



SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026
9:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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PLEASE SEE A GREETER FOR ASSISTANCE

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 |
| Musician: | Elizabeth Mahoney, piano |
| Music Director: | J.J. Cully |
| Eucharistic Minister: | Judy Smith |
| Eucharistic Visitors: | Sandy McDougall & Sue Shepherd |
| Acolyte: | Daniel Dempsey |
| Greeters: | Paul & Beth Fuentes |
| Lectors: | Elizabeth Mahoney & Sandy McDougall |
| Counters: | Elizabeth Tucker & Dianna Hume |

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

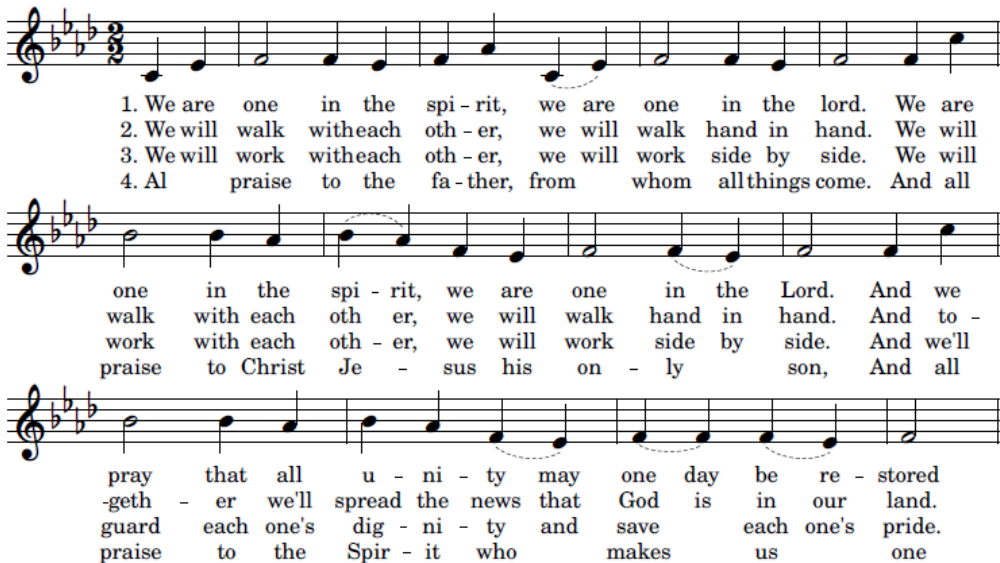
The Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Welcome Presider

Prelude *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* Elizabeth Mahoney, piano

Opening Hymn **They'll Know We Are Christians**

Verses

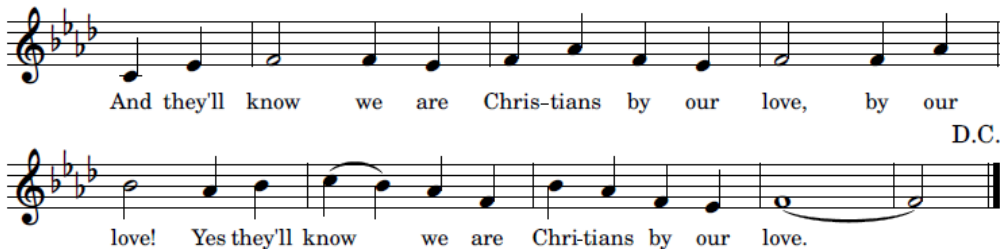


1. We are one in the spi - rit, we are one in the lord. We are
2. We will walk witheach oth - er, we will walk hand in hand. We will
3. We will work witheach oth - er, we will work side by side. We will
4. Al praise to the fa - ther, from whom all things come. And all

one in the spi - rit, we are one in the Lord. And we
walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand. And to -
work with each oth - er, we will work side by side. And we'll
praise to Christ Je - sus his on - ly son, And all

pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored
- geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
praise to the Spir - it who makes us one

Refrain



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our
D.C.

love! Yes they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

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, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please be seated.

Lector: A Reading From Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;

the one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with

his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:105-112

- 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.
- 106 I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.
- 107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.
- 108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.
- 109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.
- 110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
- 111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
- 112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.

