



**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**  
*A Centennial Service*  
August 30, 2026 • 10:00am

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*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!*

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Prelude

*Prelude on an Old Folk Tune, Amy Beach (1867-1944)*

*All stand to sing*

Processional Hymn 518

*"Christ is made the sure foundation," Westminster Abbey*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

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.**

Song of Praise *sung by choir*

*Trisagion (A Centennial Mass), Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)*  
*The Book of Common Prayer (1979), p. 356*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## The First Lesson

Exodus 3:1-15

### A Reading from Exodus

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.

Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up."

When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."

And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

...

"Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

*After the reading, the reader says*

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

**People** Thanks be to God.

### Interactive Sermon Experience:

God's Presence at St. Paul's through the Decades

*After the opening instructions are offered, all are encouraged to join in singing each stanza of the hymn, found on the following page, at the invitation to move to three experiential sermon stations for facilitated conversation.*

*After the time allotted for each conversation, participants will move to the next station, guided by the station leaders and prompted by the hymn, returning to your seat during the final stanza.*

# Hymn for History Stations

“We sing a wistful song of hope,” *Song of Hope*  
Composed by St. Paul’s Choristers (2026)

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor 1, and Tenor 2) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal staff and a bass line. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff. The first system includes four numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system includes a line for 'your' in the first verse. The fourth system concludes the piece with a double bar line. The bass line is written in a lower register, likely for a keyboard accompaniment or a low voice part.

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 earth - ange, and of yel - low,  
You hold 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.

*Tenor 2 on final stanza only*

The Prayers of The People      Adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979), Form IV, p. 388

Reflecting on the gift of God's presence, revealed in every generation and bright with the love that comes always to liberate human beings to embrace its glorious vision of God's dream for the whole creation, let us draw from our reflections on today's interactive service to help us pray for the Church and for the world, saying,

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world through...

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of...

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation. Help us delight in and care...

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially...

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit and those who know the pain of...

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have come before us, laying the groundwork for...

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant concludes*

Hear us Jesus, hear our prayer, as you have heard the prayers offered in this sanctuary spanning the century; make us equal to your calling in our day, and as these prayers take shape in our lives, bind us to your gracious will and fill us with joy in the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*All stand to greet one another, at the priest's invitation, with a sign of God's peace. Then, the people are seated.*

Celebrant    The peace of Christ be always with you.

People      **And also with you.**

*Recognizing the nuances of today's unique liturgy, there will be no spoken announcements during the service.*

*Printed Invitations, included in your leaflet, highlight essential details for this week's calendar at St. Paul's.*

## Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem      *At the river*, Aaron Copland (1900-1990), arr. for choir by R. Wilding White  
Tune & Text by Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

Shall we gather by the river, Where bright angel's feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God?  
*Yes, we'll gather by the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river,*  
*Gather with the saints by the river That flows by the throne of God.*  
Soon we'll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease,  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace. *Yes, we'll gather . . .*

*All stand to sing*  
Presentation Hymn 439

"What wondrous love is this," *Wondrous Love*

The Great Thanksgiving      Eucharistic Prayer A, *The Book of Common Prayer of 1892*

*Celebrant*      *People*  
The Lord be with you.      And also with you.

*Celebrant*      *People*  
Lift up your hearts.      We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is very meet right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Almighty, Everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Great High Priest, in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before you a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in your sight.

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore praising Thee, and singing,

*All sing*  
Sanctus

*A Centennial Mass, Sarah MacDonald*



*Organ* *Choir*

*All*

*f* Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

*Organ*

*All*

Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, full of your glo-ry, Ho - san-na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Organ*

*All*

*mp* Bless - ed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord,

*mf* Bless - ed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord,

*f* Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -

san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - - - est.

*As the Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, the people join in witness to the mystery of God's saving grace.*

... *When the Celebrant speaks the following words, the people here bow or kneel, as able.*

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in them, and they in him.

And we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing Our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

### Invitation to Communion

*At the ushers' direction, please come forward to the High Altar using the center aisle, passing through the chancel and between the choir stalls, to receive Holy Communion and returning to your seat by the ambulatory doors and side aisles.*

*All are invited to partake of the consecrated bread and wine or a prayer of blessing. Please stand at the rail and extend your palms to receive the bread and guide the chalice to your lips, or cross your arms over your chest for a blessing.*

*If you would like Communion brought to you in your seat, please advise one of the ushers. Eucharistic ministers will come to you after the congregation has received at rail.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Simply let the Eucharistic minister know when they approach the rail.*

### Music at Communion

*Agnus Dei (A Centennial Mass), Sarah MacDonald  
The Book of Common Prayer (1979), p. 337*

*from Three Choral Responses, Amy Beach*

*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.*

*Not as the world giveth give I unto you.*

*Let not your heart be troubled.*

~ John 14:27

*The people kneel or sit, as able.*

### The Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee,  
for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries,  
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;  
and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son,  
which is the blessed company of all faithful people;  
and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom,  
by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son.  
And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,  
so to assist us with thy grace,  
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,  
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

*All stand as the choir sings the Gloria.*

Gloria

*A Centennial Mass, Sarah MacDonald  
The Book of Common Prayer (1979), p. 356*

The Blessing

*All sing*

Hymn 680

“O God, our help in ages past,” *St. Anne*

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people remain standing until the procession departs.*

Postlude

*Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland*

*All are warmly invited to Foote Hall after worship, to celebrate the sweetness of our life together during this year's  
“Ministry Scoop” Ice Cream Social and Ministry Fair! Please also pick up a copy of St. Paul's 2026-2027  
Program Guide and be sure to invite your friends and family to be part of this special year for St. Paul's!*

