

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN

*The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

MAY 10, 2026 – 9:00AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

*Jerusalem, my happy home* – George Shearing (1919–2011)

*Please stand as the bell sounds.*

HYMN IN PROCESSION

*Hymn 405*

*Refrain*



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,  
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,  
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



*Repeat Refrain*

he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.  
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,  
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.  
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895)

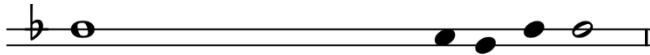
Music: *Royal Oak*, melody from *The Dancing Master*, 1686; adapt. and harm. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875–1958), desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The Celebrant intones*

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

*The People respond*



The Lord is risen indeed. Al-le-lu-ia.

SONG OF PRAISE

Hymn 417

*Antiphon*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

1 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. [Ant.]  
 2 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. [Ant.]  
 3 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. [Ant.]

*Final Antiphon*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*The Celebrant prays the Collect.*

Faithful God, who loves us in Christ Jesus, send your Spirit of truth to dwell within us, that we may always reject what is false, live by the commands of Christ, and be true to the love you have shown us. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

## THE LESSON     *seated*

*Acts 17:22-31*

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

*Psalm 66:7-8, 14-18*

*At 9:00am the Psalm is sung reflectively, with a slight pause at the asterisk.  
At 11:00am, the Psalm is sung by the Choir.*



Bless our | God, you peoples; \*  
let the sound of | praise be heard;  
God holds our | souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our | feet to slip.  
Come and listen, all you | who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what God has | done for me.  
I called out to God | with my mouth, \*  
and high praise was | on my tongue.  
If I had found evil | in my heart, \*  
God would | not have heard me;  
But in truth | God has heard me \*  
and has attended to the | voice of my prayer.  
Blessed be God, who has not re-|jected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld steadfast | love from me.

Anglican Chant: John Goss (1800 – 1880)

THE EPISTLE

*1 Peter 3:13-22*

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you - not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

**Thanks be to God.**

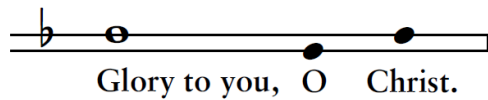
1 O thou who cam - est from a - bove the fire ce -  
 2 There let it for thy glo - ry burn with ev - er -  
 3 Je - sus, con - firm my heart's de - sire to work, and  
 \* 4 Still let me prove thy per - fect will, my acts of

les - tial to im - part, kin - dle a flame of  
 bright, un - dy - ing blaze, and trem - bling to its  
 speak, and think for thee; still let me guard the  
 faith and love re - peat, till death thy end - less

sa - cred love up - on the al - tar of my heart.  
 source re - turn in hum - ble prayer and fer - vent praise.  
 ho - ly fire and still stir up the gift in me.  
 mer - cies seal, and make the sac - ri - fice com - plete.

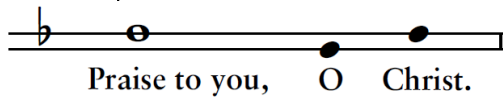
Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.  
 Music: *Hereford*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.



Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

*Savannah Curro  
Seminararian*

*A moment of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

MEMBER SHARING

*Throughout the year, members of St. Paul's share how they have encountered God in this community. Their stories call each of us to reflect on God's generosity in our own lives here, and to extend that generosity in all that we do.*

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, She\* is worshipped and glorified.  
She 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.

*\*Holy Spirit in biblical languages is a feminine-gendered word,  
and we use the feminine pronoun here to highlight that aspect of God's fullness.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Deacon bids the prayers, saying*

God of new creation, you promise to hear and answer as we pray in faith. Risen Lord,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The response after each prayer is*

Risen Lord,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world: Lead all peoples into the ways of justice and peace; teach us to respect one another in freedom and truth; awaken in us wonder for the earth, and a deep care for all you have made. (*Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*)

We pray for the Church: Enliven your Church for its mission; make us salt of the earth and light to the world; breathe fresh life into your people, that we may reveal Christ in word and action. (*Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*)

We pray for communities in which we live: Inspire those who make decisions that shape our lives, that they may act with integrity and courage; give grace to all whose lives are bound to ours, that we may serve Christ in one another and love as he loves us. (*Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*)

We pray for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers. [long pause for people to add their own prayers]... Comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; let them know the power of your healing love, and make us agents of your compassion. (*Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*)

We remember those who have died and those who mourn. [long pause for people to add their own prayers]... Give comfort to those who grieve, and bring them peace in their loss. We give thanks for the faithful in every generation; may their example inspire our witness in our own day. (*Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*)

*The Celebrant concludes with a collect*

Almighty God,  
through your Son Jesus Christ you overcame death  
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life;  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him  
in the joy of his resurrection;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with those around you.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *seated*

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St. Paul's is fully supported by the contributions of its members and friends.  
Visit the address below or click on the QR code to learn more about the  
opportunities to give. Please consider making a one-time or ongoing sustaining gift  
to ensure the enduring and vibrant ministry of this place.  
Thank you for your participation and support!



2026

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Choir*

**If Ye Love Me**

*Philip Wilby (b. 1949)*

If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
And I will pray the Father,  
And he shall give you another comforter,  
That he may abide with you for ever:  
Even the spirit of truth.  
And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you,  
And shall be in you.  
I will not leave you comfortless.  
I will come to you.

