Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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> Pentecost Sunday June 8, 2025



Mission Statement

We are a worshipping, inquiring and inclusive community united in Jesus' name to change the world.

Welcoming Statement

We invite everyone to join in the communal life of the body of Christ, through participation and leadership in this congregation, and by fully sharing in the life and sacraments of this church. We affirm that each person is a child of God, and that those of every race, ethnicity, creed, age, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation and gender identity are called to be one with us.

Prelude

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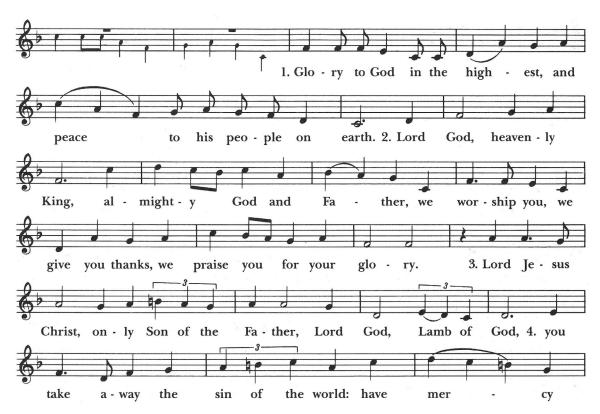
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Processional Hymn: #225 'Hail thee, festival day!'

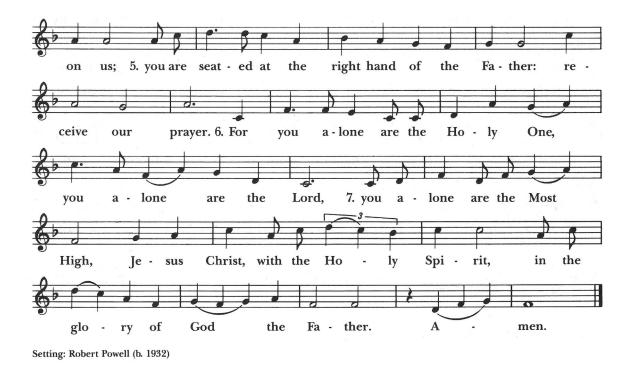
In the name of God; Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!



Gloria



God be with you.

And also with you

Let us pray.

Living God, eternal Holy Spirit, let your bright intoxicating energy which fired those first disciples fall on us to turn the world again; through Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

The Lessons

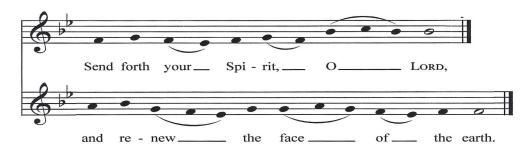
The first lesson is from Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the LORD said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:25-35,37



- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! * in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, * creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, * which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you * to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; * you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; * you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; * and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; * may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; * he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; * I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; * I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. * Hallelujah!

Second Reading – Acts 2: 1-21

Al llegar el día de Pentecostés estaban todos reunidos en un mismo lugar. Y de repente vino un estruendo del cielo, como si soplara un viento violento, y llenó toda la casa donde estaban sentados. Entonces aparecieron, repartidas entre ellos, lenguas como de fuego, y se asentaron sobre cada uno de ellos. Todos fueron llenos del Espíritu Santo y comenzaron a hablar en distintas lenguas, como el Espíritu les daba que hablaran. En Jerusalén habitaban judíos, hombres piadosos de todas las naciones debajo del cielo. Cuando se produjo este estruendo, se juntó la multitud; y estaban confundidos porque cada uno les oía hablar en su propio idioma. Estaban atónitos y asombrados, y decían:

—Miren, ¿no son galileos todos estos que hablan? ¿Cómo, pues, oímos nosotros cada uno en nuestro idioma en que nacimos? Partos, medos, elamitas; habitantes de Mesopotamia, de Judea y de Capadocia, del Ponto y de Asia, de Frigia y de Panfilia, de Egipto y de las regiones de Libia más allá de Cirene; forasteros romanos, tanto judíos como prosélitos; cretenses y árabes, les oímos hablar en nuestros propios idiomas los grandes hechos de Dios.

Todos estaban atónitos y perplejos, y se decían unos a otros: -iQué quiere decir esto?

Pero otros, burlándose, decían:

-Están llenos de vino nuevo.

Entonces Pedro se puso de pie con los once, levantó la voz y les declaró: —Hombres de Judea y todos los habitantes de Jerusalén, sea conocido esto a ustedes, y presten atención a mis palabras. Porque estos no están embriagados, como piensan, pues es solamente como las nueve de la mañana del día. Más bien, esto es lo que fue dicho por medio del profeta Joel:

Sucederá en los últimos días, dice Dios, que derramaré de mi Espíritu sobre toda carne.

