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.

"If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead" Luke 16:31

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 THE SIXTEENTH 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

| Welcome | |
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| Announcements | Member of Vestry |
| PreludeLet It Be Said of Us | Arr. Tornquist |
| 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 Nation 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.

Mission Statement

Presider and People:

Opening Bell

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The Word of God

Please stand as able.



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.

Hymn of Praise

Gloria Hymn S280

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The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People:

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Lector: A Reading from Amos 6:1a,4-7
Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches,

and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall;

who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music;

who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTIPHON



Canted Verses:

- 3. The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts.

 The Lord shall reigh forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

 ANTIPHON

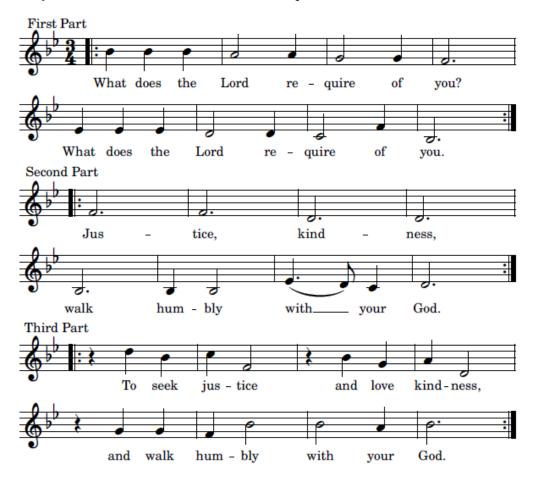
Lector: A Reading from 1 Timothy 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**



Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 16:19-31

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Presider: Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and

no one can cross from there to us.' He said, `Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, `They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, `No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, `If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

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 Form VI

The Leader reads regular type, the People respond boldly

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 Sean, our presiding bishop, and Philip, our bishop, and 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.

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Let us pray for the search process for our congregations;

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

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

Silence may be kept.

Presider 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 someone with whom you would like to share the peace of Christ.

Celebrations and Thanksgiving of Life

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 host 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.

Please stand as able

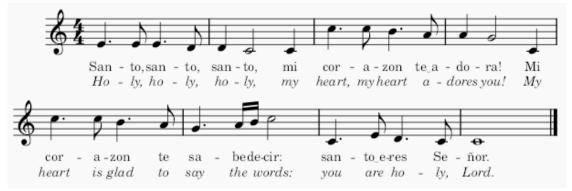
Presider: May God be with you.
Presider: And also with you.
Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to God.

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, the Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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:



Presider: O 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 Jesus 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, Jesus 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.

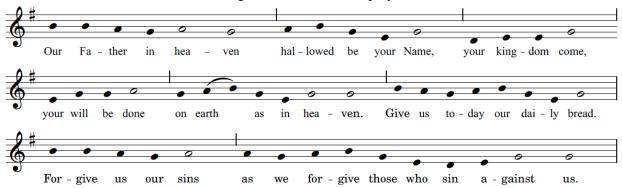
Christ will come again.

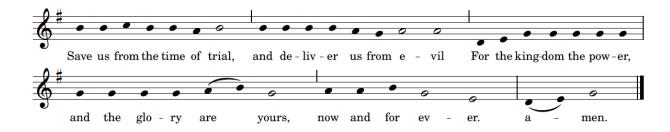
Presider: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Most Holy God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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 are yours, Most Blessed One, now and forever. **Amen**.

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



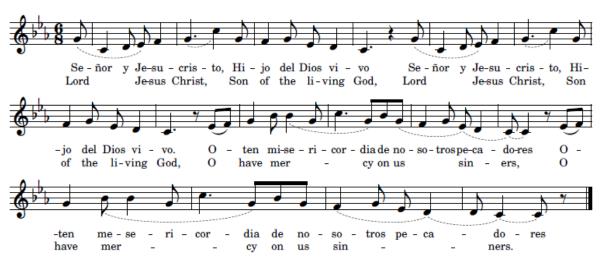


The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Christ Our Passover is sacrificed for us:

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.





