

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

THE FIFTEENTH 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..... "Faith of Our Fathers"

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, especially the Skagit Tribe who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. We thank these caretakers of the land, who have lived, and continue to live, here since time immemorial.

Mission Statement

Presider and People:

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The Word of God

Please stand as able.

Opening Hymn For the Beauty of the Earth Hymn 416

Presider: Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen

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 Gloria Hymn S280

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People:

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15



The righ-teous shall a--bide up-on God's ho-ly hill.

Lord, who may dwell in your /tabernacle? *
who may abide /upon your holy hill?
Whoever leads a blameless life /and does what is right,
who speaks /the truth from his heart. [ANTIPHON]

There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil /to his friend; *—
he does not heap contempt /upon his neighbor.
In his sight the wicked /is rejected, *
but he honors /those who fear the Lord. [ANTIPHON]

He has sworn to /do no wrong *—
and does /not take back his word.
He does not give his money in /hope of gain, *—
nor does he take a bribe a/gainst the innocent. [ANTIPHON]

Whoever /does these things *—
shall ne/ver be overthrown. [ANTIPHON]

Tone IV, 11



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A Reading From James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.

But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act-they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn..... Take My Life and Let It BeHymn 707

Presider: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon..... Rev. Vicki Johnson

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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael and Melissa, our bishops, for Philip and Sean, our bishops elect, and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 some with whom you would like to share the peace of Christ.

Celebrations and Thanksgiving of Life

OffertoryAll Who Love and Serve Your City..... Hymn 571

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 your 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 hears.

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

The Presider continues

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.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 forever.

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

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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: 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.....I Am the Bread Of Life.....Hymn 335

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.

Presider and People: 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.....Love Divine All Loves Excelling Hymn 657

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 “For The Beauty Of The Earth”



Serving Today:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Presider	Rev. Keith Axberg
Preacher	Rev. Vicki Johnson
Deacon:	Rev. Dennis Taylor, Rev. Vicki Johnson
Musician	Elizabeth Mahoney-Niven
Eucharistic Minister:	Dan Niven
Eucharistic Visitors:	Dan Niven & Sherri Greenleaf
Greeters:	Penny Worrell & Carol Treston
Lectors:	Jen McCabe & Debby Bloom
Counters:	Margie Lauer & Dianna Hume

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.

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.

Covid Tests

There are free covid tests in the Parish Hall. It's a good idea to have one in advance of needing one, so stop by and get one as necessary. There are two tests in each kit. It's just one more way to show caring to those around you.

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

Flowers

The Flowers today are from Susan Sanderson, celebrating the twins' birthday.

Stamp Collector's Workshop

The City of Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Department will having a Stamp Collectors Workshop at Hillcrest Recreation Building, Saturday September 21, 2024 from 2-4pm. The cost is \$5.00. Contact the Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Department at 360.336.6215 for more info or to register.

Inquirer's Class

Inquirer's Class to begin in September. If you are interested in joining the church or just wanting to know more about us, you are invited to join an Inquirer's Class, a 6-week journey into who we are, beginning September 19th and running weekly through October. More details to follow. If interested, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall or email Fr. Paul at rector@stpaulsmv.org

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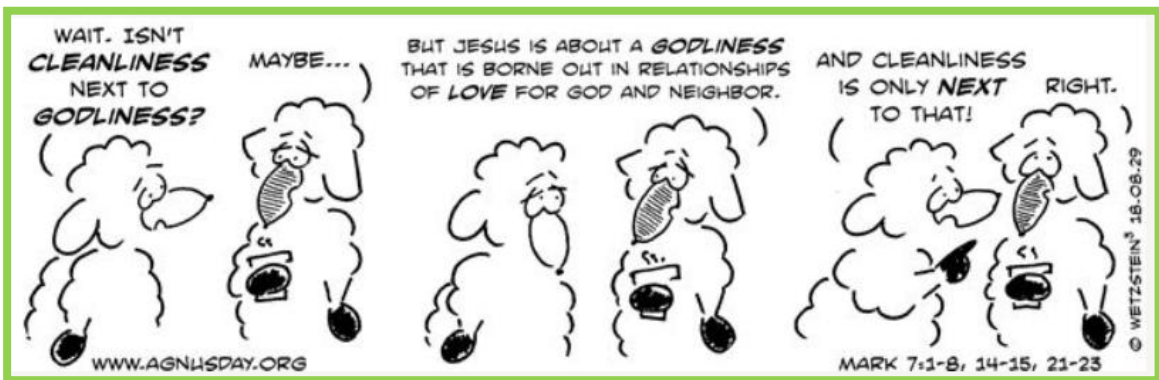
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Basic First Aid

The City of Mount Vernon is having a Basic First Aid/CPR/AED Certification session September 19, 2024 at Hillcrest Lodge. Cost for the certification is \$50. This is a four hour course, from 5-9pm. Contact the Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Department at 360.336.6215 for more info or to register.

Labor Day Holiday

Tomorrow, September 2, is Labor Day, celebrating workers. The office will be closed. It is appropriate to fly the national flag during daylight hours.



Why does voting matter?

We give thanks for the right to vote. Help us to hold this privilege and responsibility with the care and awareness it merits, realizing that our vote matters and that it is an act of faith.



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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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