



**HOLY EUCHARIST**  
The Second Sunday of Easter  
April 12, 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 of Eastertide!*

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Prelude

*The Bells (Spiritual Suite), Margaret Bonds (1913-1972)*

*All stand to sing*

Processional Hymn 205

*"Good Christians all, rejoice and sing," Gelobt sei Gott*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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 and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn by water and the Spirit, into the fellowship of Christ's Body, may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

*After the reading, the reader says*

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

Psalm 16:1, 5-11

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

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



Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life.

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
 I have said to the Holy One, “You are my God, my good above all other.”
- 5 O God, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
 it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
 indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless you, O God who gives me counsel; \*  
 my heart teaches me, night after night.

*All sing* **REFRAIN.**



Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart.

- 8 I have set you always before me; \*  
because you are at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

*All sing* **REFRAIN.**



Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength.

Second Lesson

I Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of Peter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to

suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*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.*

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

Cantor Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

*All sing REFRAIN.*

The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the

nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*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.**

**With the Father and the Son she is worshiped and glorified.**

**She 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. 158-159

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.*

Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way especially we pray for Cyndy Bodenlos, Rodney Gehrke, Michael Kimball, Sonny Liu, Jen Norman, Jim Prescott, Craig Tam, and Carolyn Mulliken. Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. 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. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into 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

*Most glorious Lord of life, William H. Harris (1883-1973)*

*Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day  
Didst make Thy triumph over death and sin,  
And having harrowed hell,  
didst bring away Captivity thence captive, us to win.*

*This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,  
And grant that we for whom Thou diddest die,  
Being with Thy dear blood clean washed from sin,  
May live for ever in felicity:*

*And that Thy love we weighing worthily,  
May likewise love Thee for the same again;  
And for Thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,  
With love may one another entertain.*

*So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought;  
Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.*

~ Edmund Spenser (c. 1522-99)



*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

*Peace I leave with you, Amy Beach (1867-1944)*

*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

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 209

“We walk by faith, and not by sight,” *St. Botolph*

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 on “Peter, go ring them bells,” Florence Price (1887-1953)*

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