

# SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026

9:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FOURTH 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 and Preacher:	The Rev'd David Walker
Musician:	David Sloat
Cantor:	Sandy McDougall
Eucharistic Minister:	Judy Smith
Eucharistic Visitors:	Sue Shepherd & Mary Ann Taylor
Acolyte:	Acacia McDermott
Greeters:	Elizabeth Tucker & Laura Dempsey
Lectors:	Jen McCabe & Judy Baker
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](mailto: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 ..... It is Well With My Soul .....arr. J. Innes

**Opening Hymn .....Praise to the Living God.....Hymn 372**

## 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: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

**Presider and People: O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16



1. You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you. Hearken, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my pleading.

2. All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord, and glorify your name.  
For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds; you alone are God.
3. You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity.  
Turn toward me, and have pity on me; give your strength to your servant.

**Lector: A Reading from Romans 6:1b-11**

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn** ..... Day by Day (3x) ..... Hymn 654

Presider: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 10:24-39

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

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

The Sermon ..... The Rev’d David Walker

### **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**

**Presider:** 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. Bede's, Port Orchard; St. Paul's, Port Townsend; and Faith, Poulsbo; and for our companion congregation of La Iglesia de la Resurreccion. In the Anglican Communion we pray for the Church of South India (United). 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, our 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 victims of hatred and prejudice 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 experience the world through different glasses than we do. Help us to accept that life is very challenging for so many of God's children. Help us sometimes to just be silent, and to listen without judgement. 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 hot summer weather and extended vacations. Protect those who travel. Hold us as we continue to love and care for 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 your healing 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 struggle daily 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 been taken from our arms 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 concludes with a 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 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 you 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 ..... The Summons



1. "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2. "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3. "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4. "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name?\_\_\_\_\_ Will you go where you don't know and  
your name?\_\_\_\_\_ Will you care for cruel and kind and  
your name?\_\_\_\_\_ Will you set the pris - 'ners free and  
your name?\_\_\_\_\_ Will you quell the fear in - side and  
my name.\_\_\_\_\_ Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be  
nev - er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile  
nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er  
nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've  
nev - er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown? Will you let my name be known?\_\_\_\_\_ Will you  
stare should your life at - tract or scare?\_\_\_\_\_ Will you  
clean, and do such as this un - seen,\_\_\_\_\_ and ad -  
found to re - shape the world a - round,\_\_\_\_\_ through my  
go where your love and foot - steps show.\_\_\_\_\_ Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
-mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*Your gifts are much appreciated.*

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Mount Vernon, WA 98274. You can also make payments online at [www.stpaulsmv.org](http://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 Lord our God.

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

Presider: We lift our hearts and souls to you, Lord God, for you made creation out of nothing, and in Abraham you called a people to be your own. You crafted a destiny for your children from the barrenness of despair and the wilderness of sin.

You made an everlasting covenant that bound you and humanity to be with one another forever. In Jesus you made a new covenant that embodied humankind's full presence before you and your full presence before humankind.

And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

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:** Uniting God, you bind yourself to us in Christ's death, and you bind us to yourself in Christ's resurrection. In him we are dead to sin and alive to you. Send now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal in his memory, that we might be a ransomed, healed, restored, and forgiven people delivered from the curse of slavery, and that this bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; 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.**