Lector: A Reading from Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be

fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn..... Lord, Be Thy Word My RuleHymn 626

Presider: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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 “Patient and merciful Lord,” with “hear the prayers 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 also 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 Christ Church, Puyallup; Christ Church, Tacoma; and St. Andrew's, Tacoma; and for our companion congregation of La Iglesia de la Resurreccion. In the Anglican Communion we pray for Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

Patient and merciful Lord, **hear the prayers of your children.**

Patient Creator, we beseech you to watch over our nation and its leaders. Grant them the courage to lead our country with fairness and dignity for all, regardless of ethnic background, gender, age, or faith. Patient and merciful Lord, **hear the prayers of your children.**

Merciful God, we ask that you grant us the patience to listen to those who experience life differently than we do. Help us to accept that life can be very challenging for all your children.

Patient and merciful Lord, **hear the prayers of your children.**

Precious Lord, we praise you for this loving, giving community of St Paul's. Watch over us as we play and travel this summer. Hold us as we continue to love and care for those who are struggling to make ends meet.

Patient and merciful Lord, **hear the prayers 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.

Patient and merciful Lord, **hear the prayers of your children.**

Most Gracious God, we thank you for our families and friends. We thank you for the roofs over our heads and the food on our tables. May we never take your blessed gifts for granted.

Patient and merciful Lord, **hear the prayers of your children.**

Loving Lord, we ask that you welcome into your tender embrace 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 love and blessings they brought to our lives.

Patient and merciful Lord, **hear the prayers 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 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

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Verses 1-2



1. When I feel a - fraid think I've lost my_ way,
2. Now I will not for - get your love for me, and yet my



still_____ you're there right be - side_____ me. And
heart_____ for - ev - er is wan - - der-ing.



noth - ing will_ I_____ fear as_____ long as you_ are_ near.
Je - sus, be_____ my - guide, and hold me to_____ your side.

D.S.



You are near me to the end_____
I will love you to the end_____

Verse 3



3. Noth-ing will I_____ fear as_____ long as you are_ near.

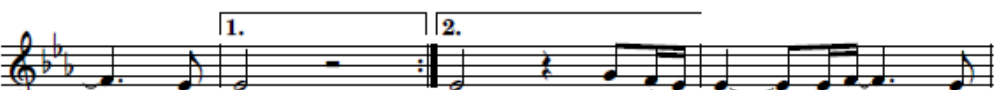


You are near me to the end_____

Final Refrain



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light_____ un-to_



1. _____ my path path and a_____ light_____ un-to_ my
2. _____



path. You're the_ light_____ un to_ my path.

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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.**

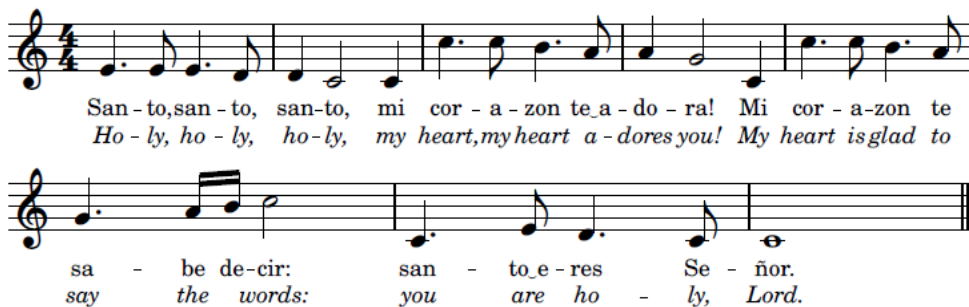
Presider: Let us give thanks to the One who created us.

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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



San-to, san-to, san-to, mi cor-a-zon te a-do-ra! Mi cor-a-zon te
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, my heart, my heart a-dores you! My heart is glad to
sa-be de-cir: san-to-e-res Se-ñor.
say the words: you are ho-ly, Lord.

