



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"AN INCLUSIVE AND PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY OF FAITH"

The Holy Eucharist

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Season of Creation:

"The Stars Declare God's Glory"

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 #576: "Canticle of the Sun" (verses 1-3)

Refrain

The heav - ens are tell - ing the glo - ry of God,
and all cre - a - tion is shout - ing for joy. Come,
dance in the for - est, come, play in the field, and
sing, sing to the glo - ry of the Lord.

Verses

1. Praise for the sun, the bring - er of day, He car - ries the
2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, The seas' might - y
3. Praise for the rain that wa - ters our fields, And bless - es our
light of the Lord in his rays; The moon and the stars who
storms, 7 the gen - tl - est breeze; They blow where they will, they
crops 7 so all the earth yields; From death un - to life her
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light up the way Un - to your throne.
blow where they please To please the Lord.
mys - t'ry re - vealed Springs forth in joy.

People

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Gloria: "Glory to God" (See yellow booklet "Mass of Creation" by Marty Haugen)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray together.

Creating God, by your eternal Word, you said, "Let there be light," and all the cosmos exploded into being; help us gauge the vastness of your universe, and give us grace to know ourselves loved by such a creator in Jesus Christ, who with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, world without end. Amen.

Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

- 1 Lord you have searched me out and known me:
you know when I sit down and when I stand up, you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- 2 You mark my path, and the places where I rest:
you are acquainted with all my ways.**
- 3 Even before there is a word on my tongue:
you Lord know it altogether.**
- 4 You guard me from behind and before:
and cover me with your hand.**
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:
so high that I cannot attain to it.**
- 12 It was you that created my inward parts:
and pieced me together in my mother's womb.**
- 13 I will praise you, for you are awesome and wonderful:
marvelous are your works, and you know me through and through.**

- 14 My body was not hidden from you:
 when I was being fashioned in secret, and woven together in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes looked at my body:
 while it was as yet imperfectly formed.
- 16 In your book all the days of my life were written:
 while as yet there was not one of them.
- 17 How deep are your thoughts O God:
 and how great is the sum of them.

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may be effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the '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 below the notes.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke 14:25-33** ❖ ❖ ❖

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Kathleen Kingslight

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 give thanksgiving for Mother Earth in whom all life is rooted, Brother Sun whose energy radiates life, Sister Water who nurtures and revives us, and co-creatures with whom we live, and for whom we till and keep this garden. All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. **Creative Spirit, hear our prayer.**

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this Earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the Earth. **Creative Spirit, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. **Creative Spirit, hear our prayer.**

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. **Creative Spirit, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our ordained leaders, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Greg our Bishop, Kathleen our Rector, Verger Declan and others; that they may be single-hearted in love of the Lord and in service to the people. **Creative Spirit, hear our prayer.**

In our weekly prayer cycle, we pray for our parishioners Mike & Katherine Adams, Sue Ahrens, Curtis & Barbara Anderson, Terri Anderson, and Joanna Baas. We also pray for these communities of faith: St. Andrew's, Aberdeen, St. Hugh of Lincoln, Allyn, St. Luke's, Alma, and the Anglican Church of Australia. **Creative Spirit, hear our prayer.**

Loving Creator, you are our life and our prosperity. We who make mighty plans know that before you they are little. Fill us with your wisdom; hear us and the needs of all the world, that we may care well for your creation, in the name of Jesus the Lord. 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 Bremerton Backpack Brigade.

Offertory Hymn: Gather Hymnal #578: "How Great Thou Art"

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some
 2. When through the woods and for-est glades I
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-

won-der Con-sid-er all the works thy hands have
 wan-der And hear the birds sing sweet-ly in the
 spar-ing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it
 ma-tion And take me home, what joy shall fill my

made, I see the stars, I hear the roll-ing
 trees, When I look down from loft-y moun-tain
 in That on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly
 heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-

thun-der, Thy pow'r through-out the un-i-verse dis-played!
 gran-deur And hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze,
 bear-ing, He bled and died to take a-way my sin!
 ra-tion And there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee: How great thou
 art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to
 thee: How great thou art, how great thou art!

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you forever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus: “Holy, Holy, Holy” (See yellow booklet “Mass of Creation” by Marty Haugen)

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, saying, “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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our forebears; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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: Gather Hymnal #581: "O God, You Search Me"



1. O God, you search me and you know me. All my
2. You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing. You dis -
3. Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord, You have
4. Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me, Still I
5. For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me, Gave me



thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze. When I
cern my pur - pose from a - far, And with
known its mean - ing through and through. You are
search for shel - ter from your light. There is
life with - in my moth - er's womb. For the



walk or lie down you are be - fore me: Ev - er the
love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me: In ev - 'ry
with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing: God of my
no - where on earth I can es - cape you: E - ven the
won - der of who I am, I praise you: Safe in your



mak - er and keep - er of my days.
mo - ment of life or death, you are.
pres - ent, my past and fu - ture, too.
dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

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 #576: "Canticle of the Sun" (verses 4-6)

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Verses

4. Praise for the fire who gives us his light, The warmth of the
5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, The crea - tures you
6. Praise for our death that makes our life real, The knowl - edge of
sun ☿ to bright - en our night; He danc - es with joy, his
made ☿ to let your life show; The flow - ers and trees that
loss ☿ that helps us to feel; The gift of your - self, your
spir - it so bright, He sings of you.
help us to know The heart of love.
pres - ence re - vealed To lead us home.

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!

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