

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

"An Inclusive and Progressive Community of Faith"

The Holy Eucharist

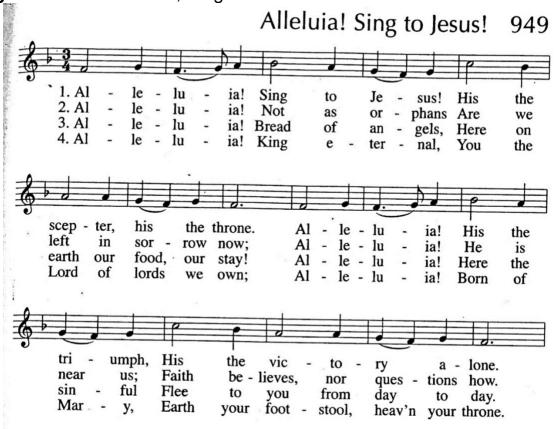
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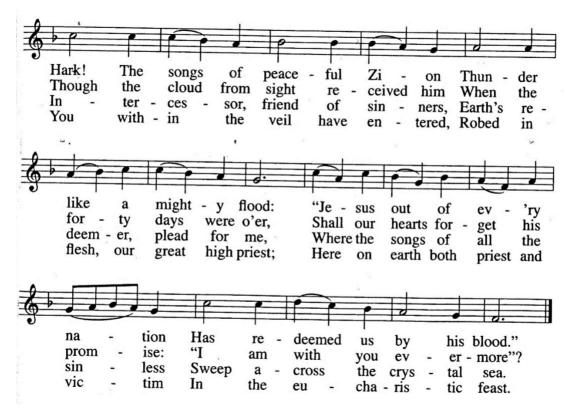
Christ the King SundayLast Sunday of Pentecost

Announcements & Welcome

We remember and honor the indigenous people of this continent particularly the Suquamish and Coast Salish nations whose land we now occupy. Once this was their home and it was taken from them. We give thanks for them and express gratitude for their witness on how to live honorable and humble lives. May we always remember that the earth does not belong to us, we belong to the earth, and that we are all relatives in this life. Help us to learn from our past mistakes and thus be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world.

Gather Hymnal #949: "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"





Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 People And Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Spoken

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 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. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray together.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord GoD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GoD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95:1-7a

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- O come let us sing to the Lord: let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.
- 2. Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving: and sing to the Lord with psalms of triumph.
- 3. For you Lord are a great God: and a great king above all gods.
- 4. In your hand are the depths of the earth: so also are the heights of the mountains.
- 5. The sea is yours and you made it: the dry land also which your hands have fashioned.

- 6. O come let us bow down and worship: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
- 7. For the Lord is our God: we are the Lord's people, the flock that God shepherds.

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Gradual Hymn: Gather Hymnal #334: "Gather Acclamation"



The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 25:31-46 Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and

you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: The Reverend Kathleen Kingslight

Affirmation of Faith

As Children of God, we affirm: That God, who is Love, created all and called it good, that God is present with all of creation, and that in darkness and in light, God is faithful, therefore, we too, seek to be faithful.

That Jesus came to show us Love with a human face, that he taught justice and reconciliation and suffered on our behalf, and that through his faithful example, he embodies hope; therefore we, too, seek to be people of justice, reconciliation and hope.

That the Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us, that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment, and that, when we are open, the Spirit can always find a way; therefore, we seek to be people filled with God's Spirit: discerning, loving and transforming our worlds. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (from Intercessions for the Christian People)
Let us pray our Vision Statement together:

• O God, help us to be progressive Christians in an open, inclusive and affirming community of faith.

- O Jesus, guide us in providing a safe harbor for everyone on their spiritual journey.
- O Holy Spirit be with us in our endeavors to bring God's presence into our world in need.

