

COME TO THE FEAST

MATTHEW 22

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

9:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST



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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
Eucharistic Minister:	Sharon Rader
Eucharistic Visitors:	Sue Shepherd and Mary Ann Taylor
Acolyte:	Daniel Dempsey
Greeters:	Paul and Beth Fuentes
Lectors:	Margie Lauer and Susan Sanderson
Counters:	Elizabeth Tucker and Dianna Hume

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The Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Welcome Presider

Prelude Song of Thanksgiving

Opening Hymn I'm a-Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table



1. I'm _____ a-going to eat at the wel-come ta - - ble,
2. I'm _____ a-going to feast on milk and hon - ey,
3. I'm _____ a-going to fly all a-round in heav - en,
4. I'm _____ a-going to wade cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



1. I'm _____ a-going to eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.
2. I'm _____ a-going to feast on milk and hon - ey, some of these days.
3. I'm _____ a-going to fly all a-round in heav-en, some of these days.
4. I'm _____ a-going to wade cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.



1. I'm _____ a-going to eat at the wel-come ta - ble, I'm going to
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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**

In the front of the blue hymnal

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People: Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please be seated.

The Old Testament Lesson

Lector: A Reading From Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

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

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

1 Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;

- 20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.
- 21 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,
- 22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.
- 23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

The Epistle Lesson

Lector: A Reading from Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn Rejoice in the Lord Always

Canon

1. Re - joice in the Lord al - ways, a - gain I say, re-joyce! Re -

2. joice in the Lord al - ways, a - gain I say, re-joyce! Re-joyce! Re-joyce! A -

Last time
gain I say, re-joyce! Re - joyce! Re-joyce! A - gain I say, re-joyce!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is marked '1.' and the second '2.'. The third staff is marked 'Last time'. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is a canon, meaning it is a single melody that is repeated by different voices or instruments.

Text: Traditional

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The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 22:1-14

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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 Creator, 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 Community of the Paraclete; Little Sisters of St. Clare; The Third Order Society of St. Francis; and for our sister congregation, Iglesia de la Resurreccion. In the Anglican Communion we pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi. 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 people 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 wars and genocide, especially in Ukraine, the Middle East, and in Africa. 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 Protector, 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 nights grow longer and our days grow shorter. 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.**

Most Blessed One, 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 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 Thanksgivings

Offertory I’ve Just Come from the Fountain St. Paul’s Choir

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: 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.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

SanctusHymn S125
In the front of the blue hymnal

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 Hymn..... S161
In the front of the blue hymnal

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

Those present are invited to receive Holy Communion. You can approach the altar after the invitation by the Presider. Those with us online, during these next moments of meditation, wherever you are, receive God’s gifts to you. We share spiritual communion today.

Communion Hymn The King of Love My Shepherd Is.....Hymn 645

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..... Everybody Sing Alleluia

Refrain

Ev - 'ry bod - y sing al - le - lu - ia, ev - 'ry - bod - y praise
his name. Ev - 'ry - bod - y sing al - le - lu - ia, praise

1,3,5,7 2,4 6 Final
to Verses 1,2 to Bridge

his name to - day.

1. I was walk - ing in the dark and could not see the light.
2. There's a love that's in my heart, I'm hop - ing all will see.
3. So I want to thank you, Lord, for all you've giv - en me.

Je - sus came in to my life. and made ev - 'ry - thing
If you let him in your life, he'll set your spir -
I'm danc - ing in your Spir - it and sing - ing joy -

to Refrain Bridge

all right. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
it free.
ful - ly.

to Verse 3

- lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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!

PostludeGive Thanks.....Henry Smith

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.

Healing Service

There will be a Healing Service (w/o communion) on the second Wednesday of the month, starting this week October 14, held at 12:30 pm. This is an opportunity for any and everyone interested in receiving the church's anointing for healing to come for the 'Laying on of Hands with Prayer and Anointing,' taken from the Book of Occasional Services.

Today's Altar Flowers

The altar flowers today are given by David+ and Julie Walker.

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 the fine folks of St. Paul's guided by The Carolyn's Guild. 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+ is facilitating a Bible study based on the weekly lectionary readings. The study is Wednesdays between 10:30-noon, starting this coming Wednesday, Oct. 14th. The approach is following 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

The second of a video series by Amy-Jill Levine will be presented on Wednesday evening this week, October 14, 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 'A Jewish Scholar on What Christians Miss Reading the Bible,' or 'How Jews and Christians Read Scriptures Differently,'** recorded May 11, 2026, in Madison, WI.

Mayor's Coffee Hour

Mount Vernon Mayor Donovan invites you to join him for Mayor's Coffee Hour – an opportunity for residents to ask questions, hear what's happening at the city, discuss concerns, and relay ideas. Thursday October 15, 2026 at Fire Station 2 Training Room, 1902 N. La Venture Road.

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