



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"AN INCLUSIVE AND PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY OF FAITH"

*The Holy Eucharist*

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**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

## Announcements & Welcome

*We remember and honor the indigenous people of this land we now occupy, particularly the Suquamish and Coast Salish nations. 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.*

## Opening Hymn: Gather Hymnal #641: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling,  
2. Come, Al - mighty - y, to de - liv - er,  
3. Fin - ish then your new cre - a - tion,

Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Let us all your life re - ceive;  
Pure and spot - less, gra - cious Lord.

Fix in us your hum - ble dwell - ing,  
Sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,  
Let us see your great sal - va - tion

All your faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
Nev - er - more your tem - ples leave.  
Per - fect - ly in you re - stored.

Je - sus, source of all com - pas - sion,  
 You we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

Love un - bound - ed, love all pure;  
 Serve you as your hosts a - bove,  
 Till in heav'n we take our place,

Vis - it us with your sal - va - tion,  
 Pray, and praise you with - out ceas - ing,  
 Till we sing be - fore the Al - might - y,

Let your love in us en - dure.  
 Glo - ry in your pre - cious love.  
 Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

xt: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
 ne: HYFRYDOL, 8 7 8 7 D; Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*Celebrant* 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.**

**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 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Acts 8:26-40**

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.  
In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 22:24-30**

24. For you O God have not despised or abhorred  
the poor in their affliction:  
you have not hidden your face from them,  
but you heard them when they called to you.

25. You are the theme of my praise in the full assembly:  
my vows I will perform  
in the sight of those who fear you.

26. The poor shall eat and be satisfied:  
those who seek you O Lord shall praise you,  
may they be in good heart for ever.
27. Let all the ends of the earth remember  
and turn to you O Lord:  
and let all the families  
of the nations bow down before you.
28. For yours is the kingdom O Lord:  
and you are the ruler over the nations.
29. As for those who sleep in the grave,  
how shall they worship you:  
all those who go down into the dust,  
how shall they bow before you?
30. But I shall live through you,  
and my children shall serve you:  
they shall tell of you  
to the generations that are yet to come.

### **1 John 4:7-21**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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**Gospel Acclamation: Gather Hymnal #537: "Easter Alleluia"**



See how salvation for all has been won,  
Up from the grave our new life has begun,  
Life now perfected in Jesus, the Son:  
Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John 15:1-8** ✠ ✠ ✠  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon:** The Rev. Don P. Moon

#### **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 he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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.

### 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.

O God, your Holy Spirit is alive in all the earth. Your Spirit that moved and shaped land and sea, trees and beasts still moves and shapes us into creation. Through Christ we know your one Holy Spirit, for you are God of all. That all the world may know your Spirit, we pray: O God, who makes us one, **hear our prayer.**

Open your world before our eyes, so that we see far and near. Show us anew what lives around us, over and behind and within. Give us the mind of Christ. O God, who makes us one, **hear our prayer.**

Bring us to one another, that we may hear and understand each other. Bring trust and sympathy between the peoples of the world. Make all nations one household with many rooms. O God, who makes us one, **hear our prayer.**

Heal us who are sick. Cheer us who are guilty. Love us who are alone. Join us who are distant. Call all the world to yourself. O God, who makes us one, **hear our prayer.**

Enliven the church with the Spirit of Christ. Through us give your loving Spirit to a world in need of comfort. Make our many gifts one offering for the world. O God, who makes us one, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church and its leaders, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Greg our Bishop, Kathleen our Rector, for Navy Chaplain David, and for all who nurture our life together, that the body may be strengthened and our common life enriched. O God, who makes us one, **hear our prayer.**

For the homeless, for the dreamers, for the refugees, and for our world still battling the virus. O God, who makes us one, **hear our prayer.**

For those who wield earthly power, especially Joe our president, and our senators and congress women and men, that they may work together for the good of the nation. O God, who makes us one, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our community, especially John & Kathleen Kingslight, Jennifer Laris, Chris & Katie Lavine, and Brian LeFavor. We also pray for these communities of faith: Ascension, Seattle and the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East. O God, who makes us one, **hear our prayer.**

**O God, keep our minds inside your love, for we are many parts and need to be one. We beg for this unity which only your Spirit can give, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Peace**            The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

**Offertory Anthem: Gather Hymnal #784: "We Have Been Told"**

Refrain

The musical score is written on five staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "We have been told, we've seen his face and heard his voice a - live in our hearts: 'Live in my love with all your heart; as the Fa - ther has loved me, so I have loved you.'" The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and a double bar line at the end.

