## SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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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

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 here and continue to live here since time immemorial.

#### **Mission Statement**

#### Presider and People:

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Opening Hymn ...... Holy God, We Praise Thy Name ...... Hymn 366

## **The Opening Acclamation**

Presider: Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

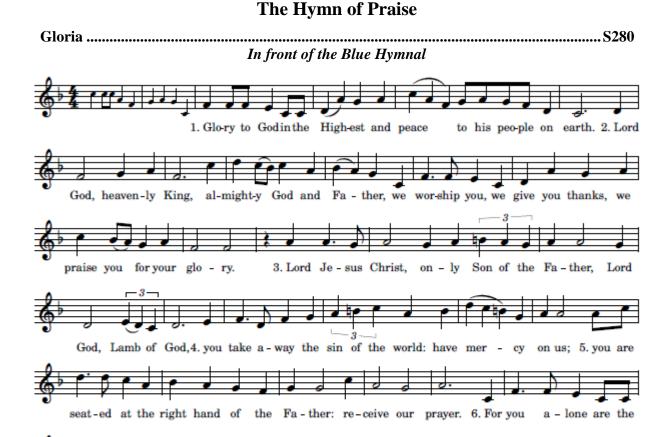
People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever and ever. Amen

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

Presider: 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** 



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#### The Collect of the Day

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

Presider: Let us pray.

#### Presider and People:

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

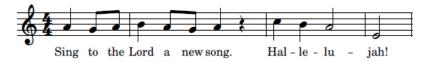
Please be seated.

Lector: A Reading From Daniel 7:1-3,15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever."

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



#### Canted Verses

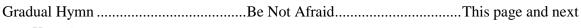
- 1. Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. Let them praise his Name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 2. For the Lord takes pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with victory. Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds.
- 3. Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand; To wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples:
- 4. To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron; to inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

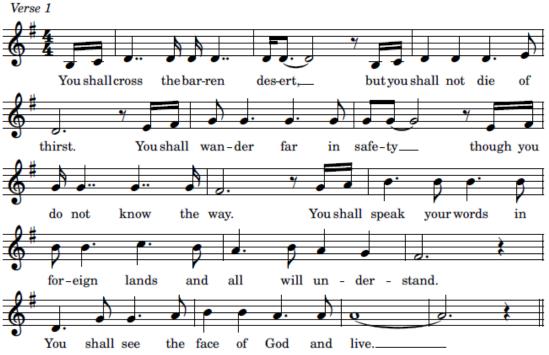
#### Lector: A Reading From Ephesians 1:11-23

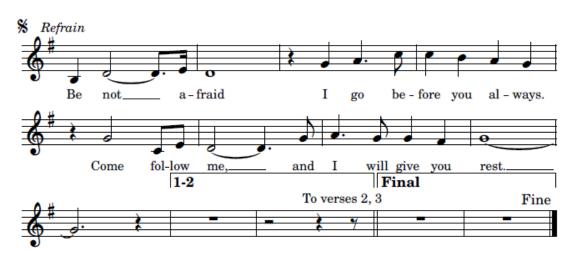
In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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







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Presider: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke 6:20-31 **People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.** 

Presider: Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

- "Blessed are you who are poor,
  - for yours is the kingdom of God.
- "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.
- "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.
- "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."
- "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.
- "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.
- "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.
- "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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

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The Sermon ...... The Rev. Keith Axberg

Please stand as able.

### The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

**NOTE:** Did you know that The Feast of All Saints is one of the four Baptismal Feast days listed in the Book of Common Prayer? Can you name the other four days or times? Can you tell Fr. Keith where (what page) to find that information? Answers found elsewhere in this week's bulletin.

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.

Leader: Let us pray for the search process for our congregations;

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

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

#### The Peace / La Paz

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

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

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

### Celebrations and Thanksgiving of Life

Your gifts are much appreciated.

If you are joining this live stream, you may mail your offering/pledge to 415 S. 18<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

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 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.

God of all power, Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

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.

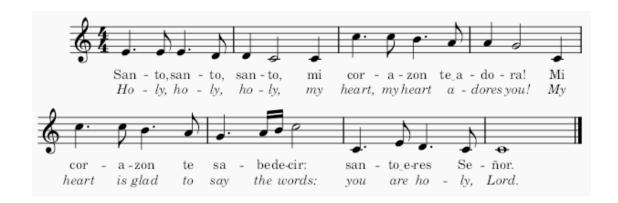
From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

#### 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:



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."

