



Trinity
SUNDAY

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

9:30 A.M. EUCHARIST

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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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

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| Presider and Preacher: | The Rev'd David Walker |
| Deacon: | The Rev'd Dennis Taylor |
| Musician: | David Sloat |
| Cantor: | Sandy McDougall |
| Eucharistic Minister: | Mary Ann Taylor |
| Eucharistic Visitors: | Sue Shepherd and Sandy McDougall |
| Acolyte: | Mary Ann Taylor |
| Greeters: | Michael & Carole Boss |
| Lectors: | Jen McCabe & Rod Chandler |
| Counters: | Alec McDougall & 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 Here I Am, Lord – Dan Schutte

Opening Hymn.....Holy, Holy, Holy..... Hymn 362

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

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

GloriaHymn S278

In the front of the blue hymnal

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, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please be seated.

Lector: A Reading From Genesis 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

A Reading from 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn..... Holy Spirit

REFRAIN: *Repeat softly during verses*

Ho - ly___ Spir - it___ come in - to___ our lives.____

Ho - ly___ Spir - it___ make us tru - ly wise.____

Cantor:

1. Give us a spirit of wisdom, an understanding heart.
Give us a spirit of knowledge, and lead us to the truth. **REFRAIN**
2. Give us a spirit of courage, and judgment that is wise.
Give us a spirit of rev'rence, of wonder and of awe. **REFRAIN**
3. Spirit of love and compassion, give hope to all the poor.
Spirit of Justice and mercy, come open ev'ry door. **REFRAIN**
4. Spirit of strength and of healing, bend stubborn ear and will.
Spirit of trust and of caring, O melt us, warm our chill. **REFRAIN**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 28:16-20

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and

teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon..... The Rev'd David Walker

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

Deacon: Let us offer our petitions, adoration and thanksgivings unto the Lord responding to the bidding “Incline your ear to us, O Lord,” with “and hear the call of Your children”.

Eucharistic Minister: Blessed Father, we pray for Your holy church. We pray for Sean, our presiding bishop; for Philip, our own bishop; for Dennis, our Deacon; for David, our interim priest; and for our next Rector. We pray for our Vestry and for those who gently shepherd us, especially during this time of discernment and transition. In our own diocese we pray for St. Stephen’s, Oak Harbor; and for our companion congregation of La Iglesia de la Resurreccion. In the Anglican Communion we pray for the Anglican Church of Rwanda. Incline your ear to us, O Lord, **and hear the call 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. Incline your ear to us, O Lord, **and hear the call of your children.**

Loving God, we pray for the victims of violence and discrimination who suffer simply because they look and sound different from us. We pray for those who courageously demand equal justice for *all* people. And help us to recognize each other as Your precious children – and as our brothers and sisters. Incline your ear to us, O Lord, **and hear the call of your children.**

Merciful God, we ask that You grant us strength and patience to listen to others who see the world through different glasses than we do. Help us to accept that everything is *not* black and white in this world. Help us to listen – and sometimes to just be silent. Incline your ear to us, O Lord, **and hear the call of your children.**

Precious Lord, we praise You for this loving, giving community of St Paul’s. Help us to gently care for each other. Watch over us as we move into summer weather and extended vacations. Protect those who travel. Hold us as we continue to love and care for our those who are struggling to pay their bills and keep food on their tables. Incline your ear to us, O Lord, **and hear the call of your children.**

Blessed Creator, we ask for Your healing and mercy upon ourselves, our families and friends; and upon all of those who are deeply impacted by isolation and loneliness, especially those in care facilities. We pray for those who are struggling with addictions and PTSD. Incline your ear to us, O Lord, **and hear the call of your children.**

Most Gracious God, we thank You for our families and friends. We thank You for keeping us safe during this unsettling time of social unrest; and we thank You for the roofs over our heads. Thank you for our very breath. May we never take Your blessed gifts for granted. Incline your ear to us, O Lord, **and hear the call of your children.**

Loving Father, we ask that You welcome into Your tender arms our loved ones who have left this world to be with You instead. Hold us gently as we remember with aching hearts the music and laughter they brought to our lives. Incline your ear to us, O Lord, **and hear the call of your children.**

For whom or for what else do we pray?

