

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026
9:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST
ALL SAINTS 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.

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 Saint Paul's walks 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
Eucharistic Minister:	Sharon Rader
Eucharistic Visitors:	Mary Ann Taylor and Acacia McDermott
Acolyte:	Acacia McDermott
Counters:	Sharon Johnson and Beth Emerson
Greeters:	Susan Sanderson and Laura Dempsey
Lectors:	Sharon Rader and Debby Bloom
Readers of Names:	Susan Sanderson and Jen McCabe

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.....In the Rising and the Setting Sun – Chorus



Opening Hymn .....Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones .....Hymn 618

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.
People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever and ever. Amen
Presider: There is one Body and one Spirit;
People: There is one hope in God's call to us;
Presider: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People: One God and Father of all.

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.

All: Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys

that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

Lector: A Reading From Revelation 7:9-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

> "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
> and thanksgiving and honor
> and power and might
> be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

> "For this reason they are before the throne of God,
> and worship him day and night within his temple,
> and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
> the sun will not strike them,
> nor any scorching heat;
> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
> and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
> and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

The Psalm

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

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

The Epistle Lesson

Lector: A Reading from 1 John 3:1-2
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

Gradual Hymn ..... Be Not Afraid



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Verse 2
If you pass through rag-ing wa-ters in the sea, you shall not
drown. If you walk a-mid the burn-ing flames,
you shall not be harmed. If you stand be-fore the
pow'r of hell and death is at your side, know that I am
D.S.
with you through it all.
Verse 3
Bless-ed are your poor, for the king-dom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh. And if
wick-ed tongues in - sult and hate you all be - cause of me,
D.S. al Fine
bless-ed, bless-ed are you.

The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 5:1-12
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

Please be seated.

The Sermon..... The Rev’d David Walker

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
People: I do.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?
People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen**.

The Prayers of the People – Form III

Deacon: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

*The Intercessor reads regular type, the **People** respond **boldly***

Intercessor: Everliving God, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
People: That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Philip, our Bishop, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence.

Here other intercessions may be offered, silently or aloud.

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.....Death Be Never Last – *arr. David Sims* .....St. Paul's Choir

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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 C

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.

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.

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

Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift our hearts to God.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the One who created us.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider: God of all power, Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Dear God, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of Mary his mother, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, Christ reconciled us. By Christ's wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus..... Hymn S125

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Presider: And so, Most Gracious God, we who have been redeemed by Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Presider: God of our kindred and their generation: God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Deborah, Hannah, Hagar, and Rebecca; God and Father of our Savior Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let this grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in your Son's name.
People: Risen and Ascended One, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Presider: Accept these prayers and praises, O God, Most Merciful, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

All: 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

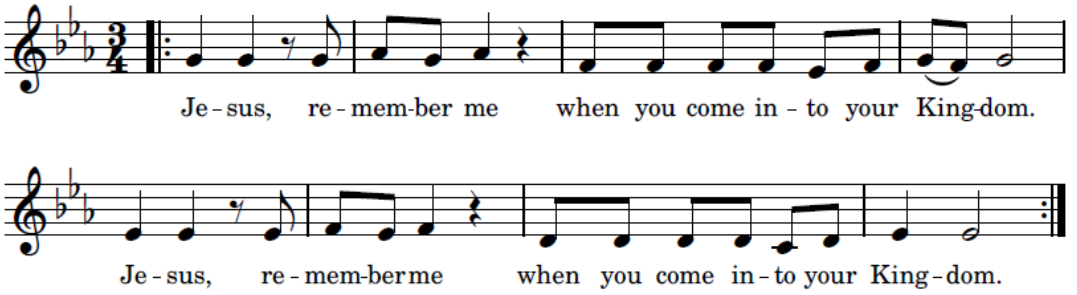
Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

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.

Presider: But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

The reading of the names will be during Communion. The names are on the insert. The chant will be sung during the reading of the names.
Susan Sanderson, Jen McCabe, readers

Reading of names and Communion Taize Chant ..... Jesus, Remember Me



Presider: O God, the King of saints, we praise and glorify your holy Name for all your servants who have finished their course in the faith and fear: for the blessed Virgin Mary; for the holy patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets, apostles, disciples, and martyrs; and for all your other righteous servants, known to us and unknown; and we pray that, encouraged by their examples and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

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.....For All the Saints ..... Hymn 287, verses 1-4

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..... Faith of Our Fathers .....Elizabeth Mahoney, piano

Why do we renew our baptismal vows?

