

# *Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

*8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. August 16, 2026*



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# **Welcome to St. Paul's!**

We seek Christ and celebrate the mystery of God's love for all.

## **-Our Vision Statement-**

*We are progressive Christians in an open, inclusive, and affirming community of faith.*

*We provide a safe harbor for everyone on their spiritual journey.*

*We endeavor to bring God's presence to a world in need.*

**Newcomers and Guests:** Please sign our guest book in the lobby where you entered and introduce yourselves. We would love to give you a thank you gift for praying with us and learn more about you.

**Families with Children:** We welcome people of any age who seek God's love and saving help.

The OK Corral is a good spot for small free-ranging kiddos.

Families are especially welcome to gather on the rug near the altar step, where you will also find children's activity bags. Quiet activities are available so kiddos can watch and learn while wiggling.



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*An Inclusive and Progressive Community of Faith*

*The Holy Eucharist*

16 August 2026

## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

### Gather

### Share

*The Presider invites members and visitors to share important milestones of God's work in their lives, like birthdays, anniversaries, job changes, new family members.*

### Participate

*A member of the clergy or an elected leader shares important news about how to participate in the fellowship and mission of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.*

### Acknowledge

*Presider* We begin by gratefully acknowledging the Native Peoples upon whose ancestral homeland we gather today. St. Paul's was built on the 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.

*People* **We offer our respect to Elders past, present, and future.**

### We Listen for God

*Presider* Silence is not the absence of noise. Take a moment to breathe in God's Holy Spirit and listen for the presence of Christ among us in every place we are.

*The people observe a moment of silent reflection begun by the toning of the singing bowl and ended with the ringing of the Martinique Bell.*

## The Word of God

### Opening Hymn: Gather Hymnal #832 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

1. In Christ there is no east or west, In  
 2. In him shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where Their  
 3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples in the faith, What -  
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In

him no south or north, But one great fam - 'ly  
 high com - mun - ion find; His serv - ice is the  
 e'er your race may be! Who serve each oth - er  
 him meet south and north; All Christ - ly souls are

bound by love Through - out the whole wide earth.  
 gold - en cord Close bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 in Christ's love Are sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in him Through - out the whole wide earth.

Text: Galatians 3:23; William A. Dunkerley, 1852-1941, alt.  
 Tune: McKEE, CM; African American; adapt. by Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949

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*Presider*  
*People*

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

### Gloria (8 am)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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.

### Gloria (10 am): Gather Hymnal #624 "Lift Up Your Hearts" vv. 1-2

Refrain

Lift up your hearts to the Lord, praise God's gra-cious  
 mer - cy! Sing out your joy to the Lord,  
 whose love is en - dur - ing.

Verses

1. Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!  
 2. Let the earth wor - ship, sing - ing your praise.  
 3. God's right hand made a path through the night,  
 4. Lis - ten now, all you ser - vants of God,

Praise the name a - bove all names! Say to God, "How  
 Praise the glo - ry of your name! Come and see the  
 split the wa - ters of the sea. All cre - a - tion,  
 As I tell of these great works. Bless - ed be the

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won - drous your works, how glo - rious your name!"  
 deeds of the Lord, bless God's ho - ly name!  
 lift up your voice: "Our God set us free."  
 Lord of my life, whose love shall en - dure!

Text: Psalm 66; Roc O'Connor, SJ, b.1949  
 Tune: Roc O'Connor, SJ, b.1949; acc. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942  
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## The Collects

*Presider*

Let us pray together.

*All*

**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.**

*Presider*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Presider*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### A Reading from the Book of Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will

be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 133** *Ecce, quam bonum!*

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 **It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,**
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 **It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.**
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

**A Reading from the Book of Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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**Gospel Acclamation: Gather Hymnal #208 “Alleluia”**



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*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28**



*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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**Sermon:** The Rev. Arienne Davison

*Silence follows the sermon*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*(from Holy Eucharist Rite Two: Expansive language)*

*Presider* Let us affirm our faith together.

*All* **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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 Form III, Prayers of the People, Book of Common Prayer)*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Triune God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Bishop Phil, our parish priest Arienne, our deacon Bill, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons; **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on Jerry, Kathy, Bill, Bob, Zoe, Allen, Pricilla, Darlene, Alexa, Raymond, Declan, Darrell, Brandy, Linda, Elaine, Gianna, Steve, Rolly, Deacon Bill, Curt, Anne, Beth, & Becky; and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble; **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest. **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *Prayers may be offered silently or aloud.*



*Presider* God of power and might: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Confession and Assurance of Pardon** *(from Holy Eucharist Rite Two: Expansive language)*

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our Neighbor.

