

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*We believe that God is healing and restoring the world,
and that we are recipients of and participants in that healing and restoration.*



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024
THE EIGHTEENTH 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 "Brethren we Have Met to Worship" arr. By Renfrow

Land Acknowledgement

Presider: 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: We believe that God is healing and restoring the world, and that we are recipients of and participants in that healing and restoration.

The Word of God

Please stand as able.

Opening Hymn All Creatures of Our God and King Hymn 400

The Opening Acclamation

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

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People:

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 54

PSALM 54



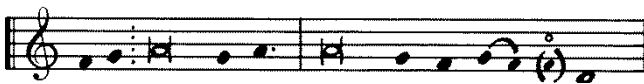
God is my help-er; the Lord sus-tains my life.

Save me, O God, by /your Name;*
in your /might, defend my cause.
Hear my prayer, /O God;*
give ear to the /words of my mouth. [ANTIPHON]

For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought /my life,
those who have /no regard for God.
Render evil to those who spy /on me;*
in your faithful/ness, destroy them. [ANTIPHON]

I will offer you a freewill sa/crifice*
and praise your Name, O /Lord, for it is good.
For you have rescued me from every /trouble,*
and my eye has seen the ru/in of my foes. [ANTIPHON]

Tone I,8



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A Reading From James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn.....We Walk By FaithHymn 209

Presider: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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.

Presider speaks a concluding collect.

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God.

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 I Sing a Song of the Saints of GodHymn 293

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.

The Presider continues

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, you 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.

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:

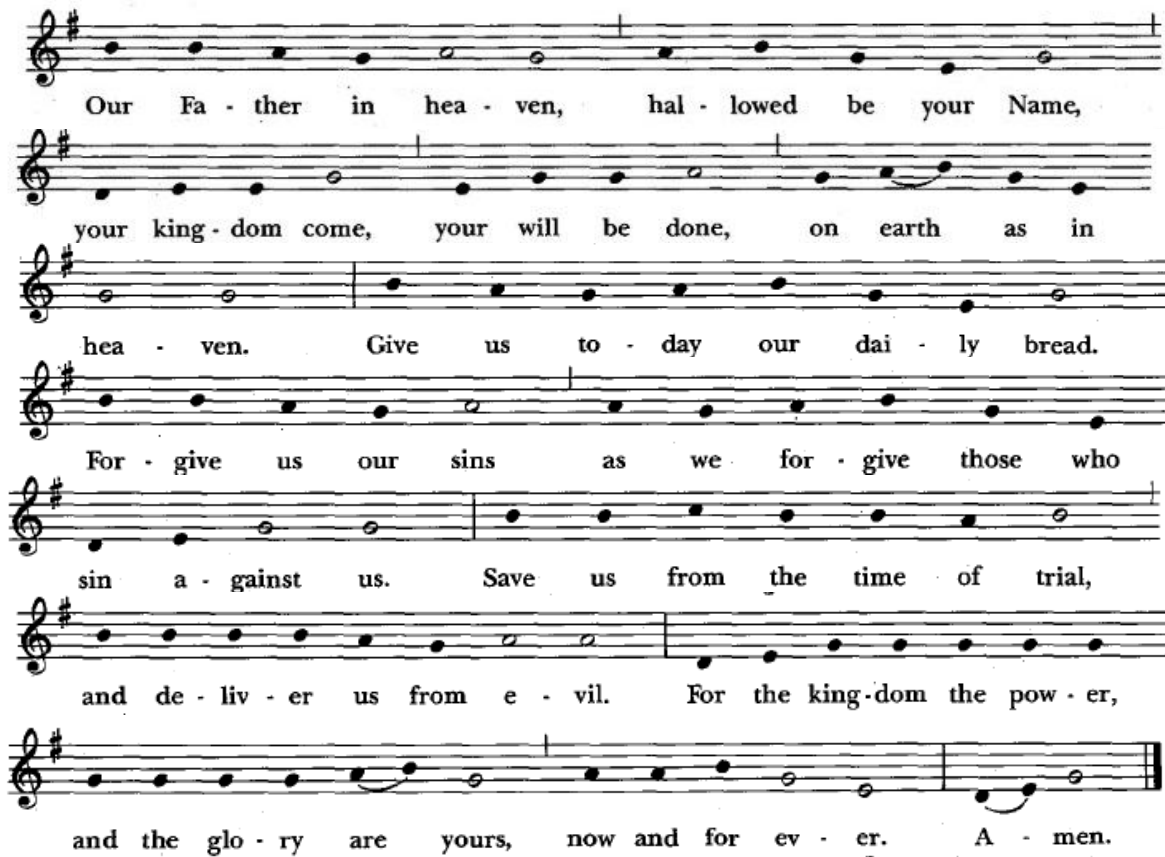
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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 Bread of Life