We have been told, we've seen his face and  
heard his voice a - live in our hearts:  
"Live in my love with all your heart;  
as the Fa - ther has loved me, so I have loved  
you."

Verse 1

1. "I am the vine, you are the branch-es, and  
all who live in me will bear great fruit." D.C.

Verses 2, 3

2. "You are my friends, if you keep my com-mands;  
3. "No great-er love is there than this: to  
no long-er slaves, I call you friends."  
lay down one's life for a friend." D.C.

The Great Thanksgiving: *Eucharistic Prayer A*

*Celebrant* *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al-so 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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

We praise you Lord with all the angels in their song of joy:

**Holy, 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.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread and gave you thanks and praise. He broke bread, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take this all of you and eat it; this is my body which will be given up for you."

When supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples and said, "Take this all of you, and drink from it; this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sin may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ as risen; Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever.  
**Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today 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.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### Communion Hymn: Gather Hymnal #721: "You Are Mine"

Verses



1. I will come to you in the si - lence,  
2. I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
3. I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
4. am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I

1. *Te ha - bla - ré en la paz del si - len - cio,*  
2. *es - pe - ran - za de quien an - he - la,* la  
3. *Soy la for - ta - le - za del dé - bil;*  
4. *Soy pa - la - bra li - be - ra - do - ra,* la



I will lift you from all your fear.  
I am eyes for all who long to see. In the  
heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be  
shad - ows of the night, I will be your light,  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand

*voz es - cu - cha - rás, y mí - o tú se - rás.*  
*Con in - ten - si - dad bri - lla - ré en la os - cu - ri - dad.*  
*cie - gos ve - rán, los li - sia - dos co - rre - rán. Mi*  
*nom - bre lla - ma - ré; tu llan - to to - ma - ré. Le -*



still and know I am here. (To verse 2)  
come and rest in me. (To refrain)  
all will know my name. (To refrain)  
up, now walk, and live! (To refrain)

*Jun - to a ti es - ta - ré. (A la Estrofa 2)*  
*Tu des - can - so quie - ro ser. (Al Estribillo)*  
*nom - bre re - ve - la - ré. (Al Estribillo)*  
*ván - ta - te a ca - mi - nar. (Al Estribillo)*

2. Soy

Refrain

Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by  
*A-quí es-toy con-ti - go, no te - mas. Yo por nom-bre te lla -*

name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I  
*mé. Ven y sí - gue - me. Yo te lle - va - ré. Te*

love you and you are mine. D.C.  
*a - mo y con - ti - go es - toy.* 4. 1

Text: David Haas, b.1957; tr. by Santiago Fernández, b.1971  
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The Act of Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now 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.

Prayer after Communion: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

### The Blessing ✠

### Closing Hymn: Gather Hymnal #769: "Go Make of All Disciples"

1. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples." We hear the call, O  
 2. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples," Bap - tiz - ing in the  
 3. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples." We at your feet would  
 4. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples." We wel-come your com -

Lord, That comes from you, our Fa - ther, In  
 name Of Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it— From  
 stay Un - til each life's vo - ca - tion Shows  
 mand. "Lo, I am with you al - ways." We

your e - ter - nal Word. In - spire our ways of  
 age to age the same. We call each new dis -  
 forth your ho - ly way. We cul - ti - vate the  
 take your guid - ing hand. The task looms large be -

learn - ing Through earn - est, fer - vent prayer, And  
 ci - ple To fol - low you, O Lord, Re -  
 na - ture God plants in ev - 'ry heart, Re -  
 fore us— We fol - low with - out fear. In

let our dai - ly liv - ing Re - veal you ev - 'ry - where.  
 deem - ing soul and bod - y By wa - ter and the Word.  
 veal - ing in our wit - ness The Mas - ter Teach - er's art.  
 heav'n and earth your pow - er Shall bring God's king - dom here.

Text: Matthew 28:19-20; Leon M. Adkins, 1896-1986, alt. © 1964, Abingdon Press  
 Tune: ELLACOMBE, 7 6 7 6 D; *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Württemberg*, 1784

## The Great Beginning

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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