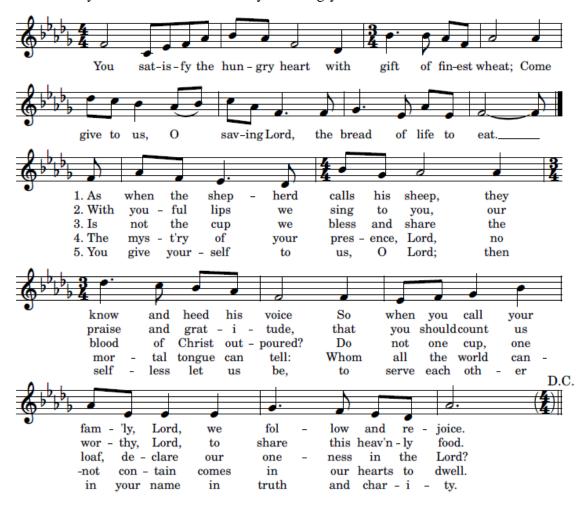
Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

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 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart



Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors:

The Deacon sends forth the Eucharistic Ministers:

Deacon: We who are many are one body

People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

Deacon: 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.

Deacon: Our prayers go with you, go in peace. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

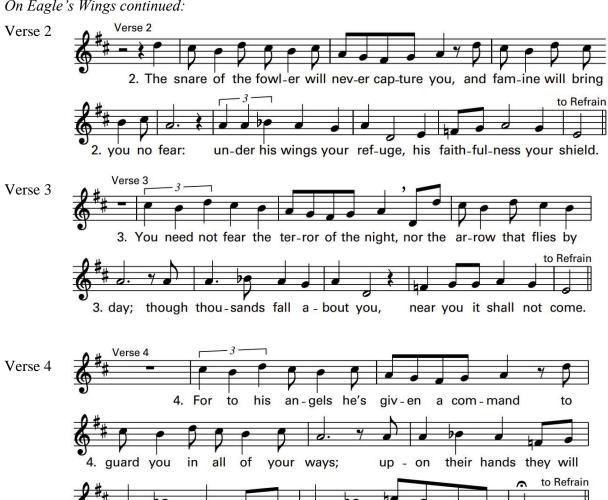
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing



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On Eagle's Wings continued:



Dismissal

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Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

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up,

Postlude I Life My Eyes Up (Psalm 121) Arr. Tornquist

Serving Today:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Presider and Preacher: The Reverend Rilla Barrett Deacon: The Reverend Dennis Taylor

Music Director: J.J. Cully Eucharistic Minister: Maggie Bird

Eucharistic Visitors: Acacia McDermott & Sandy McDougall

Acolyte: Acacia McDermott

Greeters: Melissa, Jeffrey, Colvin & David Bird Lector(s): Elizabeth Mahoney & Sandy McDougall

Counters: Carole Boss & Acacia McDermott

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

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Ways to participate in our Community

Skagit Valley Festival of Farms

You can have a hands-on-experience learning what it takes to run a farm, from growing crops to feeding animals. It is an opportunity to chat with farmers and learn about apples, cheeses, blueberries, fresh shellfish, tulips, cattle, wines and more. Check out the 2025 Farm Map posted on the whiteboard and plan your weekend adventure.

ArtWalk Mount Vernon

On the first Saturday of each month, 7 art venues often have new artist openings. Start at the Lido near the Co-op. The Rick Leonard Gallery, Perry & Carlson, The Wabash Project and KLT Works are open on S 1st Street. Go around the corner to the Pop-Up on Kincaid and finish at ArtStudio615 on 2nd Street.

