



SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

9:30 A.M. EUCHARIST

THE FOURTH 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:	The Rev'd David Walker
Preacher:	The Rev'd Keith Axberg
Music Director:	J.J. Cully
Musician:	Kassian Crudder, piano
Cantor:	St. Paul's Choir
Eucharistic Minister:	Dan Niven
Eucharistic Visitors:	Acacia McDermott & Mary Ann Taylor
Acolyte:	Acacia McDermott
Youth Acolyte:	Roland Crudder
Greeters:	Daniel Dempsey & Laura Molloy Dempsey
Lectors:	Sandy McDougall & Carole Boss
Counters:	Carole Boss & Acacia McDermott

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 Joyful, joyful We Adore Thee with We will Glorify arr. Tornquist

Opening Hymn He has Risen Hymn 180

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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please be seated.

Lector: A Reading From Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

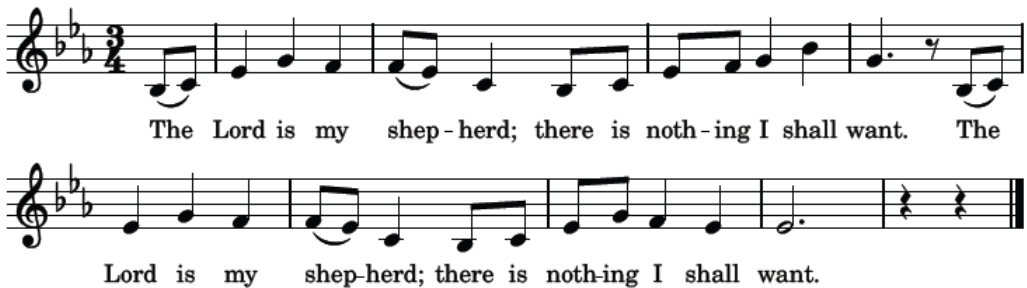
Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much

time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23



The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want. The
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1. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.
2. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.
3. You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
4. Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.

Lector: A Reading From 1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John 10:1-10

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon..... The Rev'd. Keith Axberg



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”.

Eucharistic Minister: 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. Peter’s, Seattle, Trinity, Seattle, and Apostles, 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 Nigeria. 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, **Hear the prayers of your children.**

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 Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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..... 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.

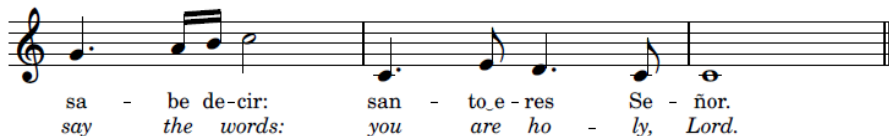
Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, the Maker of heaven and earth.

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



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,

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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

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

Fraction Hymn.....S164

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 HymnShepherd of Souls..... Hymn 343

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 Alleluia, Alleluia



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heav'n - ward raise:
2. Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,
3. Christ is ris - en, we are ris en! Shed up - on us heav'n - ly grace,
4. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;



1. Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise.
2. Glo - rious life and life im - mor - tal, on that ho - ly Eas - ter morn.
3. Rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry from your ho - ly ra - diant face;
4. Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who has won the vic - to - ry;



1. Christ, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,
2. Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by this might - y en - ter - prise,
3. That, with hearts in heav - en dwell - ing, we on earth your ser - vants true,
4. Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty;



1. Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
2. We with Christ to life e - ter - nal by his re - ur - rec - tion rise.
3. Will by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be ev - er, Lord, with you.
4. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.

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 Ancient of Days J.J. Cully & Kassian Crudder, Piano

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