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"Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son,
that your Son may glorify you."

John 17:1

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SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

9:30 A.M. EUCHARIST

THE SEVENTH 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
Musician:	Elizabeth Mahoney
Eucharistic Minister:	Judy Smith
Eucharistic Visitors:	Sue Shepherd and Acacia McDermott
Acolyte:	Acacia McDermott
Youth Acolyte:	Roland Crudder
Greeters:	Penny Worrell & Carol Treston
Lectors:	Susan Sanderson & Judy Smith
Counters:	Joe Thomas & Martha Lum

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

PreludeAlleluia! Sing to Jesus – Rowland H. Prichard

Opening Hymn.....All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name..... Hymn 450

Opening Acclamation

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

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 **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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Lector: A Reading From Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand

looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 68:4-5, 7-8, 17-18



Sing to God, O king-doms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord, sing praises.

1. Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; Yahweh is his Name, rejoice before him! Father of orphans, defender of widows, God in his holy habitation!
2. O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
3. The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of thousands; the Lord comes in holiness from Sinai. You have gone up on high and led captivity captive; you have received gifts even from your enemies, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

Lector: A Reading From 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world

are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn Rejoice, the Lord of Life Ascends Hymn 222

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John 17:1-11

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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

Presider: 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. David's, Friday Harbor, and Grace, Lopez Island; and for our companion congregation of La Iglesia de la Resurreccion. And in the Anglican Communion we pray for people of the

Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. 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 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 courage 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, both close and far away. Thank you for sunshine to warm our bodies and rains to grow our local crops. We thank you for the food on our tables and for safe places to rest our heads each 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?

Presider: 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..... Alleluia, Sing to JesusHymn 460

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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.**

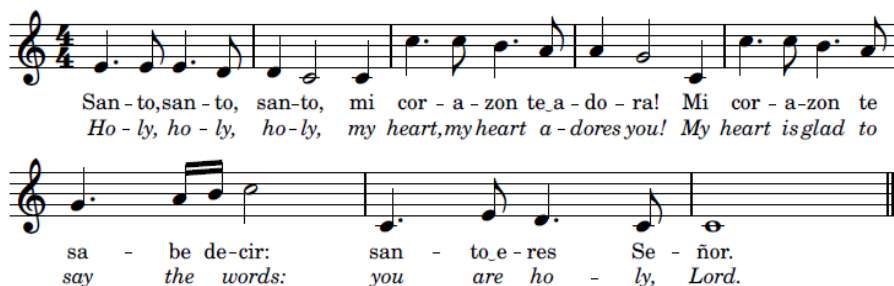
Presider: Let us give thanks to the One who created us.

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,



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.....Because He Lives.....William & Gloria Gather



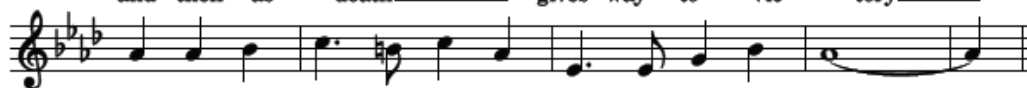
1. God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus;
 2. How sweet to hold a new - born ba - by,
 3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er;



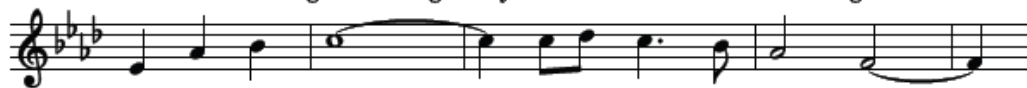
He came to love, heal, and for - give;
 and feel the pride and joy he gives;
 I'll fight life's fin - nal war with pain;



he lived and died to buy my par - don,
 but great - er still the calm as - sur - ance,
 and then as death gives way to vic - tory



an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives,
 this child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause he lives,
 I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know he reigns.



Be - cause he lives, I can face to - mor - row;



be - cause he lives, all fear is gone;



be - cause I know he holds the fu - ture,



and life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause he lives.

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..... Crown Him With Many Crowns Hymn 494

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!

PostludeHail the Day that Sees Him Rise – Robert Williams