Veterans Food Drive

October 1 through November 11 the City of Mount Vernon is having a Veterans Food Drive. The City will be collecting donations of non-perishable food and household goods at participating locations. All donations will be distributed to veterans via Skagit Vet-Connect. Donations will be accepted at the Park Administrative Office at Hillcrest Park, City Hall (downtown), and other locations. Check the city website for more location information. https://.mountvernonwa.gov/1124/Veterans-Day-Food-Drive

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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary today are brought to you by the generous donations of the congregation to the Altar Guild. As we are happy to prepare the altar for worship, including flowers, your individual contribution towards altar flowers is always welcome. Please sign up in the parish hall to contribute to this ongoing ministry.

Coffee Hour

The Coffee Hour this morning is hosted by Sherri Greenleaf and Martha Lum. Come and have some fellowship and tasty coffee.

Please sign up on the clipboard in the Parish Hall to host a coffee hour. We have October 19, and 26 and all of November open. Questions? Contact Melissa Bird 360.622.1008

Participants in Healing Second Half 2025 Ask

We are well into the second half of 2025, and Participants in Healing (PiH) has chosen Friendship House. The donation will be made around the holidays.

The ask is for you to consider giving an extra six percent, over whatever you believe is appropriate, to Participants in Healing, clearly marked on the gift. Thank you from the members of the PiH, Deacon Dennis Taylor, Carol Boss, Cathey Fredrick, Joe Thomas, Margie Lauer, Susan Sanderson, Darrin Rankin.

Art in the Narthex

The art in the narthex is from Rod Chandler. Thanks so much for sharing with us.

Next Sunday - Two Things

Next Sunday, October 5, there will be blessing of the animals honoring Saint Francis during the Thanksgiving and Prayers portion of the 9:30 service. Bring pictures of or WELL behaved animals to be blessed.

Following the service will be a coffee hour hosted by Participants in Healing with a presentation from Jas Dhatt, Friendship House Development Manager. Last year Friendship House sheltered 1267 and served 66100 meals to all comers. There are very few organizations in the Puget Sound region who combine all the services that Friendship House provides. Come join us and hear what all Friendship does and as the book of Hebrews states "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." Heb 13:2

From Saints Mary and Martha Episcopal Church, Eagan MN

What We Stand For

The four pillars of Episcopal belief are Scripture, Reason, Tradition & Experience. We believe we are called to love everyone, with no exceptions. Ours is an ancient faith, but a modern one too.

Scripture

Each week we have readings from the Bible and we listen for the inspired Word of God. Sermons (homilies) are based on the weekly scripture readings, but because the Good Book was written by humans we draw on knowledge and reason to interpret the Bible's meaning—and not literal interpretation of every word.

Reason

Episcopalians are free to apply their God-given minds to reason, interpret and comprehend God's works and wisdom. We study, seek meanings, and welcome questions. It is normal to have doubts. (The disciples did, too.) We are asked to make a faithful journey in communion with other seekers and searchers. Our understandings are therefore tested in/by the community of faith. Science is welcome here too. Jesus died to take away your sins, not your mind.

Tradition

We have inherited many valuable traditions from the time of the Apostles. We seek a universal Church for everyone, everywhere. We are called to love everyone. Asking what God calls us to do in the here and now is balanced by the collective wisdom of the church, the essential truths, developed over the centuries of practice in creeds, liturgies and traditions. Yet, because ours is a living, growing faith, we must welcome new truths discerned through prayer and informed by reason and practice. This is how change happens.

Experience

We experience the faith by putting it into practice. We are called not just to prayer, worship, liturgy and meditation, but to study, act, and stand for justice. We know more of God, by acting in God's name to do his work in the world.

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Welcome to Saint Paul's!

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. The prayer book gives directions as to when we stand, sit, or occasionally kneel; these are guidelines. What is more important is that you bring your complete self to worship God.

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. We use real wine in the cup. Intinction, which is also known as dipping the bread in the wine, is not available at this time. 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.

We ask that those worshiping 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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