The Presider offers a concluding Collect

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: 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 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! Hymn 460

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

**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**

The Holy Communion

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: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

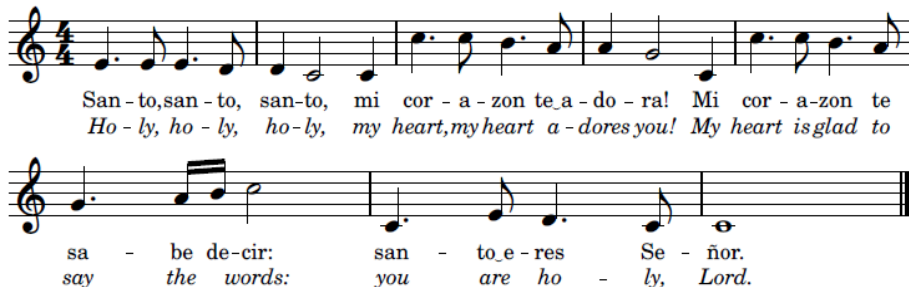
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the one Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: Threefold and glorious God, in Fatherly joy you created all things through the grace of your Word and the wisdom of your Spirit. In the depth of your love for the world you gave your only Son that all might come to new life in your Spirit. You rolled away the stone by your Fatherly hand and in the power of your Spirit raised your incarnate Son from the dead. In your Fatherly mercy you breathed your Spirit on the fearful disciples, giving them the fire of your love to live as the body of your Son.

And so, adoring you with apostles and prophets, with martyrs and saints, with angels and archangels, with cherubim and seraphim, and with all your glorious company in bright array, we celebrate the glory of your praise:



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 - does 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: Lord God, there is none beside you; you are perfect in power, in love, and in purity. You invite us to join you at your heavenly banquet that knows no end. In this meal we recall the sacrifice of your Son and the sanctification of your Spirit.

Send that Spirit upon us now, that we may be made ready to be your companions, and on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith:

Presider and People:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Presider: Triune God, in the dance of your love we see your nature as utter relationship. Be close to all who struggle in relationship at home, in the workplace, across social divides and national thresholds.

As your three persons gaze in shared attention, look upon those who lives go unrecognized. As your three members work together in true partnership, uphold any who face the struggles of their life alone. As your partners in threefold unity relish one another in deep delight, revitalize those who live without joy or hope.

Make your church a community across time and space that enjoys the gift of your life and imitates the wonder of your love, until all come into our presence and gaze upon your glory, God in three persons, blessed Trinity. **Amen.**

And now, 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!**

Fraction Hymn.....S161

Presider: 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 One Bread, One Body

Chorus

One bread one bod-y one Lord of all,
one cup of bless - ing which we bless And
we, though man - y Through-out the earth
we are one bod - y in this one Lord

Last time fine

Verses

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Gen - tile or Jew, | Ser - vant or free, |
| 2. Man - y the gifts, | man - y the works, |
| 3. Grain for the fields, | scat - tered and grown, D.C. |

wom - an or man no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors:

The Deacon sends forth the Eucharistic Ministers:

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.

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.....Lord, You Give the Great Commission

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the
2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my
3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my
4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther,
5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am
sick and preach the word." Lest the Church ne - glect its mis - sion
name bap - tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
bo - dy, this my blood." Let your priests for earth's true glo - ry
what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
with you to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,
and the Gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
dai - ly lift life hea - ven - ward, ask - ing that the
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
may we serve as you in - tend, and, a - mid the
to your pur - pose with re - newed in - te - gri - ty;
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty;
world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty: With the
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty;
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:
Spir - it's gifts em - pow - er us for the work of min - is - try.

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!

PostludeGo Forth for God – E. Routley

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Announcements and Opportunities

Take this page home with you to update your calendars.

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

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this morning are lovingly given by Susan Sanderson in memory of her sister Mary and her mother Julia on their birthdays.

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.

Office Closures

The office will be closed June 3-8, while David is in California for his Father-in-law's memorial service. He will be back in the saddle June 9. Prayers for support and travels for him and his family are appreciated.

Information for the June 7 bulletin needs to be in the office no later than the morning of the 2nd. Thanks for your consideration.

First Wednesday Soup and Discussion

Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 6:00 PM. Join Faith Community Nurses for soup and discussion. This week, we will be joined by James Kamerer, LICSW, SUDP from the Mount Vernon Police Department's (Integrated Outreach Services (IOS), a team that is made up of four MSW Social Workers and 1 Nurse Practitioner who work as first responders with the Police Department to reach and work with those who are most in need of assistance. Come find out what they do, and what we can do to walk with them.

Art in the Narthex

The art in the narthex is from Michael Rader. Thanks for sharing these drawings, paintings, and photographs.

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 Margie Lauer to arrange scheduling. 425.248.9336