*All* 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 our Savior 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.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

*Passing the Peace is an ancient practice where Christians recognize the holiness in one another before encountering Christ in the Eucharist. Members shake hands, hug, or bow to one another. The Peace comes to a close when the Presider bids the Offering.*

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

**The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Hymn: Gather Hymnal #728 "Eye Has Not Seen"**

Refrain

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has read-y for  
those who love him; Spir-it of love, come, give us the mind of  
Je - sus, teach us the wis - dom of God.

Verses 1-3

1. When pain and sor - row weigh us down, be near to us, O  
2. Our lives are but a sin - gle breath, we flow-er and we  
3. To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ev - er  
Lord; for - give the weak - ness of our faith, and  
fade, yet all our days are in your hands, so  
near, re - flect - ed in the fac - es of  
D.C.  
bear us up with - in your peace - ful word.  
we re - turn in love what love has made.  
all the poor and low - ly of the world.

Verse 4

4. We sing a mys-t'ry from the past in halls where saints have  
trod, yet ev-er new the mu-sic rings to  
Je-sus, Liv-ing Song of God.

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*Presider* Everliving Creator, we forget that all we have comes from you. We offer you tokens of our labor to remind us that we are utterly dependent on you for our memory, hope, and very breath. Amen.

### **The Great Thanksgiving** *Eucharistic Prayer from Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 3*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider* All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

### **Spoken Sanctus:** *(8am only)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## Sanctus: Gather Hymnal #222 “Holy, Holy, Holy” (10am only)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." At the bottom of the score, there is a small text box that reads: "Text: ICEL, © 2010 Music: Mass for a New World, David Haas, © 2010, GIA Publications, Inc."

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*The Presider continues:* Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.” And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ: **Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Mary, Paul, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship

you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

**Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

*Members of the congregation who wish to do so may join hands during The Lord's Prayer.*

*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* 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, now and for ever. Amen.

### The Breaking of the Bread *[The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.]*

*Presider* This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

*People* **Whoever eats this bread will live forever.**

### The Invitation

*Presider* The gifts of God for the people of God. All are welcome at God's table.

### Communion Hymn: Gather Hymnal #834 "We Are Many Parts"

Refrain

We are man - y parts, we are all one bod - y,  
Mu-chos miem-bros hay, en un so - lo cuer-po;

and the gifts we have we are giv-en to share.  
nues-tros do - nes son pa-ra dar y ser - vir.

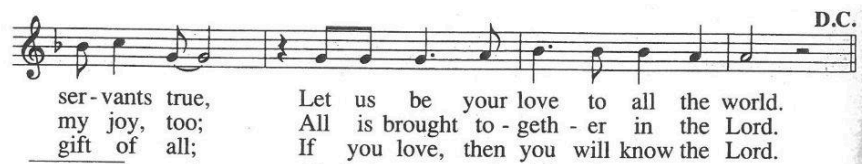
May the Spir-it of love make us one in - deed;  
Que el Es - pí - ri - tu de Dios nos u - na en su a - mor;

one, the love that we share, one, our hope in de -  
com-par-tien-do el do - lor, com-ba - tien-do el te -

spair, one, the cross that we bear.  
mor, com-pla-cien - do al Se - ñor.

Verses

1. God of all, we look to you, We would be your  
2. So my pain is pain for you, In your joy is  
3. All you seek - ers, great and small, Seek the great - est



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### **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 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**

*Presider* In thanksgiving, let us pray.

*People* **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **Sending of Eucharistic Visitors**

*The Presider commends the Eucharistic Visitor to visit a member of the congregation then says,*

We who have received the gift of Christ,

*People* **Share our hope in the breaking of Bread.**

### **Blessing** ✠

*Presider* May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn: Gather Hymnal #835 "They'll Know We Are Christians"**

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are  
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will  
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will  
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from

one in the Lord, We are one in the  
 walk hand in hand, We will walk with each  
 work side by side, We will work with each  
 whom all things come, And all praise to Christ

Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we  
 oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -  
 oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll  
 Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all

pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -  
 geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our  
 guard hu - man's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's  
 praise to the Spir - it, who makes us

stored:  
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love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are

Chris - tians by our love.

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## The Great Beginning

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*All* Thanks be to God.

### Altar Memorial

*This Sunday's sanctuary candle was given by the Altar Guild.*

### Today's Ministry Team:

*Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Arienne Davison*

*Deacon: The Rev. Bill Thaete*

*Music Director: Colleen Shoemaker*

*Media Arts: Tara Curran, Terri Anderson*