

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026
9:30 A.M. EUCHARIST
SECOND 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

Presider:	The Rev'd David Walker
Preacher:	Michael Rader
Musician:	David Sloat
Cantor:	Alec McDougall
Eucharistic Minister:	Sharon Rader
Eucharistic Visitors:	Shelly Powell & Mary Ann Taylor
Acolyte:	Acacia McDermott
Greeters:	Roy & Kim Blumenhagen
Lectors:	Carole Boss & Debby Bloom
Counters:	Sharon Johnson & Sue Shepherd

St. Paul's Prayer Team prays daily for those on the prayer list. Please email Acacia McDermott at redwoodam@proton.me

The Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Unless otherwise noted, the Presider speaks the regular type, the People respond boldly.

Opening Bell

Welcome Presider

Prelude Lord of the Dance (19th Century Shaker tune)

Opening Hymn Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymn 599

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

Gloria Hymn 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:

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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.

Lector: A Reading From Genesis 12:1-9

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:15, 7-11



By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.

1. Rejoice in the lord, you righteous; it is good for the just to sing praises.
Praise the Lord with the harp; play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
2. Sing for him a new song; sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
For the word of the Lord is right, and all his works are sure.
3. He loves righteousness and justice; the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.
He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water skin, and stores up the depths of the sea.
4. Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
For he spoke, and it came to pass; he commanded, and it stood fast.
5. The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; he thwarts the designs of the peoples.
But the Lord's will stands fast for ever, and the designs of his heart from age to age.

Lector: A Reading from Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed

that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn There is a Balm in Gilead

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to make the wound - ed
 whole; There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to heal the sin sick soul. Fine

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, and think my work's in vain, but____
 2. If you can - not preach like Pet - er, if you can - not preach like Paul, You can
 3. Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged for_ Je - sus is your friend, and____ D.C.

then the ho - ly spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain._____
 tell the love of Je - sus, and say He died for all._____
 if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend._____

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.”

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and

learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The SermonMichael Rader

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as 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 “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 Phillip, 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. Barnabas, Bainbridge Island, Grace, Bainbridge, and St Paul’s, Bremerton; and for our companion congregation of La Iglesia de la Resurreccion. In the Anglican Communion we pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church. 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 Lord, 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

The Peace

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

People: 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

OffertoryCanto de Esperanza (Song of Hope)David Sloat, piano
20th Century Argentine

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

Eucharistic Prayer Proper 5

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.

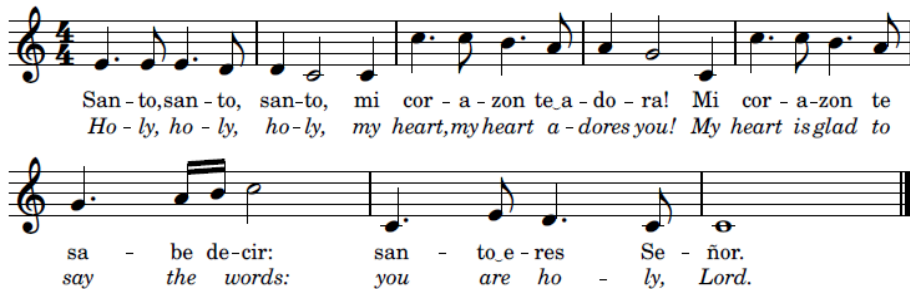
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Presider: Lord Emmanuel, the with-us God, we thank and praise you because you called Abraham out of the dust of Haran and made him the father of many nations. You blessed him and blessed those who blessed him, and called his nation one in whom all peoples would find a blessing. You reckoned his faith as righteousness.

In Jesus you fulfilled that blessing and, in his dying and rising, opened out that covenant to your whole creation. And so we celebrate the wonders of your grace, with all the host of heaven, singing your unending hymn;



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: God of ever-presence, Abraham built an altar in the desert because you had appeared to him. Appear to us now as we gather around this holy table in your name. As your Son pitched his tent in our midst, so through your Holy Spirit make him present to us and make us holy through him, that we might behold your glory.

Sanctify by that same Spirit this 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 for the 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.

