

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026
9:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST
THE TWENTY-FOURTH 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 worshiping 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:	Mary Ann Taylor
Eucharistic Visitors:	Sue Shepherd and Mary Ann Taylor
Acolyte:	Daniel Dempsey
Greeters:	Eric and Debby Bloom
Lectors:	Dan Niven and Judy Baker
Counters:	Elizabeth Tucker and Dianna Hume

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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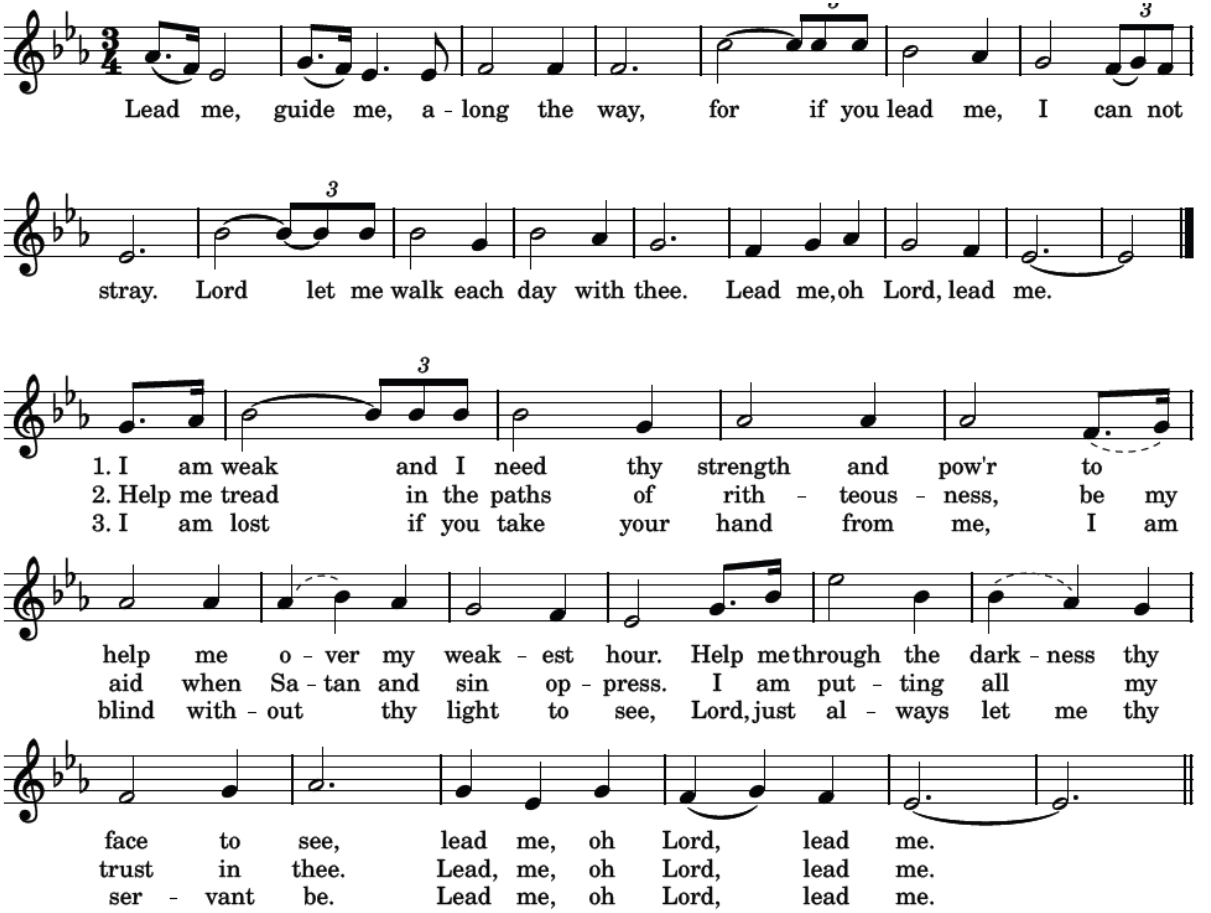
The Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Welcome..... Presider

Prelude.....Navy Hymn.....Hymn 608

The congregation is invited to sing along on the hymn

Opening Hymn.....Lead Me, Guide Me



Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God
People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Hymn of Praise

Gloria .....Hymn S280

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The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Presider: Let us pray.

