

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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and that we are recipients of and participants in that healing and restoration.*

HAPPY
Father's
Day

FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 16, 2024
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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..... Be Thou My Vision – Traditional Irish Melody arr, Tom Fettke

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 Praise the Spirit in Creation Hymn 506

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, 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.

A Reading From Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar;

I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;

I will accomplish it.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14



The right-teous shall flour-ish like a palm tree.

It is a good thing to give /thanks to the Lord,*
and to sing praises to your /Name, O Most High;
To tell of your loving-kindness early /in the morning*
and of your faithfulness /in the night season. [ANTIPHON]

On the psaltery, /and on the lyre,*
and to the melo/dy of the harp.
For you have made me /glad by your acts, O Lord;*
and I shout for joy because of the /works of your hands.
[ANTIPHON]

The righteous shall flourish /like a palm tree,*
and shall spread abroad like a /cedar of Lebanon.
Those who are planted in the /house of the Lord*
shall flourish in the /courts of our God; [ANTIPHON]

They shall still bear /fruit in old age;*
they shall be /green and succulent;
That they may show how /upright the Lord is,*
my Rock, in /whom there is no fault. [ANTIPHON]



A Reading From 2 Corinthians 5:6-10,[11-13],14-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for

you.] For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn..... “Blest Are the Pure in Heart”Hymn 656

Presider: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon..... Rev. Paul Moore

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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as God loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Silence.

Here other intercessions may be offered, silently or aloud.

Confession and Absolution

Deacon (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.....“O, What Their Joy and Glory Must Be”..... Hymn 623

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 A

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.

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.

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them 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 everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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 co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: san - to_e - res Señ - or.
heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly Lord.

Presider: Oh God, you are holy and gracious: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, our Rock and our Foundation.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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 he 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Presider and People: Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Presider: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal Reign.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 for ever.

Amen.

Presider: 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

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

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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“For the Bread Which You Have Broken” Hymn 341

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 “How Firm a Foundation”Hymn 637

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..... We Praise Thee, O God, My Redeemer – Dutch melody arr. Cindy Berry

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

Musician

Elizabeth Mahoney-Niven

Eucharistic Minister:

Acacia McDermott

Eucharistic Visitors:

Carol Treston & Sandy McDougall

Greeters:

Don & Arlene Zimmerman

Lectors:

Susan Sanderson & Jen McCabe

Counters:

Bonnie Schuh & Joe Thomas

St. Paul’s Prayer Team prays daily for those on the prayer list. Please email Penny Worrell at penny.worrell@gmail.com.

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Announcements and Opportunities

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 at the church. Please join us. Bring a project, an idea, a friend. All are welcome.

Other things to do 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

The flowers today are from the Sanderson family – dedicating them to all Fathers and (more importantly) in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary! Congratulations!

Office Paper Cutter

The paper cutter that usually lives in the office is missing. If you borrowed it for a project please return it. You will be thanked!

Mayor's Coffee Hour

Mount Vernon Mayor Donovan invites you to join him for Mayor's Coffee Hour - an opportunity for residents to ask questions, hear what's happening at the city, discuss concerns and relay ideas. The next one is this Friday June 21, 2024 from 10:00 to 11:00 in the Skagit Publishing Community Room, 1215 Anderson Rd.

Anacortes Pride Parade

Christ Episcopal Church, in Anacortes, will be supporting our brothers and sisters in the LBGTQ+ community, by participating in the Anacortes Pride Parade, on Saturday, June 22nd. They will also be sponsoring a booth at the festival afterwards. The folks at Christ Church have invited anyone at St. Paul's who would like to, to come join them by participating in the parade and/or helping to man the booth. If you have any question or are interested in joining Christ Church in supporting the LBGT+ community please call Maggie Collinge at 360-202-5588. Please let her know if you are planning on participating in this event.

Parish Directory

The parish directory is now updated. David is asking for a volunteer or two to come in and help assemble them. Check with David in the office M-Th, 10-2.

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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

Announcements

If you need to put announcements in the bulletin, the contact person is David Lorente, our parish administrator. His email is “stpaulmv@comcast.net, and the deadline is noon on Wednesday. If you need to submit an announcement for the e-blast, the contact person is Jen McCabe. Her email address is jennifer.e.mccabe@gmail.com, and the deadline is 8 p.m. on Thursday. Please do **not** use the “stpaulmv@gmail.com” address. It is for social media purposes only.

Free COVID Test Kits

There are free COVID test kits in the Parish Hall. It’s always good to have one before you need it. There are two tests per kit.



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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.

TELECOIL ASSIST AVAILABLE.



HEADPHONES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE,
PLEASE SEE A GREETER.

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