Through baptism we have been raised with Christ, from death to life, let us intercede for all the world, saying: In the name of Jesus our Good Shepherd, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, cause the leaders of nations to recognize your love for all humanity. Make them proponents of peace and lovers of justice, that all peoples may live in peace. In the name of Jesus our Good Shepherd, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, look with pity on all who suffer: those with incurable diseases, especially COVID, those unjustly imprisoned, those denied dignity, the hungry, those without shelter, those who live without hope, especially the children. In the name of Jesus our Good Shepherd, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, benevolent one, we pray for all your people gathered here to seek your grace. By your mercy, prepare us for the end of our lives, that we may accept it as a gift. In the name of Jesus our Good Shepherd, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray in silence for a smooth transitions in January. We pray for bishops, all clergy, deacons, and all who minister in the church, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Greg our Bishop, Kathleen our rector, and Navy Chaplain David. In the name of Jesus our Good Shepherd, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our community, especially parishioners Myra & John Battin, Dee Boatwright-Frost, Demitrius Bowden, Pat Brodin, Susan Brooks-Young. We also pray for Bishop Rickel and his staff, St. Hilda – St. Patrick, Edmonds, Our Saviour, Monroe, and Holy Land Institute For The Deaf, Salt, Jordan. In the name of Jesus our Good Shepherd, hear our prayer.

Grant these petitions, O God, according to your perfect will, that your holy name be praised and proclaimed until that day when all the faithful shall gather before your throne in heaven, through the merits of Christ the King. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Musical Offering: Hymn: "Amazing Love (You Are My King)" By Billy James Foote (As you are listening this is a good time to do your giving online.)

(verse)

I'm forgiven... because You were forsaken I'm accepted... You were condemned I'm alive and well, Your spirit is within me Because You died and rose again

(chorus)

Amazing Love, How can it be That You, my King, should die for me? Amazing love, I know it's true And it's my joy to honor You, In all I do, I honor You

You are my King (repeat 4x)

(chorus)

The Great Thanksgiving: from Eucharistic Prayers

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People 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.

Celebrant: It is our duty and our joy to thank and praise you,

God of heaven and earth;

for you are our shepherd, who called Abraham by name,

gathered a people under Moses, fed your flock in the wilderness,

and led them out of Egypt and Babylon to take refuge in your sheepfold.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus to be our shepherd king,

leading us beside still waters,
delivering us from the valley of the shadow of death,
and restoring our souls.

And so with all your gathered flock,
with sheep that are not of this fold,
and with saints and angels surrounding your glorious throne,
we praise your name and join the unending hymn.

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues:

Abundant God, you bestow upon your people
the riches of your glorious inheritance
and the immeasurable greatness of your power.
You send upon your disciples the Spirit of wisdom and revelation.
Send now that same Spirit to breathe upon your church
and make it resound with your praise.

Sanctify this bread and cup, that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died Christ is risen Christ will come again.

God of glory, you sent Jesus to be our prophet, priest, and king, and you show us his face

in the face of those on whom the world turns its back.

As the tempted Christ was hungry in the wilderness, make yourself known to all who search for food.

As the crucified Christ was thirsty hanging on the tree, reveal your love among those who lack clean water.

As the infant Christ was a stranger in Egypt, manifest your presence through any who are pilgrims from afar.

As the newborn Christ was naked in the manger, live in all who experience shame and exposure.

As Christ in his passion was sick to the heart in Gethsemane, declare your grace among those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

And as Christ under judgment was a prisoner under Pontius Pilate, be with all who are incarcerated by folly, injustice, or fear.

Renew your church by making it resemble Jesus, our crucified king, our savior, Lord, and friend, with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, forever. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Gather Hymnal #712: "The King of Love, My Shepherd Is"

The King of Love My Shepherd Is 1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good-ness 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran-somed 3. Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in 4. In death's dark vale fear Ι With you, dear no ill 5. You ble spread ta in my sight, a Your sav - ing 6. And the length of days so, through all Your good-ness fails ing I if me nev er; noth lack soul he's lead ing, And, where the ver dant love he sought And me, his shoul der on Lord, be side Your rod and staff me, my grace be - stow ing; And, oh, what trans port fails me nev er; Good Shep - herd, may Ι I am his And he is mine for - ev pas - tures grow, With food ce - les feed tial ing. gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me. com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.

Prayer after Communion: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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Recessional Hymn: Gather Hymnal #865: "Soon, Very Soon"

Soon and Very Soon 1. Soon and ver - y soon 2. No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King, we are goin' to see the King, 3. No more dy - in' there, we are goin' to see the King, 4. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King, Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King, we are goin' No more cry - in' there, to see the King, No more dy - in' there, the King, we are goin' to see Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King, Soon and ver - y soon No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King. we are goin' to see the King. Hal-le-No more dy - in' there, we are goin' to see the King. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King. 1., 2. lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King! 3., 4. Hal - le - lu jah, hal - le - lu

The Great Beginning

jah, hal - le - lu

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

jah, hal - le - lu

jah.

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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