



SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

9:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY

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Welcome to St. Pauls! We are grateful for your prayers and presence on this day in the life of the parish community. We hope that your worship with us will be both inspirational and spiritually nurturing. Please feel free to participate in the worship service as much or as little as you wish.

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.

We ask that those worshipping with us online reverently pray and meditate on God's grace and blessing whenever you observe the Eucharist being taken.

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Coast Salish peoples who have reserve treaty rights to this land, including the Skagit Tribe who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. We thank these caretakers of the land, who have lived here and continue to live here since time immemorial.

Our Mission Statement

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

Prayer For The Search Of The Next Rector

Eternal Guide, please watch over our steps as the congregations of Resurreccion and Saint Paul's walk the path of selecting a new rector. Guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose a spiritual leader and pastor for us – a leader who will care for your people and prepare us for our ministries. We ask that you bless them with insight, faithfulness, patience, and joy, so that they may truly hear your voice during their decision-making. Open the hearts of those who feel called to embark on this journey to an unfamiliar place, and walk with us as we trust in this process together. For the wonder of your love, **Amen**.

Serving Today:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Presider and Preacher:	The Rev'd David Walker
Deacon:	The Rev'd Dennis Taylor
Music Director:	J.J. Cully
Musician:	Elizabeth Mahoney, piano
Eucharistic Minister:	Mary Ann Taylor
Eucharistic Visitors:	Mary Ann Taylor and Acacia McDermott
Acolyte:	Acacia McDermott
Greeters:	Paul and Judy Thompson
Lectors:	Elizabeth Mahoney and Carole Boss
Counters:	Dianna Hume and Sue Shepherd

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

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The Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Welcome Presider

Prelude Let Us Break Bread Together Elizabeth Mahoney, piano

Opening Hymn All Creatures of Our God and King Hymn 400

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 S280

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The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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.

The Old Testament Lesson

Lector: A Reading From Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Read antiphonally by whole verse, beginning with the lectern side.

Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
 cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
 let them not get dominion over me; *
 then shall I be whole and sound,
 and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
 heart be acceptable in your sight, *
 O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

The Epistle Lesson

Lector: A Reading from Philippians 3;4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn Make Me A Channel of Your Peace



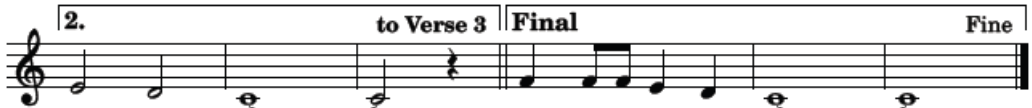
1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace._____ Where there is ha-tred,
 2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace._____ Where there's de-spair in
 4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace._____ It is in par-don-



1. let me bring your love._____ Where there is in - ju - ry, your
 2. life, let me bring hope._____ Where there is dark - ness_____
 4. -ing that we are par - doned,_____ In giv - ing of our - selves that



1. par-don Lord,_____ and where there's doubt true faith in you._____
 2. on - ly light,_____ and where there's sad - ness
 4. we re - ceive,_____ and in dy - ing that we're



2. ev - er joy._____ 4. born to e-ter - nal life._____



3. O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek_____ so



3. much to be con - soled, as to con - sole,_____ to be



3. un - der - stood, as to un - der - stand,_____ to be



3. loved, as to love, with all my soul._____

The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 21:33-46

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Deacon: 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

Deacon: Let us offer our petitions, adoration and thanksgivings to the Lord responding to the bidding, “Hear our prayers, O Lord,” with “And do not forsake your children”.

Eucharistic Minister: Blessed Father, we pray for your holy church. We pray for Sean, our presiding bishop; for Philip, our own bishop; for David our interim priest, and for Dennis, our deacon. We pray for our Vestry and for those who gently shepherd us. In our own diocese we pray for The Brotherhood of St. Andrew; The Order of Saint Francis; Earth Ministry; and for our sister congregation, Iglesia de la Resurreccion. In the Anglican Communion we pray for the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil. Hear our prayers, O Lord: **And do not forsake your children.**

Almighty God, we pray that you watch over our nation and our elected leaders. May they faithfully regard their citizens with respect and dignity. Please watch over our military, police and firefighters who put their lives on the line for us every day. Hear our prayers, O Lord: **And do not forsake your children.**

Loving God, we pray for all those whose lives are torn apart by heartless wars and genocide, especially in the Middle East, in Africa and in Ukraine. Hear our prayers, O Lord: **And do not forsake your children.**

