

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. July 19, 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

19 July 2026

Eighth 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 #843 "God is Here! As We His People"



1. God is here! As we his peo - ple
2. Here are sym - bols to re - mind us
3. Here our chil - dren find a wel - come
4. Lord of all, of Church and king - dom,



Meet to of - fer praise and prayer,
Of our life - long need of grace;
In the Shep - herd's flock and fold;
In an age of change and doubt,



May we find in ful - ler meas - ure
Here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
Here, as bread and wine are tak - en,
Keep us faith - ful to the Gos - pel;



What it is in Christ we share.
Here the cross has cen - tral place.
Christ sus - tains us as of old.
Help us work your pur - pose out.



Here, as in the world a - round us,
Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing,
Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant
Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion,



All our var - ied skills and arts
Here in si - lence, as in speech,
Seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
All we have to give, re - ceive;



Wait the com - ing of the Spir - it
Here, in new - ness and re - new - al,
What it means in dai - ly liv - ing
We, who can - not live with - out you,



In - to o - pen minds and hearts.
God the Spir - it comes to each.
To be - lieve and to a - dore.
We a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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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.

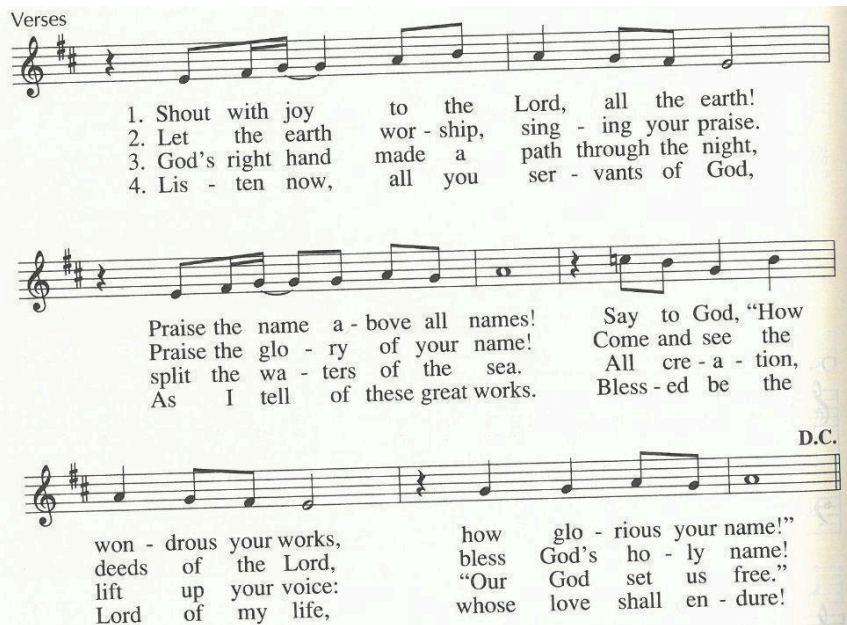
Gloria (10 am): Gather Hymnal #624 "Lift Up Your Hearts" vv. 1-2

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
D.C.
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
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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, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ 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 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23 *Domine, probasti*

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 **You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.**

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

4 **You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.**

- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
6 **Where can I go then from your Spirit? where can I flee from your presence?**
7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
8 **If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**
9 Even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.
10 **If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,"**
11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.
22 **Search me out, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my restless thoughts.**
23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

A Reading from the book of Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Gather Hymnal #208 "Alleluia"

Refrain

Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Gospeler The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**



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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Gather Hymnal #208 “Alleluia”



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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 Zoe, Allen, Sara, Pricilla, Darlene, Alexa, Raymond, Declan, Darrell, Brandy, Linda, Elaine, Gianna, Steve, Rolly, Kathy, Bill, Deacon Bill, Curt, Anne, Kim, Lois, 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 Presider calls the people to order by announcing the Offering.

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 Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn: Gather Hymnal #683 "Be Not Afraid"

Verse 1

1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you
shall not die of thirst. You shall wan-der far in
safe-ty though you do not know the way. You shall
speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-
stand. You shall see the face of God and live.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you". The second staff continues: "shall not die of thirst. You shall wan-der far in". The third staff continues: "safe-ty though you do not know the way. You shall". The fourth staff continues: "speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-". The fifth staff concludes: "stand. You shall see the face of God and live." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes, with some rests.