All: O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please be seated.

The Old Testament Lesson

Lector: A Reading From Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and

the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

The Psalm

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

Psalm 78:1-7

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

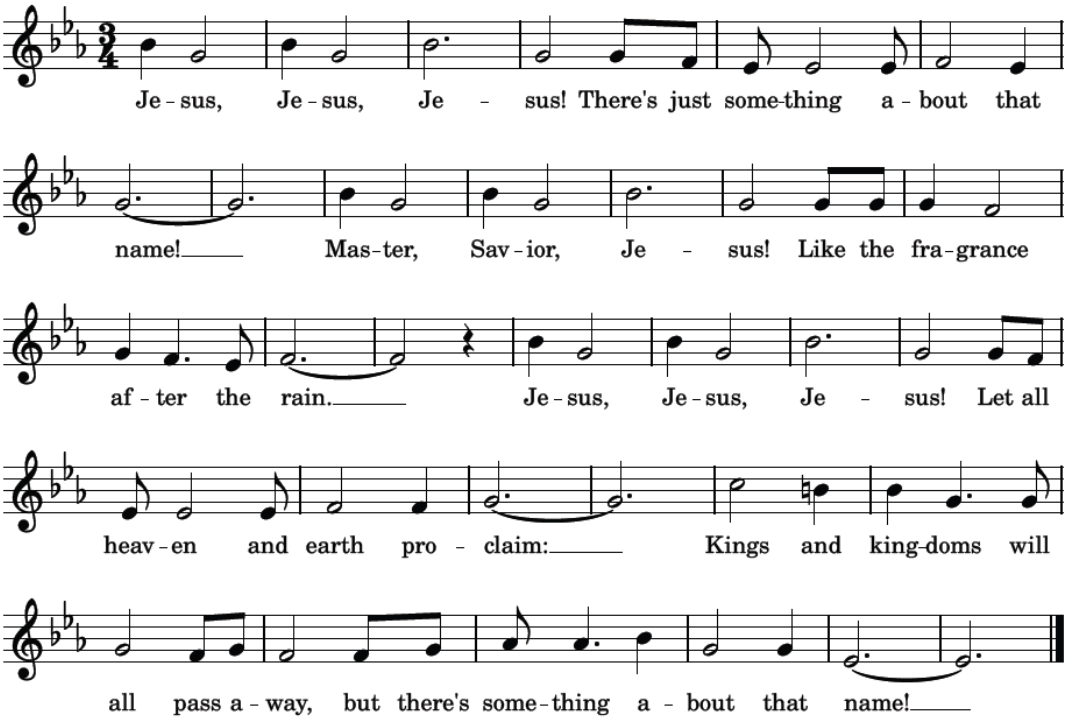
7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

The Epistle Lesson

Lector: A Reading from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so 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 died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Gradual Hymn ..... There's Something About That Name *(2 times)*



The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 25:1-13
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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 unto the Lord, responding to the bidding, "Patient and loving God," with "hear the prayers of your children".