Precious Lord, we praise you for this loving, giving community of St Paul’s. Help us to tenderly care for each other. Guide us gently as we strive to love and care for our cold, hungry and unhoused neighbors. Hear our prayers, O Lord: **And do not forsake your children.**

Blessed Creator, we ask for your healing mercy upon ourselves, our families and our neighbors. We ask your mercies upon your children who are deeply impacted by hunger, poverty and loneliness. We pray also for our brothers and sisters who struggle with addictions or PTSD. Hear our prayers, O Lord: **And do not forsake your children.**

Most Gracious God, we thank you for our families and friends. We thank you for our local farmers who grow and harvest the food for our tables. We thank you for safe shelter over our heads as our weather grows colder and wet. Thank you for every breath we take. May we never take any of your blessed gifts for granted. Hear our prayers, O Lord: **And do not forsake your children.**

Loving Father, we pray that you welcome into your tender arms our loved ones whose earthly journeys have come to an end, especially those who have died alone. Hold us gently as we tearfully remember the joy and laughter they once brought into our lives. Hear our prayers, O Lord: **And do not forsake your children.**

For whom or what else do we pray?

The Presider offers a concluding Collect.

Confession and Absolution

Deacon: 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 your 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

OffertoryAll the Earth Belongs to God



1. All the earth be - longs to God so we must love the earth.
2. Ev - ry crea - ture is God's own so we must love each one.
3. Earth it - self cries out in pain and suf - fer - ing a - bounds:
4. Now we heed the pro - phet's call; an end to fear and greed.

All the earth be - longs to God so we must tend the earth for
On - ly when the world is whole will love's whole will be done. Un -
floods and fi - res, heat and cold; the land is burned and drowned. We
Now we seek to make a change so all have what they need in

all God's crea - tures to en - joy. We must re - pair and not de - stroy.
-til that day we turn our hands to sa - cred work that love de - mands,
must act now. We can - not wait. There's still a chance it's not too late.
safe - ty and a - bun - dant love. The earth is God's and there's e - nough.

All the earth be - longs to God so we must save the earth.
join - ing in the ho - ly care that o - thers have be - gun.
May we do our part to save the wa - ter, air, and ground.
Now we love in faith and trust and sow a heal - ing seed.

Your gifts are much appreciated.

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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: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give 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:

Sanctus..... Hymn S125

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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,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia! Christ Our Passover is sacrificed for us:

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction HymnS161

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.

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors:

The Deacon sends forth the Eucharistic Visitors:

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.

Presider and People: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessing

Closing Hymn.....All Things Bright and Beautiful.....Hymn 405

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude I Lift My Eyes Up arr. Tornquist

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 better.

Today's Altar Flowers

The altar flowers today are given by Julie Hagen in "thanksgiving for my wonderful family." If you would like to enhance our worship experience through the giving of flowers, please sign up in the Parish hall.

Coffee Hour

The coffee hour this morning is hosted by Carrie Lobdell. Stop in and enjoy conversation and coffee.

Sign up with someone(s) or just yourself in the Parish Hall to share the hosting of a coffee hour, many hands makes for light work.

Lectionary Bible Study

Dave+ has agreed to facilitate a Bible study based on the weekly lectionary readings. The study will be on Wednesdays between 10:30-noon, beginning October 14. The approach will follow a version of the Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) model and will cover the readings from the Old Testament, the Epistles, and the Gospel for the coming Sunday.

Video Series

A video series by Amy-Jill Levine will be presented on three Wednesday evenings beginning this week, October 7, with soup supper followed by a video and conversation: 5:30 for the soup, and 6:00 to 7:15 for the video/discussion. Sign up in the Parish Hall so we know how much soup to make. **This week will be 'The Parable of the Good Samaritan,'** which was presented on January 15, 2024, at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, NYC, moderated by the dean of the cathedral.

Gospel Bible Study

A new Bible study on the Gospels consisting of 4 separate units of 12 week sessions will begin in September. Our weekly sessions will be held on Monday evenings from 7 - 8:30 pm on Zoom. The first session will begin on September 14th using the study book "Focus on Luke" by Carol Cheney Donahoe. If you would like to join these sessions or if you have questions, please talk to Sandy McDougall who will be the facilitator. 360-630-9405 sandymcd29@gmail.com

Request from the Parish Administrator

Please do not leave unsigned messages on my desk for me to find on Monday morning. I want to be able to thank you properly. Also, I have been tidying up in the office, and so please check with me if you need to utilize cupboard space, it might be planned for something else. If you need to find something, check the labels on the drawers and doors. Thanks so much.

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