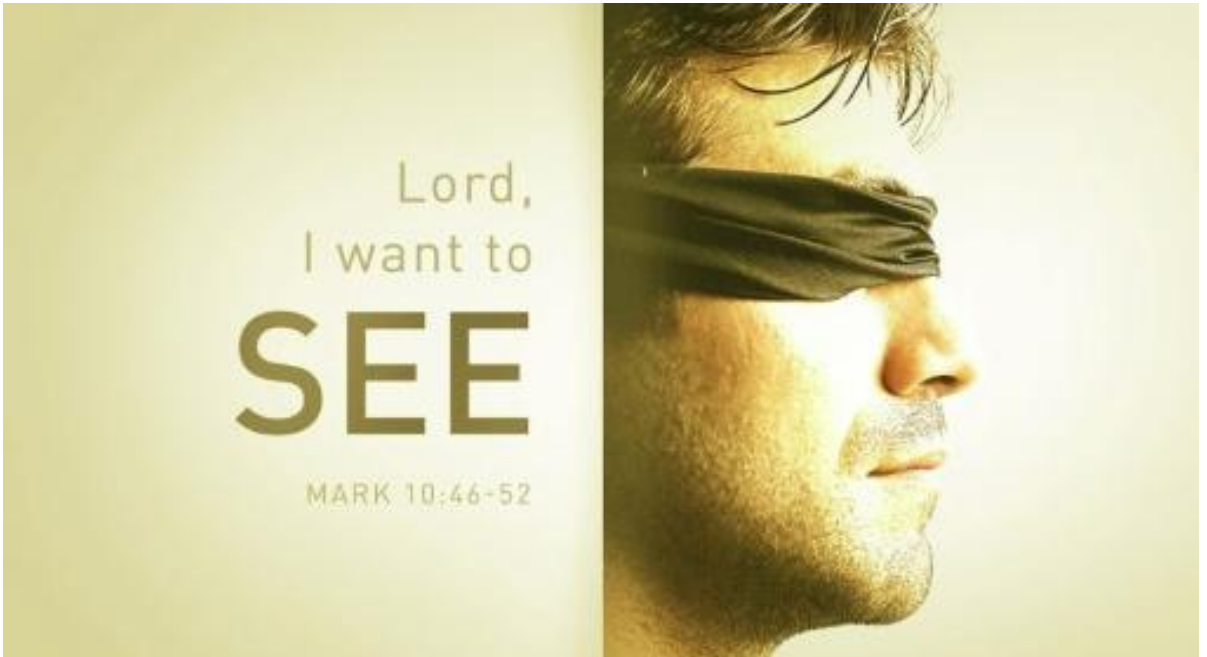


SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



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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..... "Open My Eyes" St. Paul's Choir

Land Acknowledgement

Celebrant

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

Mission Statement

Presider and People:

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

Opening Hymn Be Thou My Vision Hymn 488

The Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever. 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 in Excelsis Deo S280

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People:

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 31:7-9

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,

among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,

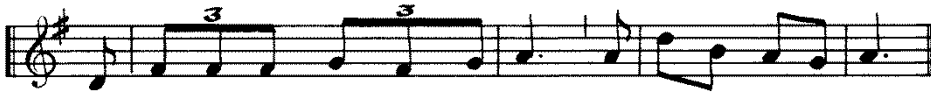
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126



The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad in—deed.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of / Zion, *
then were / we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with / laughter, *
and our / tongue with shouts of joy. [ANTIPHON]

Then they said among the / nations, *
"The Lord has / done great things for them."
The Lord has done great things / for us, *
and / we are glad indeed. [ANTIPHON]

Restore our fortunes, O / Lord, *—
like the watercourses / of the Negev.
Those who / sowed with tears*
will / reap with songs of joy. [ANTIPHON]

Those who go out weeping, carrying the / seed*—
will come again with joy, / should'ring their sheaves.
[ANTIPHON]



A Reading From Hebrews 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Presider: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark 10:46-52

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon..... The Rev. Dennis Taylor

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

*The Leader and **People** pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

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

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

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

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

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

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

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

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

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

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

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

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

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

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

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

Presider speaks an Absolution.

The Peace / La Paz

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you. / La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.

People: And also with you. / Y con tu espíritu.

If you are worshiping with us virtually, use the chat function to “say” peace to your fellow parishioners, or text/email someone with whom you would like to share the peace of Christ.