Eucharistic Minister: Blessed God, we pray for your holy church. We pray for Sean, our presiding bishop; for Philip our own bishop; for David, our interim priest; for Dennis, our Deacon, and for all clergy. In our own diocese we pray for Diocesan Council; Board of Directors; Standing Committee; and for La Iglesia de la Resurreccion. And in the Anglican Communion we pray for The Anglican Church of the Congo. Patient and loving God, **hear the prayers of your children.**

Lord our God, we pray that you watch over our nation and our elected leaders, both old and new. Grant us the strength to heal the widening rift in our nation. Give us patience and resolve to not let the angry words and hurtful actions of others deter us from living out your message of love and tolerance. Patient and loving God, **hear the prayers of your children.**

Loving God, we pray for the whole world, for those being persecuted and displaced, and for those seeking a safe haven in which to raise their families. Help us to be a friend - and not an adversary. Patient and loving God, **hear the prayers of your children.**

Precious Lord, we praise you for this loving community of St Paul's. We thank you for this safe sanctuary in which we worship and where we can welcome visitors with kindness, warmth and open arms. Patient and loving God, **hear the prayers of your children.**

Merciful Lord, we ask for your healing and mercy upon ourselves, and upon our brothers and sisters who are in pain and distress. Grant us strength in our weakness and guide the nurses and doctors who care for us. Patient and loving God, **hear the prayers of your children.**

Gracious God, we thank you for the families and friends you have brought into our lives. Help us to treasure and protect them. We praise you for your generosity and gifts, and we thank you for our ability to love and share those gifts with others who need us. Patient and loving God, **hear the prayers of your children.**

Tender Lord, please welcome into your gentle hands our loved ones who have left this world to be with you instead. Grant them your peace – and help us to celebrate their lives spent here with us. Patient and loving God, **hear the prayers of 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..... Fragrance Prayer – Tom Booth .....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.

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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus.....Hymn S125
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Presider: Oh God, you are holy and gracious: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in

your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, our Rock and our Foundation.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People**: Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Presider: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal Reign.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Most Blessed One, now and for ever.
AMEN.

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

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

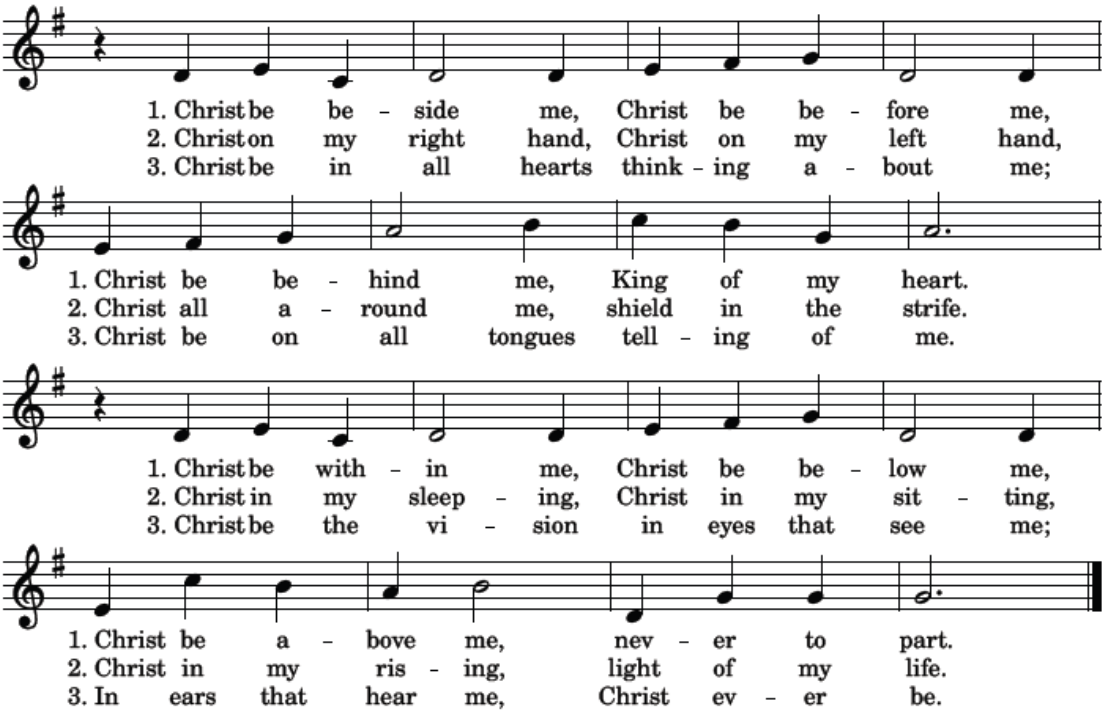
Presider: Alleluia! Christ Our Passover is sacrificed for us:
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction 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.