Presider: 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.**

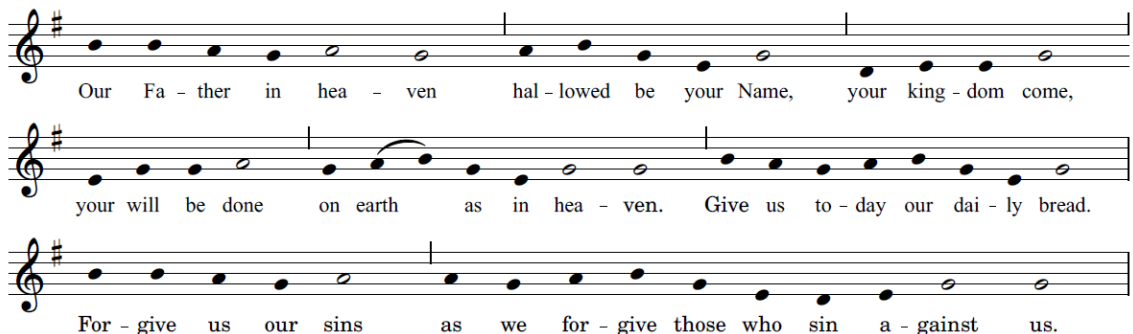
Presider: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

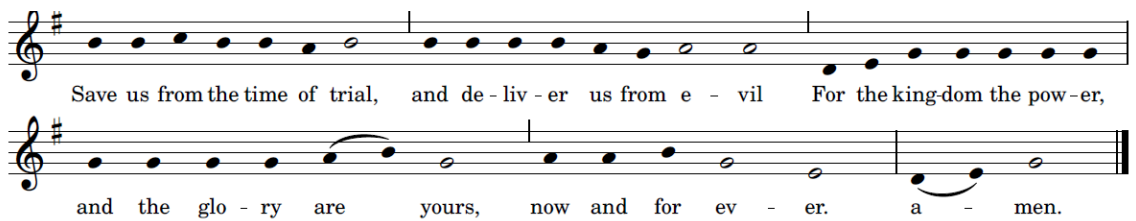
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all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

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





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..... I Come With Joy Hymn 304

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

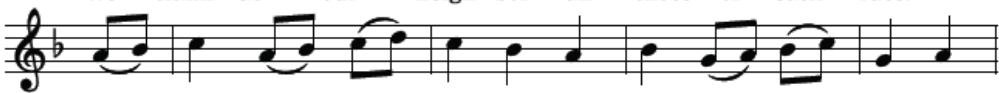
Closing Hymn..... Sent Forth By God's Blessing



1. Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
God's sac - ri - fice end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed
2. With praise and thanks-giv - ing, to God who is liv - ing,
Our faith ev - er shar-ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



1. The peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take leave.
The fruits of this Mass in all hearts who be - lieve.
2. The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we em - brace.
We claim as our neigh - bor all those of each race.



1. The seed of Christ's teach-ing, our in - ner souls reach-ing,
2. One bread that has fed us, one light that has led us



1. Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
2. U - nite us as one in his life that we share.



1. His grace shall in - cite us, his love shall u - nite us
2. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks-giv - ing



1. To fur - ther God's king - dom and an - swer his call.
2. Give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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 ... *They'll Know We Are Christians* with *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* arr. Tornquist

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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

Signs and Grace – Formation Opportunity

A three-week formation series called “Signs and Grace” started last Wednesday with an overview of the Sacraments. The next one is this coming Wednesday July 15 in the Parish Hall, the topic is Baptism. The third one, July 22, is looking at The Eucharist. We will have soup and bread at 6 with the discussion starting at 6:30. There are sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall, one for bringing soup or bread and one of who will be attending so that we know how much soup to bring.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given today by Art & Elizabeth Tucker in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to you!

Coffee Hour

The morning’s Coffee Hour is hosted by Art & Elizabeth Tucker. Stay after worship for some coffee and conversation.

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.

Morning Prayer

Morning prayer is offered each Wednesday morning at 9:00, both in-person and by zoom. Check the church website for zoom link and phone-in information.

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 (New Day)!

The SonShine Crafters meet the first and third Thursdays 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.

Art in the Narthex

The art in the narthex are Prayer Mandalas drawn by Acacia McDermott. Thanks Acacia for sharing these drawings.

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