1 Cre - a - tor Spi - rit, by whose aid the world's foun -  
 2 O Source of un - cre - at - ed light, the Fa - ther's  
 3 Plen - teous of grace, come from on high, rich in thy

da - tions first were laid, come, vis - it ev - ery hum - ble  
 prom - ised Par - a - clete, thrice ho - ly Fount, thrice ho - ly  
 seven - fold en - er - gy; make us e - ter - nal truth re -

mind; come, pour thy joys on hu - man - kind; from sin and  
 Fire, our hearts with heaven - ly love in - spire; come, and thy  
 ceive, and prac - tice all that we be - lieve; give us thy -

sor - row set us free, and make thy tem - ples wor - thy thee.  
 sa - cred unc - tion bring to sanc - ti - fy us while we sing.  
 self, that we may see the Fa - ther and the Son by thee.

Words: John Dryden (1631-1700); tr. of Veni Creator Spiritus  
 Music: *Surrey*, melody Henry Carey (1690?-1743)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation is arranged in four systems, each with a staff and lyrics below. The first system is split between a Celebrant and a People. The second system is also split. The third and fourth systems are for the Celebrant and People respectively. The music is in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise."

*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 God thanks and praise.

*The prayer continues until*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Source of life, Creator of heaven and earth.  
Above all, we praise you for the glorious resurrection  
of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
for by his death he has destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again  
he has won for us everlasting life.

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

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Setting: William Mathias (1934 -1992)

### *The prayer continues until*

We give thanks to you, O God,  
for your goodness and love made known in creation;  
in the calling of your people into a covenant of love;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.  
For in these last days you sent him to be born of Mary,  
to dwell among us, full of grace and truth.  
Crucified and risen,  
he has broken the power of evil  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In the light of his resurrection,  
you have brought us out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness,  
out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;  
and when he had given thanks,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,  
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.”

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.”

Alive in him, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hall-owed be your Name, your king - dom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.  
And for - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

setting: Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); adapted.

## THE COMMUNION

*The Celebrant breaks the bread and bids the People to Communion.*

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

*Everyone is welcome to receive Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free bread is available upon request; non-alcoholic grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups at the side altars. If you don't wish to drink from the chalice, you may simply touch its base when it is brought to you. (For the health of all, we are no longer dipping the bread into the chalice wine by hand.)*

*All sing as the distribution of Communion begins:*



Loaves are bro-ken, words are spo-ken, as in faith we ga-ther here. Je-sus speaks a-cross the  
a - ges: "I am with you, do not fear!" By your bo - dy bro-ken for us, by your wine of life out-  
poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Words: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., (1923-2007)  
Music: Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION *sung by the choir*

### **Jubilate from *Morning and Evening Service in B-flat***

*C.V. Stanford (1852 – 1924)*

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:  
Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his  
people, and the sheep of his pasture  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto  
him, and speak good of his Name  
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to  
generation

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The People join in the final part of the prayer, in bold.*

Ever-living God, we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off you met us in your Son  
and revealed the way to life in his name.  
Dying and rising, he declared your love, gave us grace,  
and opened the gate of glory.  
**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;**  
**we who drink his cup bring life to others;**  
**we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.**  
Keep us firm in the hope that you have set before us,  
so that we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.

## [SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS]

*When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent out to bring the Sacrament to the sick or homebound, the Celebrant sends them out:*

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.

*The People respond*

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

## SENDING FORTH OF OUR YALE SEMINARIAN

### THE BLESSING

The wonder and wildness of God,  
who shakes heaven and earth,  
whom death could not contain,  
who lives to disturb and heal us,  
bless you with power to go forth and live the Gospel.

And the blessing of God Almighty:  
Source of all being,  
Incarnate Word,  
and Abiding Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you,  
now and always. **Amen.**

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!  
 2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!  
 3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,  
 4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?  
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!  
 2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.  
 3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,  
 4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
 5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
 2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
 3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
 4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,  
 5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.  
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Words: Robert Grant (1779–1838)  
 Music: Hanover, att. William Croft (1678–1727)

THE SENDING

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Prelude and Fugue in C Major BWV 553 – J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)*

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## St. Paul's Financial Health Update

Each quarter the Vestry will make available to the congregation the topline financial position of the church, as a way of inviting us all into collective responsibility for the stewardship of this body. The numbers reflect the latest report reviewed at the most recent monthly Vestry meeting. Further financial detail is available by contacting Paul Hunter at [treasurer@stpaulsnorwalk.org](mailto:treasurer@stpaulsnorwalk.org).

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES THROUGH MARCH 31, 2026

INCOME as of 3/31	(budgeted YTD at \$173,344) (total annual budget: \$693,376)	<b>\$181,589</b>
EXPENSES as of 3/31	(budgeted YTD at \$191,795) (total annual budget: \$767,180)	<b>\$204,188</b>

### PLEDGING DATA

Pledges represent the planned, sustained giving of the congregation, which is our primary source of income. We encourage every member and friend of St. Paul's to make a sustaining gift, which both increases the stake all participants feel in our ministry, and allows leadership to better plan for our ministry needs. *Thank you!*

Total number of 2026 individual sustaining gifts (pledges) <i>(up 10 from 2025)</i>		<b>141</b>
total active households: 228 <i>up from 59% last year</i>		61%
PLEDGES* RECEIVED as of 3/31	(budgeted YTD at \$129,150) (total annual budget: \$516,600)	<b>\$134,960</b>

\*This includes pledged gifts and extra trackable giving.

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