



HOLY EUCHARIST
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 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

Allegro assai moderato (Ostersonate), Fanny Hensel (1805-1847)

All stand to sing

Processional Hymn 51

"We the Lord's people," Decatur Place

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

The First Lesson

Acts 7:55-60

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to

stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

After the reading, the reader says

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

*Refrain, Ralph Vaughan Williams and George Herbert
Anglican Chant, Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)*

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



- 1 In you, O God, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

All sing **REFRAIN**



- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.”

All sing **REFRAIN**



Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength.

The Second Lesson

I Peter 2:2-10

A reading from the first letter of Peter

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

After the reading, the reader says

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

All stand.

Gospel Alleluia

Jeffrey Rickard

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

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

Cantor I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

All sing **REFRAIN.**

The Holy Gospel

John 14:1-14

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

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

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

After the Gospel, the reader says

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

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. 167

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.

God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the Cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick, especially we pray for John & Gitti Anderson, Cyndy Bodenlos, Diane and Peter Carey, Dick & Sally C., Rodney Gehrke, Troy Hanson, Michael Kimball, Sonny Liu, Carolyn Mulliken, Jen Norman, Jim Prescott, Craig Tam, and Carrie Vanden Boom. Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed. 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 the stone that the builders rejected
Became the cornerstone of a whole new world.
A grain of wheat may be knocked to the ground
And suffer through the winter's cold
Only to rise right up again
And bear its seed a thousandfold.*

*Cornerstone, Shawn Kirchner (b. 1970)
Anmol Gupta and Lane McKenna, soloists*

*Never shall our journey fail;
A little child shall lead the way
Whose eyes are filled with a shining light,
To whom the night is bright as day.
The love that rolls the stone away
Gives us life that we may sing
"Grave, where is thy victory?
Death, o death, where is thy sting?"*

~ Psalm 118:22, Isaiah 11:6, John 12:24, I Corinthians 15:55



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

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

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

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

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

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.**

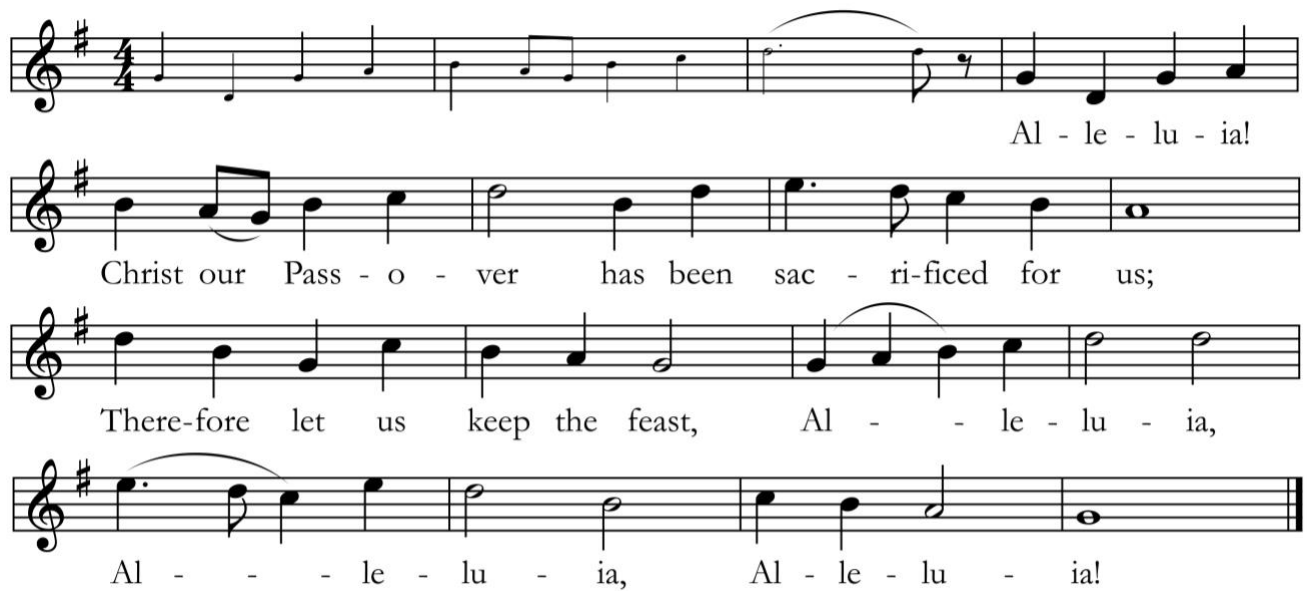
The Breaking of the Bread

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. Usbers will see that Communion is brought to you at your seat, should you request it.

Communion Anthem

The Call (Five Mystical Songs)

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), arr. for choir by Allen Percival

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

Such a Way, as gives us breath:

Such a Truth, as ends all strife:

Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a Light, as shows a feast:

Such a Feast, as mends in length:

Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a Joy, as none can move:

Such a Love, as none can part:

Such a Heart, as joys in love.

~ George Herbert (1593-1633)

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 487

“Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life,” *The Call*

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

Prelude in G Major, BWV 541, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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