



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 gratefully acknowledging the Native Peoples upon whose ancestral homeland we gather today. St. Paul's was built on the unceded ancestral land of the Suquamish Nation. The Suquamish are known as the "People of the Clear Salt Water," and have lived in harmony with the lands and waterways along the Salish Sea for thousands of years. We offer our respect to Elders past, present, and future.

Opening Hymn: Gather Hymnal #744: "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"

1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing With a
2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; We are
3. As a green bud in the spring - time Is a

bright and warm - ing flame, So the Church is meant for
pil - grims on the way. We are seek - ers; we are
sign of life re - newed, So may we be signs of

mis - sion, Giv - ing glo - ry to God's name. As we
giv - ers; We are ves - sels made of clay. By our
one - ness Mid earth's peo - ples, man - y hues. As a

wit - ness to the gos - pel, We would
gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions, We would
rain - bow lights the heav - ens When a

build a bridge of care, Join - ing hands a - cross the
show that Christ is light. In a hum - ble, lis - t'ning
storm is past and gone, May our lives re - flect the

na - tions, Find - ing neigh - bors ev - 'ry - where.
Spir - it, We would live to God's de - light.
ra - diance Of God's new and glor - ious dawn.

People

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Gloria (See blue booklet “Mass of God’s Peace and Love” by John Kingslight)

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

Celebrant Let us pray together.

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation – I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24

- 1 The Lord, the most mighty God has spoken:
and summoned the world, from the rising of the sun to its setting.**
- 2 God shines out from Zion:
a city perfect in beauty.**
- 3 Our God is coming, and will not keep silence:
before you O God runs a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest rages about you.**
- 4 You call on the heavens above, and on the earth below:
to witness the judgment of your people.**
- 5 “Gather my people before me:
the people who made covenant with me by sacrifice.”**
- 6 The heavens proclaim your justice:
for you yourself are judge.**

- 7 **“Listen my people, and I will speak:
I will testify against you Israel, I am God your God.**
- 8 **“I find no fault with your sacrifices:
your burnt-offerings are always before me.**
- 23 **“Mark this, you that forget God:
lest I tear you to pieces, and there will be no one to save you.**
- 24 **“Whoever offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving does me due honor:
and to those who follow my way I will show the salvation of God.”**

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. He looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – as he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. As it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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Gospel Alleluia (See blue booklet “Mass of God’s Peace and Love” by John Kingslight)

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke 12:32-40** ❖ ❖ ❖

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house knew at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: Joseph Hayworth

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God, the creator of all life and beauty,
who blesses our journey.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
who lived as a friend and savior to all he met as he traveled,
and who ate and laughed, wept and celebrated with them in love.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who rides on the gentle breeze,
who strengthens our bindings,
and who offers hope eternal.**

**We believe in the church,
which stands open to all travelers,
and bears witness to the everlasting love of God. Amen.**

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 those on their spiritual journey. O Holy Spirit, be with us in our endeavors to reflect God's peace and loving justice into our world.

We have been taught to pray by the Lord. So with one voice we ask for us all, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

To face life with the courage you give, we pray you, O Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

To face the evil of life with the goodness you give, we pray you, O Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

To face death with the love you give, we pray you, O Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

To face our aging with your unfailing mind, we pray you, O Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

To face our young with your unfailing heart, we pray you, O Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

To face our poor with your unfailing hand, we pray you, O Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

To face all war with loathing, as you do, we pray you, O Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

To face all peace with longing, as you do, we pray you, O Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our ordained leaders: Michael our Presiding Bishop, Greg our Bishop, Kathleen our Rector, Verger Declan and others, we pray you, O Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our parishioners Molly Shannon, David, Ethan, Anthony & Holden Neel, and Marilyn Pantano. We also pray for these communities of faith: St. Aiden's, Camano Island, Transfiguration, Darrington, and the Church in the Province of the West Indies. We pray you, O Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

It is your way with life that we want, O Lord, that we ask of you. And you have offered it. It is a joy to live by you. May those who do not know this find it out through your presence to their world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

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

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

Celebrant: Our monthly outreach loose plate offering will go to the YWCA Women's Shelter.

Offertory Hymn: Gather Hymnal #810: "Let Justice Roll Like a River"

Refrain

Let jus - tice roll like a riv - er, and
wash all op - pres - sion a - way; Come, O God, and take us,
move and shake us, Come now, and make us a - new,
that we might live just - ly like you.

Verses

1. Take from me your holy feasts, all your off'ings and your music;
Let justice flow like waters, and integrity like an ever-flowing stream.
2. How long shall we wait, O God, for the day of your mercy to dawn,
the day we beat our swords into ploughs, when your peace reigns over the earth?
3. Hear this, all of you who use the poor in your thirst of power and riches:
the Lord will turn your laughter to tears, on the wondrous Day of our God.
4. Even now return to me, let your hearts be broken and humble,
for I am gracious, gen'rous and kind; come and seek the mercies of God.
5. You have been told the way of life, the way of justice and peace;
to act justly, to love gently, and walk humbly with God.

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: Holy (See blue booklet “Mass of God’s Peace and Love” by John Kingslight)

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, forever 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: "I Can Only Imagine (Mercy Me)" Lyrics only

Verse 1

I can only imagine
What it will be like
When I walk by Your side
I can only imagine
What my eyes will see
When your face is before me
I can only imagine
I can only imagine

Chorus

**Surrounded by Your glory
What will my heart feel
Will I dance for You Jesus
Or in awe of You be still
Will I stand in Your presence
To my knees will I fall**

Will I sing Hallelujah

Will I be able to speak at all

I can only imagine

I can only imagine

Verse 2

I can only imagine
When that day comes
And I find myself standing in the Son
I can only imagine
When all I will do
Is forever, forever worship You
I can only imagine
I can only imagine

Chorus x2

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.

Commissioning the Eucharistic Visitors

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We, who are many, are one body because we share one bread and one cup. Amen.

The Blessing ✠

Closing Hymn: Gather Hymnal #582: "Rain Down"

Refrain

Rain down, rain down, rain down your
love on your peo - ple. Rain down, rain
down, rain down your love, God of life.

Verses

1. Faith - ful and true is the word of our God.
2. We who re - vere and find hope in our God
3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth;
All of God's works are so wor - thy of trust.
live in the kind - ness and joy of God's wing.
you are the wa - ter of life that we thirst.
God's mer - cy falls on the just and the right;
God will pro - tect us from dark - ness and death;
Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts,
D.C.
full of God's love is the earth.
God will not leave us to starve.
all of our hope lies in you.

The Great Beginning

Celebrant Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Sunday's Ministry Team:

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