Communion Hymn ..... Christ Be Beside Me



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**.

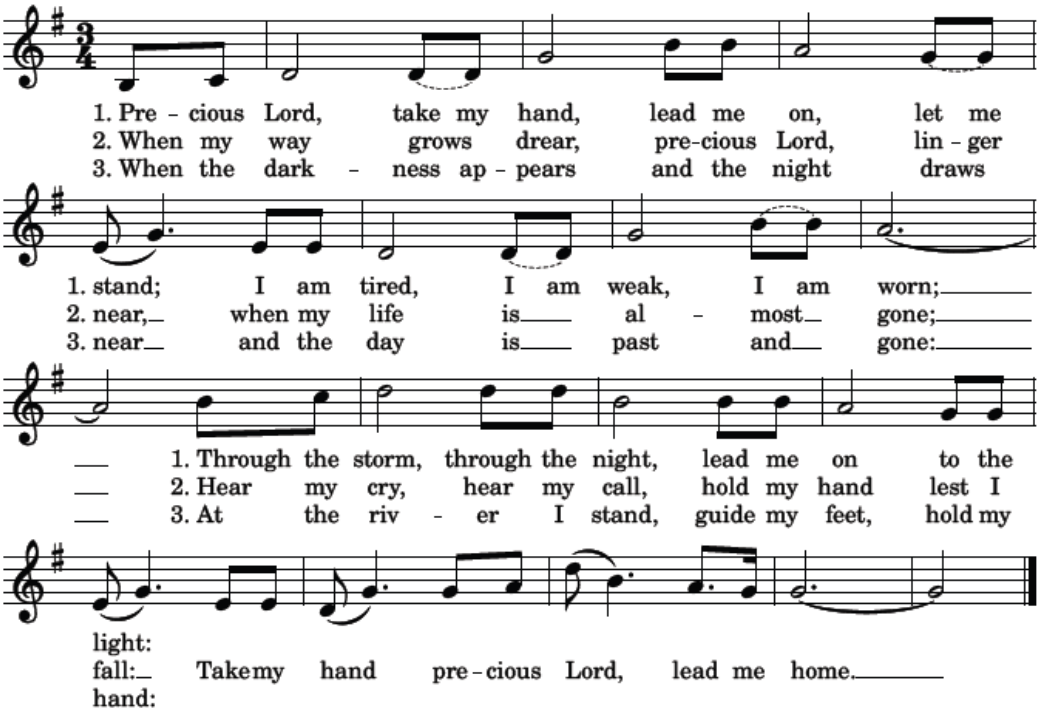


Post Communion Prayer

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..... Precious Lord, Take My Hand



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.....Armed Forces Medley ..... arr. Coates



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.

Today's Altar Flowers
The altar flowers today are given by the generosity of St. Paul's and your Altar Guild.
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 Barbara Carson, with an assist from 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.

Greening of the Chancel
Envelopes are available for helping to cover the cost of the Greening of the Chancel. The ushers will have them available before and after the service. The greening will take place Monday December 21 at 10am. Yes, there will be donuts. ☺

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.

Art in the Narthex
The art in the Narthex is needlepoint, crewel, quilt and cross-stitch work by Carol Treston.
Do you have art you would like to display in the narthex? Religious or otherwise, we enjoy seeing what parishioners enjoy in their homes. It does not have to be your own artwork. It can be fiber, glass, paint, sculpture or whatever medium. Contact Margie Lauer to arrange scheduling. 425.248.9336

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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