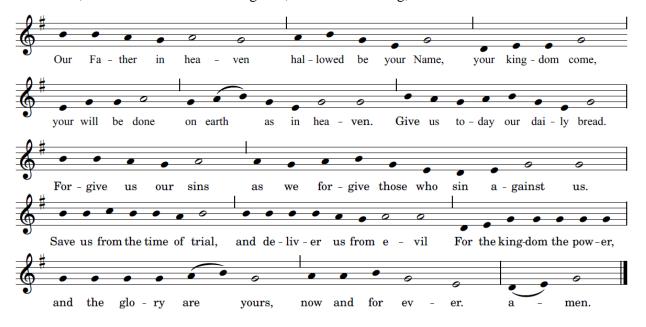
Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

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.

## Risen and Ascended One, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

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. **Amen.** 

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

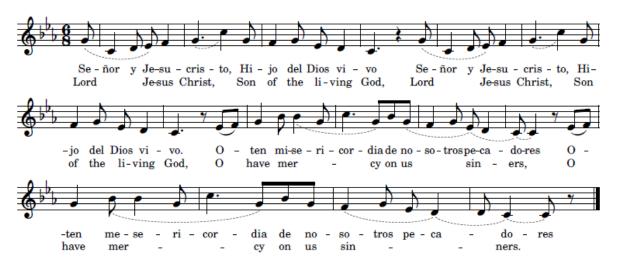


## The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

## **Fraction Hymn**



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.

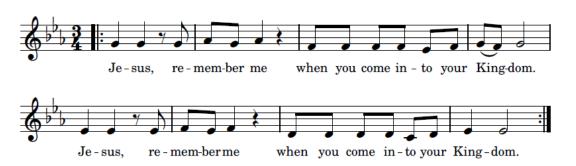
We share spiritual communion today.

The reading of the names will be during Communion. The names are on the insert.

The Taize chant will be sung during the reading of the names.

Margie Lauer, Judy Smith, Barbara Tasker-Meuller, readers

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



#### **Sending out of 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.

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**

#### **Dismissal**

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude ...... For the Beauty of the Earth

Serving Today:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Presider and Preacher The Reverend Keith Axberg Deacon: The Rev. Dennis Taylor

Music Director: J.J. Cully

Acolyte: Daniel Dempsey Eucharistic Minister: Mary Ann Taylor

Eucharistic Visitors: Shelly Powell & Sue Shepherd

Greeters: Eric & Debby Bloom

Lectors: Jen McCabe & Carol Treston

Readers of Names: Margie Lauer, Judy Smith, Barbara Tasker-Meuller

Counters: Sharon Johnson & Martha Lum

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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## 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.

#### **Food Drive for Veterans**

The City of Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation is collecting food and household items to support Veterans through to Veterans Day, November 11. There is a box in the Narthex for this purpose.

#### Stewardship Letters and Pledge Cards.

Stewardship letters and pledge cards have been mailed. Be sure to look for yours amongst the unsolicited mail of the election season, and prayerfully consider how you will respond.

#### Office Closure

David will be out of the office on vacation. The office will be closed Wednesday and Thursday of this week and Monday and Tuesday of next week. Thanks for your consideration during these days.

#### Day by Day

The November, December, January edition of Day by Day is available on the table outside the office. Pick one up and add a devotional to your day.

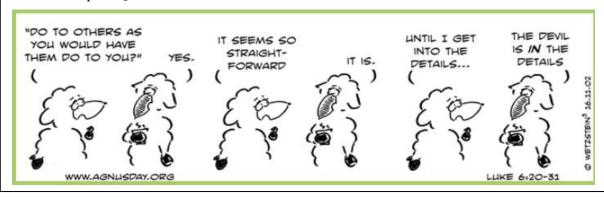
#### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers in the sanctuary today are brought to you by Beth Fuentes, in honor of her best friend "The greatest gift God has ever bestowed on me, my greatest love, my old-ladydog, Rosie." Thanks so much for this beautiful addition to worship.

If you would like to provide flowers on Sunday to remember or honor an event or a person, please sign up in the parish hall to contribute to this ongoing ministry.

#### **Coffee Hour**

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



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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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.

Answer to baptismal renewal question: Easter Vigil; Day of Pentecost; Baptism of our Lord (First Sunday after the Epiphany). Bonus: Whenever the Bishop comes for their Visitation. BCP, page 312 (under Additional Directions)

## 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 worshiping with us online reverently pray and meditate on God's grace and blessing whenever you observe the Eucharist being taken.

TELECOIL ASSIST AVAILABLE.



HEADPHONES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE, PLEASE SEE A GREETER.

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