Celebrations and Thanksgiving of Life

Offertory “How Can I Keep From Singing” 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 Enriching Our Worship 2

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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

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 Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

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..... Behold The Lamb *This page and next*

Verses

1. Those who were in the dark are thank - ful for the
 2. Peace - ful now, those whose hearts are blessed with un - der -
 3. Gen - tle one, Child of God, join with us at this
 4. Lord of all, give us light. De - liv - er us from
 1. sun - light; we who live, we who die are grate - ful for his
 2. stand - ing of the wheat, of the wine u - nit - ed with his
 3. ta - ble. Bless our lives; nour - ish all who hun - ger for this
 4. e - vil. Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that

Communion HymnBehold The Lamb *continued*

1. gift, thank-ful for his love. Be-hold, be-hold the Lamb of
2. word and the love we share.
3. feast; shel-ter them with peace.
4. blow; cra-dle us with love.

Refrain

God. All who eat, all who drink shall live; and all,
all who dwell in God shall come to know his glo-ry.

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors:

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.

People and Presider: 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..... My Faith Looks Up To Thee Hymn 691

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..... “Your Grace Is Enough”

Offertory - Thank you for giving!

Please drop your offering in the church’s mailbox or mail it to:

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Serving Today:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Presider	The Reverend Paul Moore
Preacher	The Rev. Dennis Taylor
Deacon:	Rev. Vicki Johnson
Musician	J.J. Cully
Cantor	Alec McDougall
Eucharistic Minister:	Sherri Greenleaf
Eucharistic Visitors:	Dan Niven & Mary Ann Taylor
Greeters:	Paul & Judy Thompson
Lectors:	Carol Boss & Jen McCabe
Counters:	Carol Boss & Acacia McDermott

Flowers

The altar flowers are given by Donna Goett in memory of her beloved husband Raymond Goett.
June 23, 1934 - October 25, 2011

Coffee Hour

The coffee hour this morning is hosted by Nicole & Tony Smith.

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.

Voter Registration Forms

Voter Registration Forms are available in the church office, in both Spanish and English. Be sure your registration is up to date - changes to addresses and names can affect your voting ability. Check yours at <https://www.VoteWA.gov/>

Remembrances for All Saints Sunday

Be sure to turn in to the office the names of those people you want remembered on All Saints Sunday. There is a flyer with the bulletin for this use, or you can just let David know the names. Please have them in to the office by Noon October 30th, so they can be sure to get in.

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.

Tulalip Hibulb Cultural Center

Tulalip Hibulb Cultural Center offers FREE admission to all on the first Thursday of every month, mark your calendar for November 7. The center is open from 10am - 5 pm Tuesday-Sunday and features interactive exhibits, a long house, many artifacts and a wonderful opportunity to learn about our Tulalip neighbors.

Food Drive for Veterans

The City of Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation is collecting food and household items to support Veterans all this month and through to Veterans Day, November 11th. There is a box in the narthex for non-perishable foods and household products.

SonShine Stitchers

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

Women's Getaway

Camp Huston Episcopal camp and Conference Center is the site for a Women's Getaway January 17-20, 2025. Registration is starting soon. Call 360.739.0441 for more information.

Art in the Narthex

The seasonal artwork in the narthex is from Skagit Art Preschool.

Due to formatting, this page might have been left blank. Instead, here is a meditation on why we do what we do. The Collect for Purity has been presented in three parts. This is part three.

The Collect for Purity dates back at least to the eleventh century (and possibly the eighth). Before its adaptation by Thomas Cranmer in the Book of Common Prayer, it served as a collect for a votive Mass and as part of the priest's preparation before celebrating. It reads:

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.

The Third Part: *“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”*

We are here to worship. We are here to offer a sacrifice. From our various places of living, of working, of doing all the things we do, we are gathered in one place and, God willing, with one accord. We have nothing to offer because Jesus has offered “his one oblation of himself once offered.” And yet we offer “ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice” unto God, that not our wills, but his divine will may be done, and that we may participate in his plan of redemption. Do we not offer other things as well when we gather? The offerings in the alms basin: is that not something of our own sustenance, which we sacrifice and offer up for the work of the Church? We offer our prayers, a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

But the greatest thing that we offer here is in the form of bread and wine. We offer the Son, to the Father, in the Holy Spirit. We do not sacrifice Jesus again. The Holy Communion is our continual partaking of that sacrifice, because Jesus gives himself to us under the forms of bread and wine, which are his body and blood.

Some may ask why we worship in this manner. There are various ways to say it, but the simplest is this: Jesus said, “Do this in remembrance of me.”

And, so doing, we approach the altar of God, the God of our joy and gladness, asking that our Lord will cleanse our hearts, in order that we may “prefer nothing to Christ,” that we may love and serve and worship as perfectly as is possible on this earth, that we may live our lives in grace, in the communion of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, united to God our Father, through Jesus Christ our redeemer, in the Holy Spirit, our guide and protector.

The Rev. Zachary Braddock, <https://livingchurch.org/covenant/meditations-on-the-mass-the-collect-for-purity/>

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 practiced here. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please cross your arms in front of your chest as the chalice bearer approaches. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread, which is gluten free.

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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