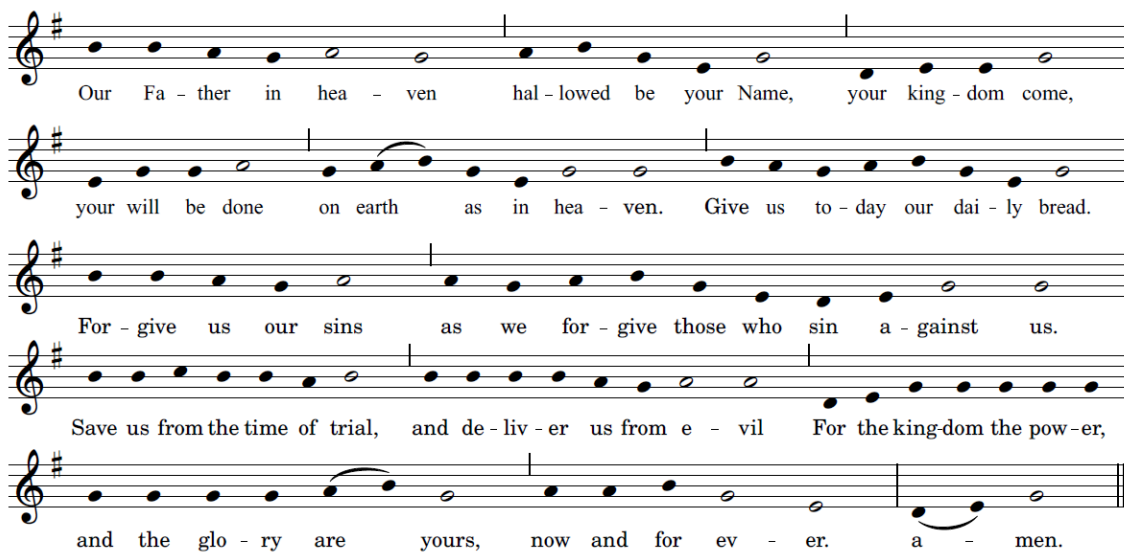
Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider: Infectious God, in touching the hem of your Son's garment a woman was restored to wholeness and community. In this sacrament give us grace to touch the hem of your garment and so find life and truth and peace. Heal all who find them excluded by prejudice, discrimination, or bigotry. Restore to your company any who have withdrawn through shame or fear or regret. Lift up those who are invisible because of cruelty or imprisonment or suppression. Visit your children who are close to death or dismayed by grief.

Gather to yourself a kingdom of sinner and sage, exile and exalted, that the body, mind, and spirit of your groaning creation may leap for joy and sing in your heart forever, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **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 HymnS164

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..... I come with Joy Hymn 304

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 HymnHope of the WorldHymn 472

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.....We Are Called – David Haas

Changes to the Eucharistic Prayer

This week we are continuing a change to the Eucharistic Prayer. In the Book of Common Prayer there are 4 that are commonly used within liturgical seasons – A, B, C, and D. In the ordinary season, starting with Trinity Sunday, A and B are commonly used. However, for the next few weeks we will be using Eucharistic prayers from a book called *Eucharistic Prayers* by Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher, © 2016.

The preface of the book explains its purpose and origin (excerpts):

“This book arises out of a desire to renew the church’s worship, to empower the people of God, and to see the kingdom come. It pursues these aims by providing a Eucharistic prayer for every Sunday of the three-year Revised Common Lectionary cycle.

The book is grounded in a love of liturgy because worship is the principal way the church enacts its understanding of its relationship to God and practices to live the holy life to which it is called. The blessing of the bread and the cup should be a thrilling, enthralling, and entrancing moment where the congregation finds all the promises of God meeting their yes in Christ. But our sense is that it tends to be a time of diminished concentration, repetition of tired but seldom fully understood words, a way apparently so far from the intimacy of the Last Supper, the new social relation of the kingdom, or the glory of the heavenly banquet.

One thing that can be done is to make the Eucharistic prayer, or prayer of great thanksgiving, more vivid, more accessible, less shrouded in Reformation debates, shorter, and more of a piece with the Ministry of the Word that precedes it.

These prayers follow the Revised Common Lectionary readings for each of the 156 Sundays, together with major feast days, of the three-year cycle; they draw out of these readings themes that converge with the action and gift of the Eucharist, bringing salvation history to fulfillment in Christ’s death and resurrection; and they chart a transition from remembrance and thanksgiving to intercession and hope for the coming kingdom, by shaping the final section of the prayer as a call for God to make the whole world a Eucharist, freeing the oppressed from domination as forgiveness has freed people from sin, and feeding the hungry as bread and cup have nourished the congregation. Our experience in putting these prayers to work in the congregations we’ve served has been that the Great Thanksgiving has changed from being a low-energy lull in the liturgy to being a focused, fresh, and engaged moment in which people expect to make discoveries and perceive more deeply.”

There is a copy of the book in the office if people want to read more while they are at the church.

Samuel Wells is Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London. Among his other books are *Be Not Afraid: Facing Fear with Faith* and *Learning to Dream Again: Rediscovering the Heart of God*.

Abigail Kocher is pastor of congregational life at Oak Ridge United Methodist Church in Greensboro, North Carolina, and coauthor (with Samuel Wells) of *Shaping the Prayers of the People: The Art of Intercession*.