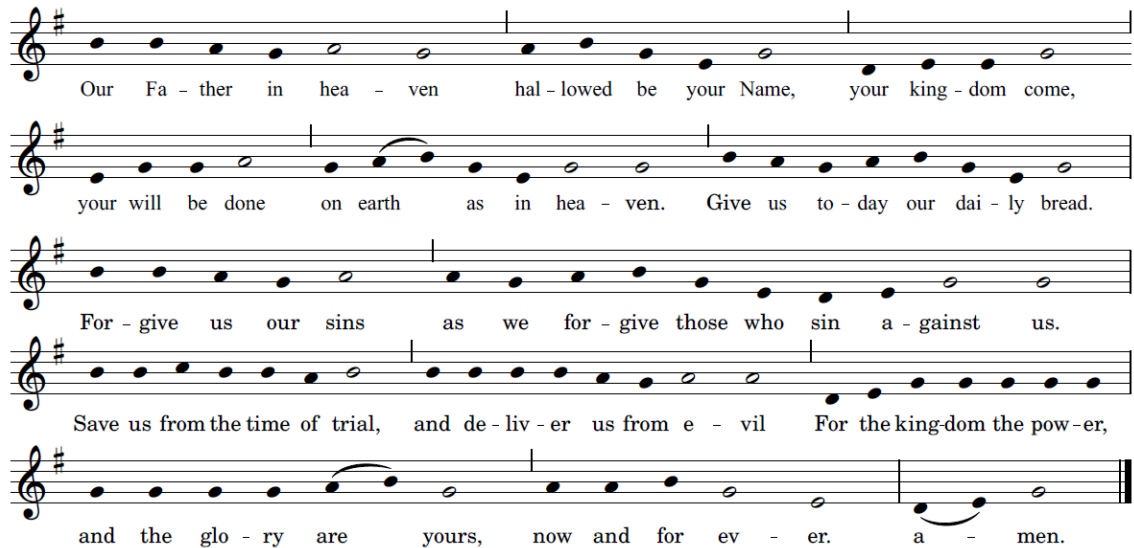
**Christ will come again.**

Presider: Jealous God, you want us for yourself and you teach us to shape all our loves as ways of loving you. Give your consolation to all who live with no peace, but only a sword. Dwell with those who find their household divided, son against father, mother against daughter; and any who find it hard to love you and to cherish their family members too.

Restore your church that it may discover you in the way of the cross and find its life by losing it for your sake, until the day when you are the joy of our desiring and we the joy of yours, when every eye shall behold you and every tongue confess you as Lord, one and holy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

### The Breaking of the Bread



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.

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

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 Presider sends forth the Eucharistic Ministers:*

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.

**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.....I Have Decided To Follow Jesus



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -  
2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be -  
3. Though none go with me, still I will fol - low, though none go



-cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low  
-hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -  
with me, still I will foll - low, though none go with me, still I will



Je - sus, no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.  
-fore me, no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.  
fol - low, no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

## 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 ..... It is Well With My Soul ..... David Sloat, piano

# 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

## **Ruth Wylie Memorial**

There will be a memorial service for Ruth Wylie June 27 at 10:30 am, with a brief reception after in the Parish Hall.

## **Coffee Hour**

The morning's Coffee Hour is hosted by Carolyn's Guild. Stop in after worship for some coffee and conversation in the Parish Hall. You can also sign up on the clipboard to host coffee hour. It doesn't have to be elaborate, just cookies and coffee are great! Contact Arlene Zimmerman or Melissa Bird if you have questions.

## **Altar Flowers**

The altar flowers are given today by the Johnson family in loving memory of Sally Rode. Sign up on the clipboard in the Parish Hall to bring flowers to enhance our worship space. Contact Jen McCabe if you have questions.

## **SonShine Crafters!**

The SonShine Crafters meet the first and third Wednesdays from 1 to 3 pm in the church. Please join us for craft projects and fellowship. Bring a project, an idea, a friend. All are welcome.

## **First Wednesday Gatherings Hiatus**

With the Summer comings and goings, First Wednesday is taking a hiatus for the rest of the summer and will return in the fall. The reception to our first two events has been very good, and we learned about great programs available to the citizens of Mount Vernon and Skagit County. We're asking for your ideas and input about programs or people whom you believe would be helpful in our everyday lives, connect us with the community outside the walls, and make our lives safer, more involved, and more connected. Please submit your ideas in some form of media; we won't remember them given in passing.

## **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

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