - ing. And he walks with me, and he
 his voice to me is call - ing.

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; _____ and the

joy we share as we tar - ry there, none other has ev-er _____ known.

Dismissal

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

Postlude..... Let it Rise with O Worship the King arr. Tornquist

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The Great Fifty Days

Pentecost originally meant the entire fifty-day period from the *Pascha* to the Feast of Pentecost. It was celebrated as one great season of rejoicing, an extended Lord's Day, on which there was no fasting and no kneeling. Easter, of course, has its origin in the Jewish Passover, at which Jesus died and rose again, so that all of the content of the Old Testament *Pascha* is carried over into the New, and the Christian meanings focused on the dying and rising again of Jesus are added to the old meanings. Christians saw the Old Testament Passover in the light of the Christian Passover, the death and resurrection of Christ, and our participation therein. We saw this expressed in the Great Vigil in the use of the Old Testament reading and the Christian collects.

The Easter Season

The Easter Season, the contemporary equivalent of the ancient Pentecost, begins with the Great Vigil and extends through the last service on the Day of Pentecost. The church is adorned for the Great Vigil and Easter Day with spring flowers and other appropriate symbols of the resurrection, and this practice continues throughout the season. The altar hanging and vestments are usually white, but may be gold or silver. After the Great Vigil the paschal candle is placed on the liturgical north side of the sanctuary, near the altar.

The proper Easter acclamation is used at the Eucharist. "Alleluia, alleluia" is added to the dismissal at the Eucharist. Fraction anthems including Alleluias are often chosen. Hymns with multiple Alleluias are often sung. The Easter preface is used until Ascension Day, and then the Ascension preface is used until the Day of Pentecost, which has its own preface.

The Easter seasonal blessing from the Book of Occasional Services may be used throughout the season. In many congregations the Confession of Sin is omitted entirely during the whole Fifty Days. In some places the Council of Nicaea's prohibition on kneeling is followed and everyone stands for those parts of the liturgy during which at other times they are accustomed to kneel, including the Great Thanksgiving and the reception of communion.

A lesson from the Acts of the Apostles is appointed for every day during the Great Fifty Days. Unlike Lent, priority is given after Easter Week to celebrating the festivals of the saints, "since the triumphs of the saints are a continuation and manifestation of the Paschal Victory of Christ."

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 better.

Coffee Hour

The morning's Coffee Hour is hosted by Sharon and Michael Rader. Stop in after worship for some coffee and conversation in the Parish Hall. You can also sign up on the clipboard to host coffee hour. It doesn't have to be elaborate, just cookies and coffee are great! Contact Arlene Zimmerman if you have questions.

Altar Flowers

Sign up on the clipboard in the Parish Hall to bring flowers to enhance our worship space. Contact Jen McCabe if you have questions, 209.251.3220.

Mayor's Coffee Hour

Mount Vernon Mayor Donovan invites you to join him for Mayor's Coffee Hour – an opportunity for residents to ask question, hear what's happening at the city, discuss concerns and relay ideas. Tuesday, April 21, 10-11 a.m. at the Historic Lincoln Theater, 712 S. 1st St.

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.

Other Things to do in our community

Check out the whiteboard in the narthex for other interesting events and happenings in the area. You can also sign up for church activities (such as flowers or coffee hour) in the Parish Hall.