



SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

9:30 A.M. EUCHARIST

THE SIXTH 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:	Alec McDougall
Eucharistic Minister:	Sharon Rader
Eucharistic Visitors:	Sandy McDougall & Sue Shepherd
Acolyte:	Daniel Dempsey
Youth Acolyte:	Kassian Crudder
Greeters:	Daniel & Laura Dempsey
Lectors:	Margie Lauer & Elizabeth Mahoney
Counters:	Elizabeth Tucker and Dianna Hume

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 Magnificat – Gillard St. Paul’s Choir

Opening Hymn..... I Sing the Mighty Power Of God Hymn 398

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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lector: A Reading From Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and

he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

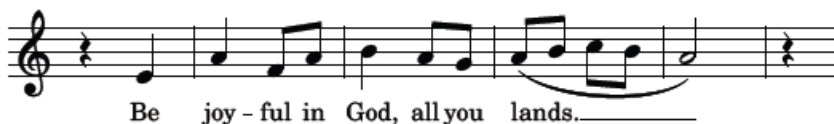
‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66



1. Be joyful in God, all you lands; sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise. Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
2. All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name; Come now and see the works of God, how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.
3. He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in him.
In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations, let no rebel rise up against him.
4. Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard;
Who holds out souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.

Lector: A Reading From 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering

should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual HymnBe Thou My Vision.....Hymn 488

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John 14:15-21

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

Celebrant: 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 Christ Church, Blaine, and Emmanuel, Eastsound; and for our companion congregation of La Iglesia de la Resurreccion. And in the Anglican Communion we pray for people of the Church of Pakistan. 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, especially for our Mothers, those who gave birth to us and those who have nurtured us through the years. Thank you for 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 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.....Et Terra Pax..... 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.

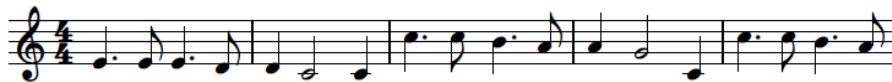
Presider: Let us give thanks to the One who created us.

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,

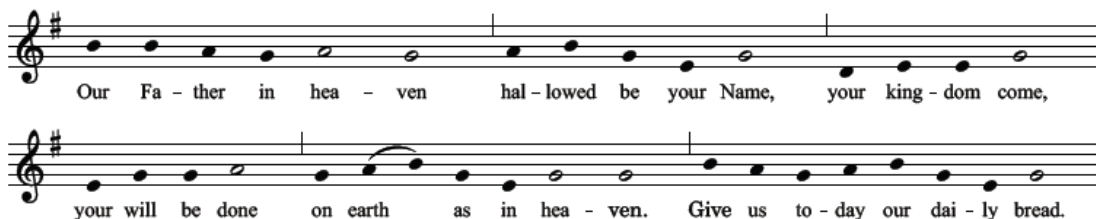
We await Christ's coming in glory;

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, *this page and next*



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 Hymn Ubi Caritas This page and next

U - bi ca - ri - tas est ve - ra, est ve - ra:
 De - us i - bi est, De - us i - bi est.

1. The love of Christ joins us to - geth - er. Let
 2. In true com - mu - nion let us gath - er. May
 3. May we who gath - er at this ta - ble to
 4. For those in need make us your mer - cy, for
 5. May we one day be - hold your glo - ry and

1. us re - joice in him, and in our love and
 2. all di - vi - sions cease and in their place be
 3. share the bread of life be - come a sac - ra -
 4. those op - pressed, your might. Make us, your Church, a
 5. see you face to face, re - joi - cing with the D.C.

1. care for all now love God in re - turn.
 2. Christ the Lord, our ris - en Prince of Peace.
 3. ment of love, your heal - ing touch, O Christ.
 4. ho - ly sign of jus - tice and new life.
 5. saints of God to sing - e - ter - nal praise.

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.

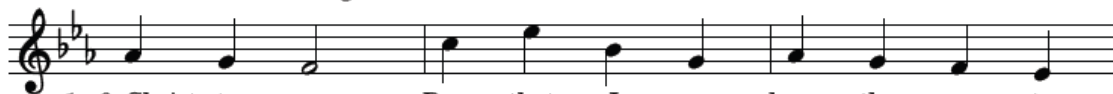
Presider and People: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn.....The Servant Song



- 1., 6. Will you let me be your ser - vant, Let me be as
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, We are trav - 'lers
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you In the night - time
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; When you laugh I'll
5. When we sing to God in heav - en We shall find such



- 1., 6. Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to
2. on the road; We are here to help each oth - er
3. of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
4. laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
5. har - mo - ny, Born of all we've known to - geth - er



- 1., 6. Let you be my ser - vant too.
2. Walk the mile and bear the load.
3. Speak the peace you long to hear.
4. 'Til we've seen this jour - ney through.
5. Of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

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 Praise Him! Praise Him!Arr. Tornquist