



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"An Inclusive and Progressive Community of Faith"

The Holy Eucharist

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Announcements & Welcome

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We begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is within the aboriginal territory of Suquamish - People of the Clear Salt Water. The Suquamish live in harmony with the lands and waterways along Washington's Central Salish Sea as they have for thousands of years. They live and protect the land and water of their ancestors for future generations as promised by the Point Elliot Treaty of 1855.

Opening Hymn: Gather Hymnal #658: "Seek Ye First"

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. 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:
Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Job said:

"Today also my complaint is bitter;
his hand is heavy despite my groaning.
Oh, that I knew where I might find him,
that I might come even to his dwelling!
I would lay my case before him,
and fill my mouth with arguments.
I would learn what he would answer me,
and understand what he would say to me.
Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?
No; but he would give heed to me.
There an upright person could reason with him,
and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.
If I go forward, he is not there;
or backward, I cannot perceive him;
on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.
God has made my heart faint;
the Almighty has terrified me;
If only I could vanish in darkness,
and thick darkness would cover my face!"

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:1-15

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.
3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.
5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.
7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
8 "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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Gospel Acclamation: Gather Hymnal #334: "Celtic Alleluia"

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Celtic Alleluia'. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody, featuring a change in time signature to 9/8 and then back to 6/8. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are also present.

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The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Mark 10:17-31** ❖ ❖ ❖

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall

not defraud; Honor your father and mother.” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Kathleen Kingslight

A Celtic Creed

Celebrant Let us affirm our faith together.

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life,

of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,

born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree.

A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.

He descended into the earth to the place of death.

On the third day he rose from the tomb.

He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present,

and His kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,

life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness,

source of resurrection and of eternal life.

The Prayers of the People (from *Intercessions for the Christian People*)

Celebrant 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 peace and loving justice into our world in need.

For the victims of war, conflict, and violence throughout the world, that they may encounter justice and peace, participating in the reign of God, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For churches and their leaders, especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Greg our Bishop, Kathleen our Rector, and for Navy Chaplain David, that the dominion of God might be proclaimed in action as well as in word, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the lost, the lonely, the isolated, and the ill, that they might receive blessings a hundredfold, leading to eternal life, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For this community gathered in prayer, that we might gain riches by giving ours to others, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Christian communities, that the struggle to follow Christ will lead to life eternal, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our parishioners Myra & John Battin, Dee Boatwright-Frost, Pat & Delia Brodin, Susan Brooks-Young, and Jenny Berthlesen. We also pray for these communities of faith: St. Luke's, Alma, St. Germain, Hoodspout, and the Church of the Province of West Africa; for this we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

God, source of life and fountain of mercy, all things are possible with you. Grant us a share in your eternal life. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.

Offertory Anthem: Gather Hymnal #806: "The Harvest of Justice"

The Great Thanksgiving: *Eucharistic Prayer A*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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

It is right to give our 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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

(Sanctus S130, from the 1982 Hymnal)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. 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 handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is 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, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant 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 consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.]

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion Hymn: Gather Hymnal #668: "O God, Why Are You Silent?"

**The Act of Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori (for those livestreaming from home):
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 #790: "The Summons"

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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