

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.*

Just as the
Father has
loved Me,
I have also
loved you;



Abide In My Love

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN 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..... Reverie - Robert Schumann

Land Acknowledgement..... *Celebrant*

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Coast Salish peoples who have reserve treaty rights to this land, including the Skagit Tribe who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. We thank these caretakers of this land, who have lived, and continue to live, here since time immemorial.

Mission Statement

Presider and People:

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Opening Hymn The Day of Resurrection.....Hymn 210

Easter Greeting

Please stand as able.

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria Hymn S280

The Collect

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: 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.

A Reading From Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98:1-9



Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, re-



joice, and sing.

Sing to the / Lord a new song, *
for he / has done marv'ulous things.
With his right hand / and his holy arm*
has he won for him/self the victory. [ANTIPHON]

The Lord has made / know his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the / sight of the nations.
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the / house of Israēl, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the vic/tory of our God.
[ANTIPHON]

Sing to the / Lord with the harp, *
with the harp / and the voice of song.
With trumpets and the / sound of the horn*
shout with joy be/fore the King, the Lord. [ANTIPHON]

Let the sea make a noise and / all that is in it, *
the lands / and those who dwell therein.
Let the / rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when / he comes to judge the earth. [ANTIPHON]



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A Reading From 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn..... Love Divine, All Loves ExcellingHymn 657

Presider: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon.....Rev. Paul Moore

Sermon notes page at back of the booklet.

Please stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,**

true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father 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

Intercessor: Everliving God, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
People: That we all may be one.

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

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

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

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

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

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence.

Here other intercessions may be offered, silently or aloud.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People:

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider speaks an Absolution.

The Peace / **La Paz**

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you. / La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.

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

If you are worshiping with us virtually, use the chat function to “say” peace to your fellow parishioners, or text/email someone with whom you would like to share the peace of Christ.

Celebrations and Thanksgiving of Life

Offertory.....Fly Away Medley – St. Paul’s Choir

Your gifts are much appreciated.

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Doxology

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

Intinction, also known as dipping the bread in the wine, is not practiced here. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please cross your arms in front of our chest as the chalice bearer approaches. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread.

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer D

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to come forward for communion or blessing. Gluten free wafers are available. The assembly is invited to stand as they are able for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift our hearts to God.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the one who created us.
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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

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



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 - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Presider and People:

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

Gracious God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom, to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose, Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for the One who died and rose for us, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit, the first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, Jesus loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; offered thanks and gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Presider and People:

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

Presider continues:

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

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

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.

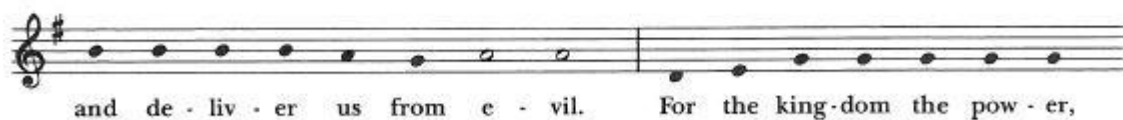
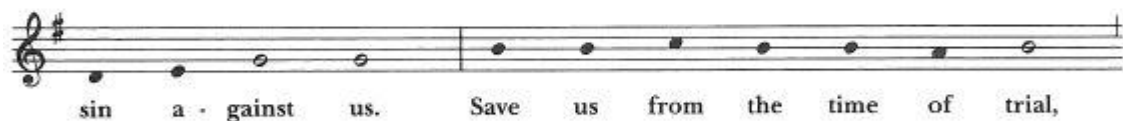
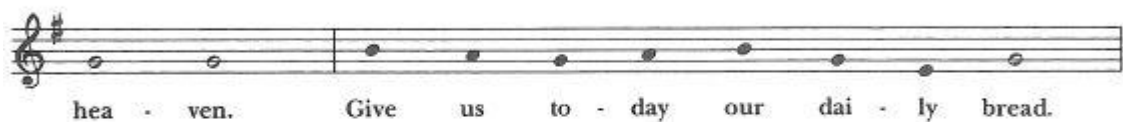
And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles and martyrs, with St. Paul and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

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.

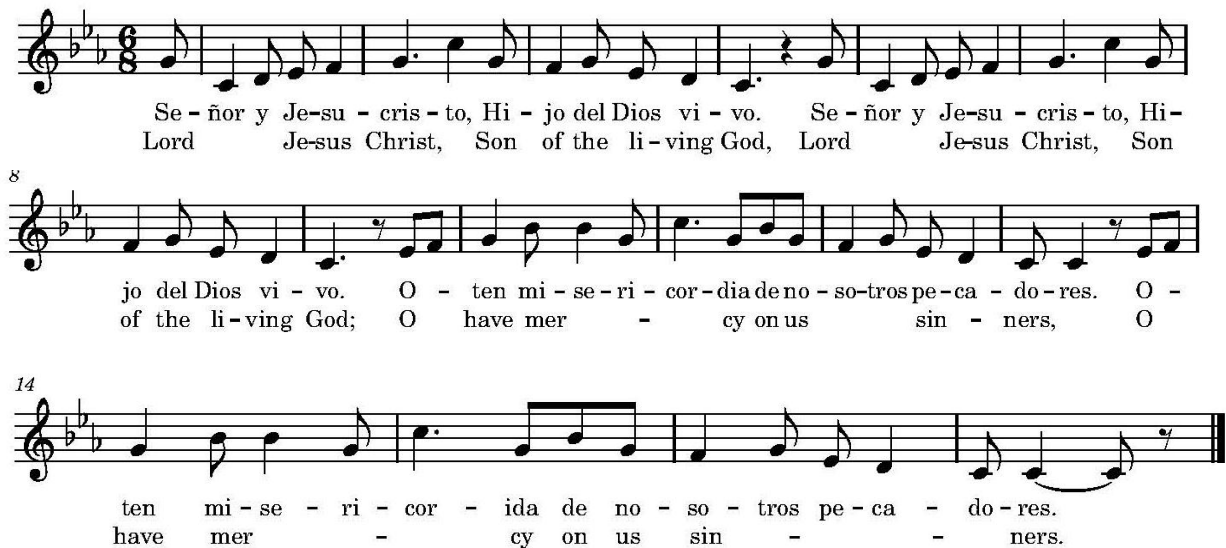
AMEN.



Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:



The Breaking of the Bread
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

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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

14
ten mi - se - ri - cor - ida de no - so - tros pe - ca - do - res.
have mer - cy on us sin - ners.

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

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

Please be seated.

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

Those with us online, during these next moments of meditation, wherever you are, receive God's gifts to you.

We share spiritual communion today.

Communion Hymn I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord.....Hymn 304

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.

People and Presider: 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..... Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken.....Hymn 522

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 Trumpet Tune - Robert Lau

Offertory - Thank you for giving!

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Serving Today:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Presider and Preacher

The Reverend Paul Moore

Deacon:

Rev. Dennis Taylor, Rev. Vicki Johnson

Organist and Music Director

Nancy Blaire Serrano

Eucharistic Minister:

Mary Ann Taylor

Eucharistic Visitors:

Mary Ann Taylor & Shelly Powell

Greeters:

Paul & Beth Fuentes

Lector(s):

Carol Boss & Carol Bloom

Counters:

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Announcements for May 5, 2024

Welcome to our guests: We are so glad that you are worshipping with us today! Please put your name and contact information in our guest book so that we may get to know you better.

SonShine Stitchers

The SonShine Stitchers meet the first and third Wednesdays from 1 to 3 pm in the church. Please join us this upcoming Wednesday, May 8. Bring a project, an idea, a friend. All are welcome.

Family Promise Spring Fundraiser

Tea at the Manor" Saturday, May 18th, at Willowbrook Manor in Sedro-Woolley 1p.m. - 3pm. Donations are also welcome. If you donate through St. Paul's, please make your check out to St. Paul's, and note Family Promise in the memo line. Please check Family Promise's website for tickets and information. FamilyPromiseSkagit.org

Mother's Day

Next Sunday is Mother's Day. Be sure to give her a call if she's still around, or spend time reflecting on special moments you may have had together.

Letter Carrier "Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive"

May 11, 2024 letter carriers will collect non-perishable food if left in bags by your mailbox. Since 1993, this food drive has collected approximately 1.9B pounds of food for those in need.

Paths To Understanding

Paths to Understanding will be holding an additional virtual Zoom conversation on Tuesday May 14th, at 7:00pm PST, and would like to invite you to join.

The discussion title is: *Let's Go There (Hell)*

The conversation will review elements of Reverend Kylo's newest book, "Go & Do Likewise", and *will discuss*:

- *Core of ethics in the Abrahamic Tradition*
- *Two Views of hell*
- *Accountability*
- *Challenging text: Matthew 25:46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.*

You must register to attend; there is a link to register in the email blast sent out earlier.

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Vestry

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

Your Vestry are:

Rector:The Rev. Paul Moore

Treasurer:.....Margaret Bird

Clerk:Joe Thomas

Senior Warden:Margie Lauer

Junior Warden:Carol Boss

Member.....Sue Shepherd

Member.....Tony Smith

Worship Leader's Dinner

There will be a Worship Leaders Dinner May 6th, 6:15 pm at the home of Bonnie and Andy Schuh. Contact Maggie Bird for more information.

Other things todo to participate 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.

Flowers

Flowers this week are given by Beth Fuentes in celebration of 28 years of life for her son Joseph.

Covid Tests

There are free covid tests in the Parish Hall. It's a good idea to have one in advance of needing one, so stop by and get one as necessary. There are two tests in each kit. It's just one more way to show caring to those around you.

Lost and Found

We have a bit of a collection of lost items that have been found. Look on the shelf in the narthex under the stained glass cross, and please take your lost item.

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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.

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t-coil or request headphones

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JESUS SEEMS TO BE UNNECESSARILY COMPLICATED FOR SOME VERSES THAT ARE JUST ABOUT LOVE. IS THAT JUST HIS STYLE?



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I THINK JESUS IS GIVING US WORDS THAT CAN ONLY BEGIN TO DESCRIBE THE PROFOUND MYSTERY THAT IS DIVINE LOVE.



I SEE...



AND THE LOVE WE SHOW ONE ANOTHER IS OUR SMALL WAY OF PARTICIPATING IN THAT MYSTERY.



I'LL SAY!
SOME DAYS I WONDER HOW YOU PUT UP WITH **ME!**



JOHN 15:9-17

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