Sus hijos y sus hijas profetizarán,

sus jóvenes verán visiones

y sus ancianos soñarán sueños.

De cierto, sobre mis siervos y mis siervas

en aquellos días derramaré de mi Espíritu,

y profetizarán.

Daré prodigios en el cielo arriba,

y señales en la tierra abajo:

sangre, fuego y vapor de humo.

El sol se convertirá en tinieblas,

y la luna en sangre,

antes que venga el día del Señor, grande y glorioso.

Y sucederá que todo aquel

que invoque el nombre del Señor será salvo.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided

tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

`In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. Gradual Hymn: LEVAS #118 Spirit Song

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 14:8-17, 25-27

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, `Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"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 have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: Fr. Brian Dawson

Stillness - the prayer bowl rings to take us in and out of a time of stillness and reflection.

An Affirmation of Faith

You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now.

You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

Commissioning of Ministers

Sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission the following persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to the special ministries to which they are called. Licenses and commissioning certificates are presented to Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, Acolytes, Music Director, Sunday School Leaders and Pastoral Care Coordinator. When all are presented the Rector says:

Friends, these our sisters and brothers have been called to various ministries. Will you now confirm them in their calling and support them as they work in our name?

We will.

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all.

In the name of God and of this our congregation I commend you to your ministries now, and pledge you our prayers, encouragement and support.

Let us pray.

God who calls and sends us all, we give thanks for these your servants who minister in your name and ours. Pour out your Spirit upon them. Give them strength, resilience and the confidence they need to fulfil their callings, that all whom they meet and serve might know your glory, hope and peace. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

We pray for God to fill us with the Spirit.

Generous God, we thank you for the *power* of your Holy Spirit. We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better. Lord, come to bless us **and fill us with your Spirit.** We thank you for the *wisdom* of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to make us wise to understand your will. Lord, come to bless us **and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the *peace* of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us. Lord, come to bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *healing* of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness and sorrow. Lord, come to bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *gifts* of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us. Lord, come to bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *fruit* of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus. Lord, come to bless us **and fill us with your Spirit.** We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit,

given us by the risen Lord.

We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed,

in the joy of eternal life.

Lord, come to bless us

and fill us with your Spirit.

Generous God,

you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan, and upon the disciples in the upper room: in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,

hear our prayer,

and make us one in heart and mind

to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Let us pause and recall those times we have not lived as God's children should live.

Silence is kept, then the Rector sings with all repeating

E te Ariki, kia aroha mai (*The Lord, forgive me*) E te Karaiti, kia aroha mai (*The Christ, forgive me*)

E te Ariki, kia aroha mai (The Lord, forgive me)

God of wind and flame, you want us to live lives of colour and light, but we sometimes choose darkness. Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Send us your light.

You have given us life and love, but we have sometimes wasted your gift. Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Send us your light.

Forgive us the times we have ignored you. Forgive us the times we have hurt those around us. Forgive us the times we have forgotten to love as you love us. Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Send us your light.

The Absolution

Through the light of the Holy Spirit, through the cross of Jesus the Christ, through the love of God for us all, you are forgiven. Be at peace. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn #507 Praise the Spirit in creation Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

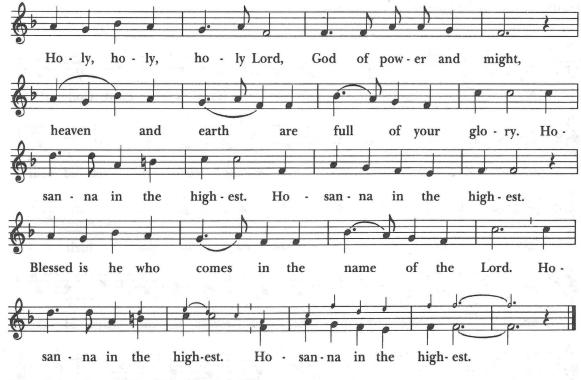
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



Setting: From A Community Mass; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, shed for you, shed for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,

who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

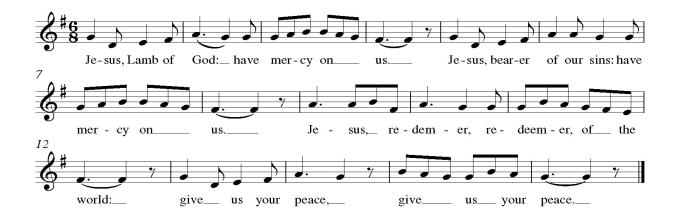
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,



Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**



The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Gluten free wafers are available. If you want just a blessing, please come to the altar rail and cross your arms over your body.