We renew baptismal vows to personally affirm the promises made on our behalf during infant baptisms, to recommit to our faith and allegiances, and to reaffirm our identity as members of Christ's Church. This act of renewal strengthens individuals' resolve to live out their baptismal calling, reject evil, and participate more fully in the Christian life.

- **Personal Commitment:**

Many people are baptized as infants and do not remember making the promises. Adults renew their vows to make them their own, choosing to pick up the mantle passed down by their parents and godparents.

- **Recommitting to Faith:**

The renewal is a communal and personal recommitment to God and the faith community. It is an affirmation of allegiance to Christ and the rejection of all that is evil.

- **Strengthening Resolve:**

The act helps to reorder one's heart, mind, and soul, strengthening their resolve to live out their faith and be Christ-like in the world.

- **Connecting to the Sacraments:**

Renewing vows at Easter, particularly the Easter Vigil, connects the faithful to the "Paschal Mystery," recalling how they have been buried with Christ in Baptism to rise to new life.

- **Public Witness:**

It is an opportunity to publicly and openly profess one's faith and commitment to Christ and His Church.

- **Understanding One's Identity:**

The renewal serves as a powerful reminder of the identity and privileges received in Baptism, a reminder that one is a beloved child of God, reborn in Christ.

All Saints' Day involves reflecting on the communion of saints, the faithful in heaven and on earth, and the memory of those who have died, often inspiring prayers for an abundance of God's reconciliation and a spirit of shared purpose in faith. It is a day for remembering the past, finding hope for the future, and recognizing the enduring love and presence of God through the "cloud of witnesses".

Themes and thoughts on them

The Communion of Saints:

The day celebrates all those who have lived faithful lives, creating a spiritual connection between the living and those who have passed on.

A Cloud of Witnesses:

The faithful are often described as a "cloud of witnesses," a spiritual community that encourages and supports those on earth in their journey of faith.

Memory and Hope:

All Saints' Day serves as a time to remember loved ones who have died, find solace in shared grief, and look forward to a future with them in God's presence.

Spiritual Unity:

A central theme is the unity of all people in Christ, recognizing that "All are one in thee, for all are thine".

Intercessory Prayer:

Prayers are offered to God for the prayers of the saints, asking for an abundance of God's reconciliation and peace.

Prayer and Reflection:

Many people use this day for prayer, reflection, and contemplating the lives of the saints.

Singing Hymns:

Hymns like "For All the Saints" or "How Bright These Glorious Spirits Shine" are often sung to honor the saints and their faith.

Remembering the Departed:

It is a time to acknowledge and give thanks for the lives of those who are no longer with us, finding strength in their memory.

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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 your Altar Guild, for All Saints Sunday.
If you would like to enhance our worship experience through the giving of flowers, please sign up in the Parish hall.

Congregational Meeting
There will be a short congregational meeting after church November 22, for the purpose of nominating delegates for the 2027 convention, and vestry members for the new year. Please plan to stay in the sanctuary after the service, then enjoy coffee hour in the Parish Hall.

Coffee Hour
The coffee hour this morning is hosted by Daniel and Laura Dempsey. 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.

Celebrate Día de los Muertos with Resurrección
Resurrección warmly invites you to join them in celebrating de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), a special time to honor, remember, and celebrate the lives of our loved ones who are no longer with us. We invite you to bring a photograph of a loved one you would like to remember and honor. Together we will create a special space filled with love, memories, and beautiful traditions to celebrate their lives and keep their spirits alive in our hearts. This will be a part of their regular service at 11:30 am.

Morning Prayer
Morning prayer is offered each Wednesday morning at 9:00, by zoom. ***Check Facebook and the church website for Zoom link and phone-in information, as well as the pertinent page numbers from the Book of Common Prayer.***

Lectionary Bible Study
Dave+ is facilitating a Bible study based on the weekly lectionary readings. The study is Wednesdays between 10:30-noon. 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.

Holiday Art in the Narthex?
Margie Lauer is hoping that people will have holiday artwork that can be displayed during November/December. If you have something, even one or two pieces, contact Margie Lauer. 425.248.9336



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