

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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

30 August 2026

Fourteenth 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 #633 "For the Beauty of the Earth"



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter,
 5. For your Church that ev - er - more Lifts its ho - ly
 6. For your - self, best Gift Di - vine, To this world so



of the skies, For the love which from our birth
 of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
 mind's de - light, For the mys - tic har - mo - ny
 par - ent, child, Friends on earth, and friends a - bove;
 hands a - bove, Of - f'ring up on ev - 'ry shore
 free - ly giv'n; Word In - car - nate, God's de - sign,



O - ver and a - round us lies:
 Sun and moon, and stars of light:
 Link - ing sense to sound and sight: Lord of all, to
 For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 Its pure sac - ri - fice of love:
 Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:



you we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Text: Folliot S. Pierpont, 1835-1917, alt.
 Tune: DIX, 7 7 7 7 7; arr. from Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872, by William H. Monk, 1823-1889

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Presider

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

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
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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

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

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c *Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 **Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works.**
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 **Search for the LORD and his strength; continually seek his face.**
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 **O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.**
- 23 Israel came into Egypt, and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- 24 **The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; he made them stronger than their enemies;**
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, and dealt unjustly with his servants.

26 **He sent Moses his servant, and Aaron whom he had chosen.**

45 Hallelujah!

A Reading from the Book of Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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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 16:21-28** ❖❖❖
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Gather Hymnal #208 “Alleluia”



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 Arienne & family, Lucille, Mike, Richard, Bob, Zoe, Allen, Pricilla, Darlene, Alexa, Raymond, Declan, Darrell, Brandy, Linda, Elaine, Gianna, Steve, Rolly, Kathy, Bill, Deacon Bill, 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, especially Marvin. **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 #751 "The Servant Song"



- 1., 6. Will you let me be your ser - vant, Let me be as
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, We are trav - 'lers
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you In the night - time
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; When you laugh I'll
5. When we sing to God in heav - en We shall find such

Christ to you; on the road; of your fear; laugh with you. har - mo - ny, Pray that I may have the grace to are here to help each oth - er I will hold my hand out to you, I will share your joy and sor - row Born of all we've known to - geth - er

Let you be my ser - vant, too. Walk the mile and bear the load. Speak the peace you long to hear. 'Til we've seen this jour - ney through. Of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

Text: Richard Gillard, b.1953
Tune: Richard Gillard, b.1953; harm. by Betty Pulkingham, b.1929
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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)

Ho - ly, 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.

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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 #790 "The Summons"

1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but

call your name? Will you go where
call your name? Will you care for
call your name? Will you set the
call your name? Will you quell the
call my name. Let me turn and

you don't know And nev - er be the same?
cruel and kind And nev - er be the same?
pris - 'ners free And nev - er be the same?
fear in - side And nev - er be the same?
fol - low you And nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, Will you
Will you risk the hos - tile stare Should your
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, And do
Will you use the faith you've found To re -
In your com - pa - ny I'll go Where your

let my name be known, Will you let my
life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
such as this un - seen, And ad - mit to
shape the world a - round, Through my sight and
love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and



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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 #801 “Take Up Your Cross”

1. "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said, "If
 2. Take up your cross; let not its weight Fill
 3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame, And
 4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength, And
 5. Take up your cross and fol - low Christ, Nor

you would my dis - ci - ple be; Take up your cross with
 your weak spir - it with a - larm; His strength shall bear your
 let your fool - ish pride be still; The Lord for you ac -
 calm - ly ev - 'ry dan - ger brave: It guides you to a
 think till death to lay it down; For those who hum - bly

will - ing heart, And hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
 spir - it up, And brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
 cept - ed death Up - on a cross on Cal - v'ry's hill.
 bet - ter home And leads to vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 bear the cross One day will wear the glo - rious crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814-1877, alt.
 Tune: ERHALT UNS HERR, LM; Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543; harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685-1750

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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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