

# SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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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.



## The Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Opening Bell

Welcome..... *Celebrant*

Announcements .....*Member of Vestry*

Prelude.....Jesus Messiah..... Arr. Carol Tornquist

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 the land, who have lived, and continue to live, here since time immemorial.*

### **Mission Statement**

*Presider and People:*

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

Opening Hymn..... Good Christians All rejoice ..... Hymn 205

### **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.

## Hymn of Praise

### Mass of the Desert



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1. Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths:  
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.
2. Hail, Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with you;  
blessed are you among women.
3. "I am the good shepherd," says the Lord;  
"I know my sheep, and mine know me."
4. "I am the living bread  
that came down from heaven;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever."
5. God was reconciling the world  
to himself in Christ and entrusting to us  
the message of reconciliation.
6. Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich,  
he became poor, so that by his poverty  
you might become rich.
7. God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
might have eternal life.

## The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

*Presider and People:*

**Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.**

*Amen.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

*Please be seated.*

### A Reading From Acts 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this

name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:14-17, 22-23

PSALM 118:14-17,22-23



On this day the Lord has act-ed; we will re-joice and be glad in it.

The Lord is my strength and /my song, \*  
and he has become /my salvation.  
There is a sound of exultation and /victory\*  
in the tents /of the righteous: [ANTIPHON]

"The right hand of the Lord has /triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the / Lord has triumphed!"  
I shall not /die, but live, \*  
and declare the /works of the Lord. [ANTIPHON]

The same stone which the builders re/jected\*  
has become /the chief cornerstone.  
This is the Lord's /doing, \*  
and it is mar/v'lous in our eyes. [ANTIPHON]



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### A Reading from **Revelation 1:4-8**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn .....We Walk By Faith**



1, 5 We walk by faith, and not by sight: No  
2. We may not touch his hands and side, Nor  
3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief, and  
4. That when our life of faith is done In



gra - cious words we hear Of him who spoke as  
fol - low where he trod; Yet in his prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound; To call on you when  
realms of clear - er light We may be - hold you



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve him near.  
we re - jice and cry "My Lord and God!"  
you are near, and seek where you are found;  
as you are In full and end - less sight.

**Presider: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

The Sermon ..... The Reverend Dennis Taylor

*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 Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Philip, our Bishop, and 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 .....This Day Was Made by the Lord.....St. Paul’s Choir

*Your gifts are much appreciated.*

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Mount Vernon, WA 98274. You can also make payments online at [www.stpaulsmv.org](http://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 our 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.

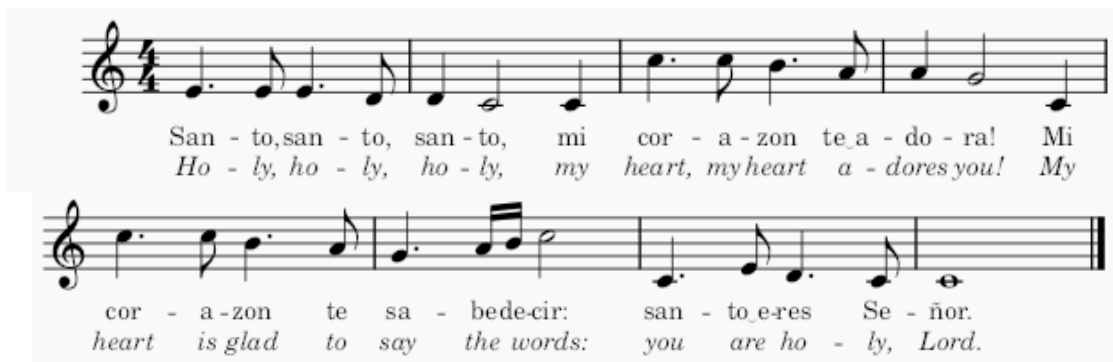
**People: We lift our hearts to God.**

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  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - bede - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.  
heart is glad to 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.

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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 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!**

The Fraction Song

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

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

*Please be seated.*

*Those present, are invited to receive Holy Communion. You can approach the altar at the direction of the usher.*

*Those with us online, during these next moments of meditation, wherever you are, receive God's gifts to you. We share spiritual communion today.*

**Communion Hymn ..... O Sons and Daughters.....Hymn 206**

### **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..... Our God Reigns..... Next page**

# Closing Hymn ..... 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!

## Dismissal

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

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude ..... Christ Our Hope in Life and Death ..... Molly James

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*Offertory - Thank you for giving!*

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Serving Today:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Presider	The Reverend Paul Moore
Preacher:	The Reverend Dennis Taylor
Deacon:	The Reverend Dennis Taylor
Music Director	J.J. Cully
Eucharistic Minister:	Acacia McDermott
Eucharistic Visitors:	Shelly Powell & Dan Niven
Greeters:	Ron & Pat Kostanich
Lector(s):	Dan Niven & Elizabeth Mahoney
Counters:	Carol Boss & Acacia McDermott

St. Paul's Prayer Team prays daily for those on the prayer list.

Please email Acacia McDermott [redwoodam@proton.me](mailto:redwoodam@proton.me).

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# Announcements And Opportunities

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.

## **Let's Go Together Event**

Paths to Understanding is having a Let's Go Together event at The Lincoln Theater on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. "Join us for a night of storytelling, music, and connection to strengthen our Skagit community!" This is a free event, all are welcome. Check the whiteboard for more information and to register.

## **SonShine Crafters!**

The SonShine Crafters (Updated name!) meet the first and third Wednesdays from 1 to 3 pm in the church. The name change reflects a change from stitchery to various crafts. Please join us for craft projects and fellowship. Bring a project, an idea, a friend. All are welcome.

## **Art in the Narthex**

The art in the narthex is Wood Block Prints by Utagawa Hiroshiga (1797-1858). There is a very interesting description as well. Thanks to Susan Sanderson for sharing these.

Do you have art you would like to display in the narthex? Religious or otherwise, we enjoy seeing what parishioners enjoy in their homes. It does not have to be your own artwork. It can be fiber, glass, paint, sculpture or whatever medium. Contact Val Aadsen (360-298-3675) for scheduling.

## **Altar Guild**

The Altar Guild is in search of new Altar Guild Members. Your Altar Guild members prepare the altar and sanctuary for worship services and clean up afterwards. No prior experience is necessary, as our team is ready to work alongside you, and we work in teams. The time commitment is minimal, typically one weekend per month, when we have a full team. If you would like more information, please email Bonnie Schuh at [myschuhfamily@gmail.com](mailto:myschuhfamily@gmail.com).

## **Altar Flowers**

The flowers in the sanctuary today are brought to you by the generous donations of the congregation to the Altar Guild. As we are happy to prepare the altar for worship, including flowers, your individual contribution towards altar flowers is always welcome. Please sign up in the parish hall to contribute to this ongoing ministry.

## **Coffee Hour**

Sign up on the clipboard in the Parish hall to Host Coffee Hour after the Service.

## **Forward Day by Day**

The May, June, July edition of Day by Day is now available on the table outside the office. Pick one up and start, end, or enhance your day with a daily reading and devotional.

# Welcome to Saint Paul's!

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

We ask that those worshipping with us online reverently pray and meditate on God's grace and blessing whenever you observe the Eucharist being taken.

TELECOIL ASSIST AVAILABLE.



HEADPHONES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE,  
PLEASE SEE A GREETER.

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