Bobby Fisher

1. Bread of life and cup of hope, we come as gift to
 2. Lov-ing Lord, Cre - a - tor God, o - pen our eyes to
 3. Liv - ing Word, O Son of God, your love shows us the

1. you. ♪ Change our hearts; fill us with peace. Transform our
 2. see the good that lives in each of us, that called the
 3. way that we may live in har - mo - ny, and from you

1. lives a - new. O - pen our eyes so that we might see
 2. world to be. And when we fail to — see the good,
 3. nev - er stray. Wipe all op - pres - sion — from our midst;

1. your pres - ence in one an - oth - er. Your life, poured out in
 2. when friend - ships fal - ter and crum - ble, give us the cour - age
 3. give us a love for all peo - ple. Your song of jus - tice

1. love to - day, u - nites us all in you.
 2. to for - give that we may live in peace.
 3. sing in us, to live for peace to - day.

Sending out of Eucharistic Ministers

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..... All Praise to Thee, My Lord, This Night..... Hymn 43

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 "Blessed Assurance"



Serving Today:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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| Presider | The Rev. Paul Moore |
| Preacher | Rev. Dennis Taylor |
| Deacon: | Rev. Vicki Johnson |
| Musician | J.J. Cully |
| Eucharistic Minister: | Acacia McDermott |
| Eucharistic Visitors: | Dan Niven Sherri Greenleaf |
| Greeters: | Roy & Kim Blumenhagen |
| Lectors: | Susan Sanderson & Jeffrey Bird |
| Counters: | Sharon Johnson & Elizabeth Tucker |

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.

Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month runs from September 15 to October 15, 2024. There is a poster on the whiteboard in the narthex, with a QR code to find more information.

A Case For Love

A Case For Love, a feature-length documentary inspired by a sermon by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, will be released on streaming services October 1, 2024. Produced by Episcopal-led Grace-Based Films, the film includes interviews with Curry and other public figures. It is well-timed for this election season, featuring stories on the importance of acting out of love for one another. More info can be found at www.acaseforlovemovie.com.

SonShine Stitches

The SonShine Stitches meet on the first and third Wednesdays from 1 to 3 pm at the church. Please join us. Bring a project, an idea, or a friend. All are welcome.

Inquirer's Class

An Inquirer's Class has begun this 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

Art in the Narthex

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 art work. It can be fiber, glass, paint, sculpture or whatever medium. Contact Margie Lauer, 425.248.9336 or Sally Rode for scheduling.

The Art in the Narthex at this time is from Norma Louise Black Shepard, mother of Val Aadsen.

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Zoom Bible Study on Luke

Beginning October 1 a Bible Study class on the Gospel of Luke will be held on Zoom, Tuesday evenings at 7pm-8:30pm, You may use any study Bible that you have, different versions give us more depth. If you would like to join, please let Sandy McDougall know. Our study book will be "Focus on Luke". This is a study guide for groups and individuals, by The Reverend Robert J. O'Neill (a retired Episcopal Bishop of Colorado) and Carol Cheney Donahoe. The book is found online. Just type in.....books for sale "Focus on Luke". Contact Sandy McDougall 360.424.6510

MV Library Commons Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

There will be a Ribbon-Cutting ceremony for the new Mount Vernon Library Commons on Saturday, September 28th at 10am. Community tours will follow the ceremony.

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

Flowers today are given by Acacia McDermott.

Coffee Hour Today

Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by Sharon & Bob Johnson.

Bird Painting Workshop

The Mount Vernon Parks & Rec Department is hosting a Bird Painting Workshop called *Painting Birds: The Gems of Skagit* on September 28, from 1-2:30pm at Hillcrest Recreation Building. Spaces are limited. The cost is \$35, and includes materials needed. Contact MV Parks at 360.336.6215 for more info.

NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON

Are you new to St. Paul's? Do you feel new to St. Paul's? Maybe you would just like to get to know more people who also attend St. Paul's? This is your chance! The Vestry and Worship Committees are hosting a fellowship event September 29, 12:30pm, to accomplish this very thing. We will gather at the home of Bonnie and Andy Schuh and enjoy a light lunch. Fr. Paul will provide a brief introduction to the congregation and host a Q & A session, but mostly, we will just be getting to know each other better. So that we are sure to have enough groceries on hand, please RSVP by text or call to (949) 735-6289 or email to schuh21902@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!



When we vote, we publicly declare our commitment to **love our neighbor** and to seek the **common good**.



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#VoteFaithfully

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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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