



HOLY EUCHARIST
The Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 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

Improvisation on "Adoro devote," Aidan Yau

All stand to sing stanzas 1, 2, & 5

Processional Hymn 208

"The strife is o'er," Victory

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Collect for Purity

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

Gloria

The St. Helen's Service, Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (b. 1971)

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.

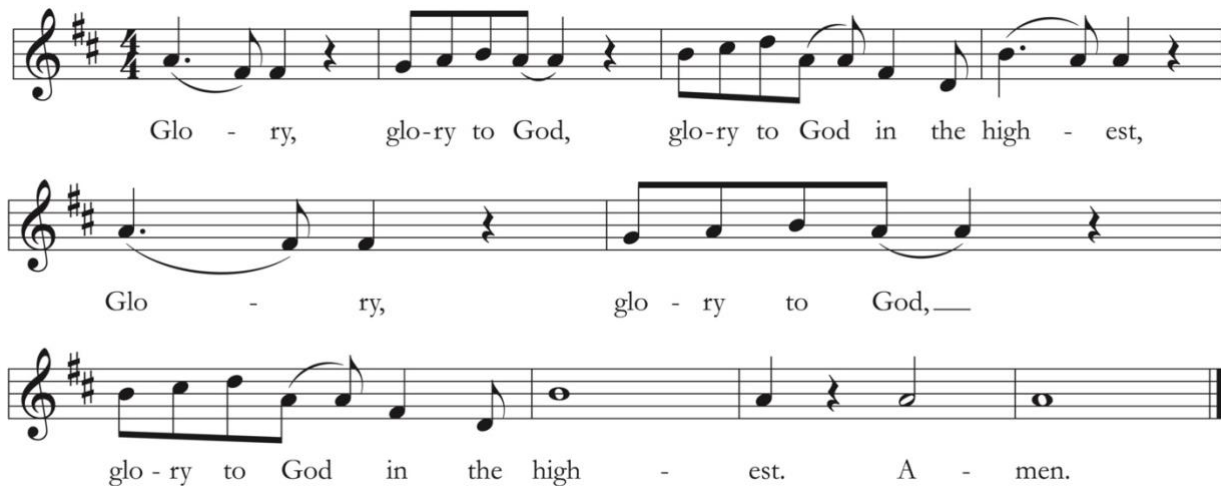
All sing **REFRAIN**

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, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

The First Lesson

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ

so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

After the reading, the reader says

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-3, 10, 14-17

Refrain, Ralph Vaughan Williams and George Herbert

Anglican Chant, Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

Cantor sings REFRAIN. All sing REFRAIN. Choir sings verses.



Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life.

- 1 I love you, O God, because you have heard the voice of my supplication,*
because you have inclined your ear to me whenever I called upon you.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon your holy Name:*
"O God, I pray you, save my life."
- 10 How shall I repay God *
for all the good things done for me?

All sing REFRAIN.



Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart.

- 14 O God, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon your holy Name.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to you *
in the presence of all your people,
- 17 In the courts of God' house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia!

All sing **REFRAIN.**



Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength.

Second Lesson

I Peter 1:17-23

A reading from the first letter of Peter

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for

your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

After the reading, the reader says

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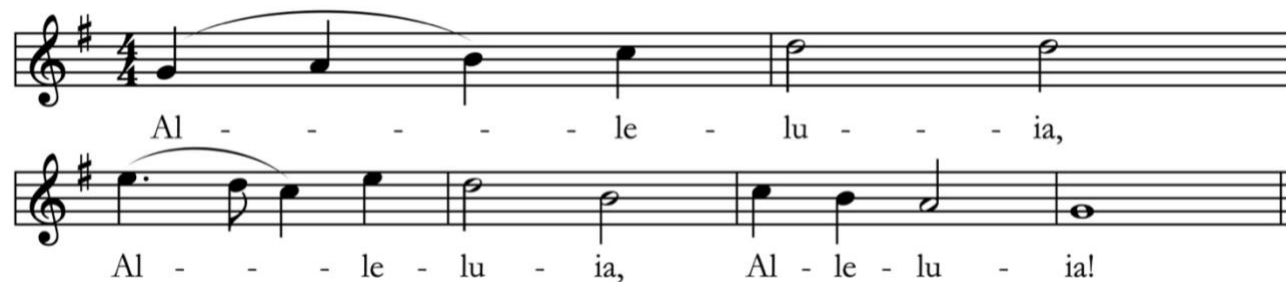
People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

Gospel Alleluia

Jeffrey Rickard

Cantor sings **REFRAIN.** *All sing* **REFRAIN.**



Cantor Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.

All sing **REFRAIN.**

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the

tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

After the Gospel, the reader says

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated.

Sermon

The Rev. Beth Lind Foote

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

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.

All stand.

The Prayers of the People

Sundays and Seasons, p. 161-162

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of bread.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity, where there is violence, sow peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal all who are sick, especially Cyndy Bodenlos, Rodney Gehrke, Michael Kimball, Sonny Liu, Jen Norman, Jim Prescott, Craig Tam, and Carolyn Mulliken. Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious One, you have made us your own through the sacrament of baptism. Unite us in genuine love for one another and uphold this community in your name. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal Light, we give thanks for all who have nurtured your church's life in ages past. We pray for the peace and repose of Jo Ann Tate, mother of Jo Ann Tate Hartley, and all who have died in the military violence in the Middle East and violent conflict at home and abroad. Bring us at last with them to the brightness of your glorious presence.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people,

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

O for a closer walk with God, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

*O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heav'nly frame;
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!*

*Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.*

*So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.*

~William Cowper (1731-1800)

All stand to sing

Presentation Hymn 314

“Humbly I adore thee,” *Adoro devote*

Sanctus *sung by all*

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

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*
high-est. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,

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.

All sing

Fraction Anthem

Christ our Passover, Jeffrey Rickard (b. 1942)

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 Anthem

O taste and see, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

*O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
blest is the one that trusteth in him.*

~ Psalm 34:8

Postcommunion Prayer

Common Worship

All stand as the Celebrant invites,

**Almighty and eternal God, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, Jesus declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of the God, Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you forever.
Amen.

All sing

Hymn 296

“We know that Christ is raised,” *Engelberg*

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

Toccata from Résurrection (Symphonie-Passion), Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

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