Refrain

Be not a - fraid. I go be - fore you al - ways.

Come, fol-low me, and I will give you rest.

Verse 2

2. If you pass through rag - ing wa-ters in the sea, you shall not drown. If you walk a-mid the burn-ing flames, you shall not be harmed. If you stand be-fore the pow'r of hell and death is at your side, know that I am with you through it all. D.S.

Verse 3

3. Bless - ed are your poor, for the king - dom shall be theirs. Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh. And if wick-ed tongues in - sult and hate you all be-cause of me, bless-ed, bless-ed are you! D.S.

Text: Isaiah 43:2-3, Luke 6:20ff; Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943
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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.

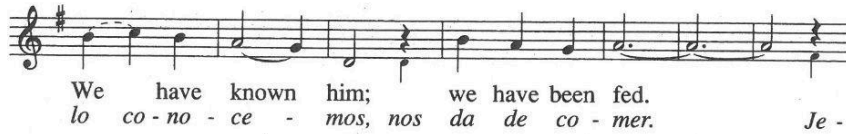
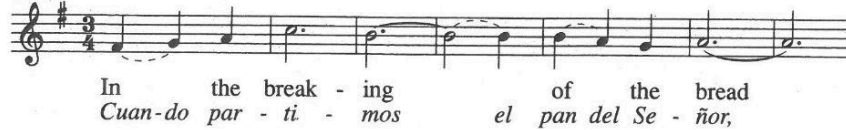
People **Whoever eats this bread will live forever.**

The Invitation

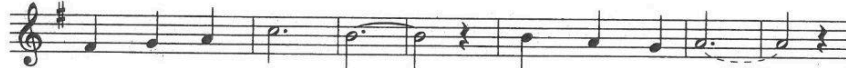
Presider The gifts of God for the people of God. All are welcome at God's table.

Communion Hymn: Gather Hymnal #918 "In The Breaking of the Bread"

Refrain



Verses



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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Bread for the jour - ney, | strength for our years, |
| 1. Pan pa - ra el via - je, | Pan de la vi - da, |
| 2. Bread of the prom - ise, | peo - ple of hope, |
| 2. Pan de pro - me - sa, | Pan de es - pe - ran - za, |



Man - na of a - ges, of strug - gle and tears.
Pan de los si - glos de lu - cha y do - lor,
Wine of com - pas - sion, life for the world.
Vi - no de vi - da, de su com - pa - sión.



Cup of sal - va - tion, fruit of the land,
y es - te vi - no, fru - to de la tie - rra, ben -
Gath - ered at ta - ble, joined as his bod - y,
En es - ta me - sa, un so - lo cuer - po,



Bless and re - ceive now the work of our hands.
dí - ce - lo, Pa - dre, es tu - yo, mi Dios.
Sealed in the Spir - it, † sent by the Word.
en un Es - pí - ri - tu, con u - na mi - sión.

Original Verses:

1. Once I was helpless, sad and confused; darkness surrounded me, courage removed.
And then I saw him by my side. Carry my burden, open my eyes.
2. There is no sorrow, pain or woe; there is no suffering he did not know.
He did not waver; he did not bend. He is the victor. He is my friend.

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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 #602 “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

The image shows the musical score for the hymn "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" from Gather Hymnal #602. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics "Lord, I lift your name on high." and "Lord, I love to sing your". The second staff contains the lyrics "prais - es." and "I'm so glad you're in my life.". The third staff contains the lyrics "I'm so glad you came to save us." and "save us.". There are first and second endings indicated by brackets and numbers 1. and 2., 3. respectively.

Lord, I lift your name on high. Lord, I love to sing your
prais - es. I'm so glad you're in my life.
I'm so glad you came to save us. save us.

You came from heav - en to earth to show the way. From the earth
to the cross, my debt to pay. From the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.
high. Lord, I lift your name on high.
Lord, I lift your name on high. Lord, I lift your name on high.

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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

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