



HOLY EUCHARIST
The Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026 • 10:00am

Welcome to St. Paul's! We are grateful for your presence in worship and look forward to welcoming you into this life we share through the love of Jesus Christ! Please don't forget to silence your devices as our worship service begins.

Families are welcome to sit anywhere they would like, including our dedicated children's area in the Chapel, which features self-directed activities and books. Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall on the Occidental Avenue side of the church campus. Our worship service is live-streamed on St. Paul's YouTube Channel, where we welcome online friends to pray with us.

All are warmly invited to participate in Holy Communion at St. Paul's. If you prefer not to receive the wine, simply cross your arms over your chest as the Eucharistic Minister greets you saying, "the Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation." Thank you for sharing the light of your presence with our community! May God's presence be very near to you in this holy season of Eastertide!

Prelude

Rainbow Waltz, Florence B. Price (1887-1953)

All stand to sing

Processional Hymn 594

"God of grace and glory," *Cwm Rhondda*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Choristers This little light of mine,

People I'm gonna let it shine.

Choristers All through the night-time,

People I'm gonna let it shine.

Choristers Hide it under a bushel. No!

People I'm gonna let it shine.

Choristers When I get to Heaven,

People I'm gonna let it shine.

Choristers O God of hope and happiness,

People Red and orange, and of yellow,

Choristers Show us beauty in ev'ry day,

People The brightness seen in ev'ry star.

Gloria

The St. Helen's Service, Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

All sing **REFRAIN**



Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est,
 Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est.

Choir: Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth; Lord God, heav'nly King, almighty God and Father, We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

All sing **REFRAIN**

Choir: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

All sing **REFRAIN**

Choir: For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord; For you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

All sing **FINAL REFRAIN**



Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est,
 Glo - ry, glo - ry to God,
 glo - ry to God in the high - est. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

The First Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up

from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

After the reading, the reader says

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 68: 4-5, 6a, 10b, 11; 20, 33

Refrain, George Herbert & Ralph Vaughan Williams

Anglican Chant, Margaret Burk (b. 1990)

Choristers sing REFRAIN. All sing REFRAIN. Choir sings verses.



Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life.

- 4 Sing to God, we sing praises to your holy Name;
We exalt the One who rides upon the heavens; *
yours is the Name in which we rejoice!
- 5 Guardian of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in your holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
10b in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 11 You gave the word; *
Great was the host of women who bore the glad tidings.

All sing **REFRAIN.**



Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart.

- 20 You are our God, the God of our salvation; *
You are the one by whom we escape death.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Holy One.

All sing **REFRAIN.**



Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A reading from the first letter of Peter

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due

time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

After the reading, the reader says

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

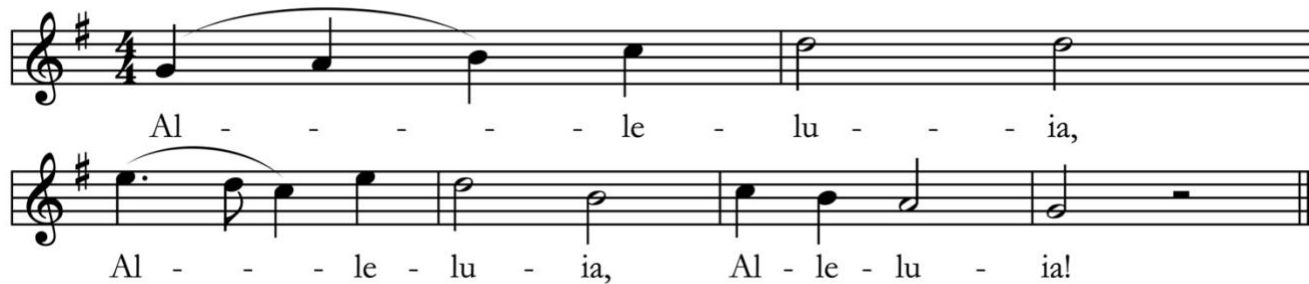
People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Gospel Alleluia

Jeffrey Rickard

Cantor sings REFRAIN. All sing REFRAIN.



Cantor Protect them so that they may be one, as we are one.

All sing REFRAIN.

The Holy Gospel

John 17:1-11

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have

kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

After the Gospel, the reader says

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people are seated.

Sermon

Will Vander Lugt, Class of 2026

Anthem

This little light of mine, Spiritual, arr. Margaret Bonds (1913-1972)
Cornelia Ding, accompanist

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
All through the night-time, I'm gonna let it shine.
When I get to Heaven, I'm gonna let it shine.*

All stand.

What We Have Come to Believe

*These Statements of Belief have been offered by people who have recently been confirmed and those who support them.
All are invited to recite together.*

We believe in God

**The One who Created all things and invites us all to co-create now.
All-powerful and full of mystery, the One who remains present.**

We believe in Jesus Christ

**Our example, our companion.
God in flesh. God incarnate.
Our friend, our healer, our teacher.
The One who welcomes the overlooked and teaches us to do the same.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit

**With God and Jesus is community.
Our Advocate and Guide.
The Fire, the Nudger, the One who pushes growth and transformation,
as uncomfortable as it can be.**

We believe in the Church

**The people of God,
The community where tradition and innovation hold us together
The place of care, belonging, support
Where we bring our gifts to share, that others may flourish.**

Prayers of the People

Inspired by the teens of St. Paul's

Jesus, you are the Light of the World. Even though you've returned to the Father, you gave us the Spirit and a mission to care for everything God created. Let's bring our world and our concerns to God:

Compassionate God, help the Church to be a place that actually looks like you. Help us cut through the noise and the cliques so we can be a community that welcomes everyone. Keep us united and glowing with your love. For this we pray, **Hear our prayer.**

God of creation and mystery, You made this planet, including, but not limited to the trees, bees, mountains, and cacti. You called all good, but we know all created beings are hurting. Give us the "light" to see how we can better care for Your creation. Help our generation lead the way in protecting the oceans, the air, and the animals, so the beauty of your world doesn't fade away. For this we pray, **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, Guide the people who make the big decisions—in government, in business, and in our schools. Help them to lead with honesty and to think about the future, not just the right now. Give them the wisdom to do what's right for people and the planet. For this we pray, **Hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, we pray for anyone feeling like they're stuck in the shadows right now—whether they're sick, lonely, poor or just overwhelmed by life. For our friends struggling with mental health or family stress, let your light break through and give warmth and peace. We pray especially for John & Gitti Anderson, Cyndy Bodenlos, Diane & Peter Carey, Sally C., Renato Floresca, Rodney Gehrke, Michael Kimball, Matt Leum, Sonny Liu, Carolyn Mulliken, Jen Norman, Jim Prescott, Ricky Sanner, Craig Tam, and Carrie Vanden Boom. For this we pray, **Hear our prayer.**

For all the prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts.

Silence

Jesus, you finished your work on earth and trusted us to carry it on. Keep our lights bright as we head into this week so that we can bring comfort, friendship and concern to all those around us. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The people greet each another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

*Peter, go ring them bells, Spiritual, arr. Florence Price
Cornelia Ding, accompanist*

*Peter, go ring them bells, I heard from heav'n today.
I wonder where my mother is gone. I heard from heav'n today.
I wonder where sister Mary is gone. I heard from heav'n today.
I thank God an' I thank you, too. I heard from heav'n today.*

All stand to sing

Presentation Hymn

A Song of Hope (2026); Words & Music: The Choristers of St. Paul's



1. We sing a wist - ful song — of hope
2. O God of strength, and pow'r — and might,
3. O God of hope — and hap - pi - ness,
4. O God, you shape — all worlds and time,



from blue clouds of joy and sad - ness.
help us grow like tall trees: root - ed,
Red and or - ange, and of yel - low,
You hold earth with love and com - fort.



Com - plex end - ings, lon - ging re - gret; your
bran - ching out. Leaves float - ing on wind, the
show us beau - ty in ev' - ry day, the
Help us make a new world of hope, as



waves of peace flow deep be - low.
birds that fly, light as the clouds.
bright - ness seen in ev' - ry star.
we re - joice in your good land.

mp
Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

6 *cresc.* *mf*
God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-

9 *f* *mf* *f*
san - na, ho-san-na in the high-est, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the

13 *mp*

16 *p* *mf* *f*
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, ho - san - na, ho-

20 *mf* *f*
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, giving thanks for God's work of redemption through Jesus Christ and consecrating the bread and wine for Holy Communion. The people join in sacramental witness, speaking to the mystery of God's saving grace.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Most Holy God, 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 Nikki Frances and 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 are yours, Most Blessed One, now and forever. **AMEN.**

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Christ our Passover, Jeffrey Rickard (b. 1942)

All sing

Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ our Pass - o - ver has been sac - ri-ficed for us;

There-fore let us keep the feast, Al - - le - lu - ia,

Al - - - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant lifts the bread and wine saying,

The Table is ready. So come, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come, because it is Christ who invites us to meet God here.

All are welcome to receive Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Ushers will see that Communion is brought to you at your seat, should you request it.

Communion Solo

I got me flowers (Five Mystical Songs), Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Dmitri Nezvigina, baritone

*I got me flowers to strew thy way;
I got me boughs off many a tree:
But thou wast up by break of day,
And brought'st thy sweets along with thee.*

*The Sunne arising in the East.
Though he give light, and th'East perfume;
If they should offer to contest
With thy arising, they presume.*

*Can there be any day but this,
Though many sunnes to shine endeavour?
We count three hundred, but we misse:
There is but one, and that one ever.*

~ George Herbert (1593-1633)

Postcommunion Prayer

Adapted from A New Zealand Prayer Book

All stand as the Celebrant invites,

Let us pray.

Alleluia! God of justice and compassion, you give us a work to do, through your baptism of suffering and resurrection. From you comes power to share with others the care we ourselves have received so that we, and all who love your world, may live in harmony and trust. Fill us with courage, hope, and joy, as we embrace this sacred call to follow you, nourished by the grace of this life we share through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessing

Cole Arthur Riley, *Black Liturgies*

God of levity, grant us rest that permeates our waking hours. Mark our days with recreation and playfulness. Restore to us the energy for mischief and creativity that we've lost as we've gotten older. Put people in our lives who inspire us in our play. Game nights, karaoke, gardening, film – we want more than the binary of work and sleep. We want delight in the in-between, those moments of interior rest that can happen while we're awake. Show us what forms of entertainment and what hobbies lead us into peace. And protect us from the lie that if we are awake, we should be working. Remind us that a light heart is not a heart that lacks depth. That our play does not negate our grief. Let us rest in the way we need to today. In the name of the Creator, Savior, and Renewing Spirit. **Amen.**

All sing

Hymn 580

“God, who stretched the spangled heavens,” *Holy Manna*

Dismissal

We are raised to new life with Christ. Let us go forth, rejoicing in God's peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

Festal March, Florence Price

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