Communion Hymn: LEVAS #149 'In remembrance of me'

Extending Our Eucharistic Gathering

A representative of the parish's Eucharistic Visitors comes forward to receive the bread and wine reserved for those who are sick or otherwise unable to join us in person.

In the name of us all at St Paul's Episcopal Church, we send our Eucharistic Visitors forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom they go may share with us in this Holy Communion of Christ's body and blood. May they with whom these gifts are shared remain bound to us, and we to them.

We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.

Prayer After Communion

All praise to you, O God, for your gift of bread and wine, **Feed us with your life.**

All glory to you for the gift of Jesus, **Fire us with your love.**

All honour to you for your Holy Spirit who gives us strength,

Call us to your service.

Help us to take what we have received and share it with your world.

In the power of your Spirit, lead us. In the hope of your Spirit, challenge us. In the love of your Spirit, comfort and confront us. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #347 'Go forth for God!'

Dismissal

The Paschal Candle, which has burned throughout the fifty days of Easter, is extinguished as the congregation is dismissed.

The risen and ascended Christ, gone from our sight, remains in the Spirit and in us.

Thanks be to God.

Let us go out in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia: **To bring God's love to a waiting world. Amen.**

Postlude

Chuck Sheaffer

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Change of Wording in the Creed

1700 years ago this year the leaders of the Christian Church gathered in what is now Turkey in the city of Nicaea. What became known as the First Ecumenical Council met for three months primarily to discuss the relationship between the three persons of the Holy Trinity. The result was a series of statements culminating most famously in the statement of faith we know as the Nicaean Creed. Of special significance to later disagreements is the original line of the Creed describing the Holy Spirit as proceeding "from the Father". Some three hundred years later a much smaller and less inclusive gathering of Western Church leaders added the *filioque*, or the words "and the Son" to state their belief that the Spirit is not equal to the Son, but subordinate. The Eastern Church has never accepted this change.

Thirty years ago our Church accepted the importance of removing the filioque and reverting to the original wording of the Creed. An amendment to that motion added that this would be done upon the publishing of a new Prayer Book. As yet we have not published a new Book but subsequent liturgies have included the revision.

So to mark seventeen centuries since the Council of Nicaea we are finally making the change to our own liturgies here at St Paul's. You can see the Creed in the liturgy in our Bulletin.



Prayer and Praise

Remember those who have asked for our prayers

Deacon George, Paige, Susan, Robin, Priscella, Loretta, Bonnie, Clare, Michael, Susan, Ishmael, Mary, Bob, Howard, JoHanna, Cherie, Annamary, Ginny, Keith, Brett, Bill, Katharine, Marissas, Cammie, Roy, Judy, Mike, Kathy, Jose, Anna, Rex, Lora, Al, Tom, Susie, Hugh, Elizabeth, Cailie, Esmeralda

Those who have passed away:

Elaine Paradis

Mary Kinnaman

Olga Lorenzetti

Susan Tupper

Those in the Military:

CPT Sam Birch, USA

CPT Fred Campbell, USAF

CPT Jenavieve Campbell, USAF

PO1st Class Johnny Olmos, US Coast Guard

SGT Carson Repan, USAF

LTC Nathaniel P. Wallace, USAFR

Leaders and Ministries of St. Paul's:

The Clergy, Vestry & Wardens & Food Distribution



The flowers at the altar today are given to The Glory of God and With Thanksgiving for Many Blessings

COMING EVENTS

Picnic at The Church Come help us celebrate Ed Bearden's 85th birthday Date: June 24, 2025 Time: 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Contact Roberta Bearden, bertbear714@gmail.com or 209-522-9600

June 29-Fifth Sunday Parish Forum

Mark your calendars for June 29th - our next Parish Forum. This is your chance to hear about ministries, what the Vestry members are doing, and plans for our future together.

Pride Fundraiser Lunch and Movie

Following the forum on June 29th we will be offering a lunch and movie in return for a donation. Funds raised will go to MoPride to assist with Pride events in Modesto. The movie is the English movie 'Pride' which tells the story of a group of LGBTQ+ young people who decided to stand in solidarity with Welsh miners during the strikes of the early 1980s. It is both funny and moving, but also contains some coarse language and sexual themes. Feel free to invite friends to join you (they don't have to come to church or the forum first, but are of course welcome).

Dates	June 1 st	June 8 th	June 15 th	June 22 nd	June 29th
Clergy	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian
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				H-W.	Nancy S.
		Joyce B.	Barbara V.	Linda L.	
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June Ministry Schedule

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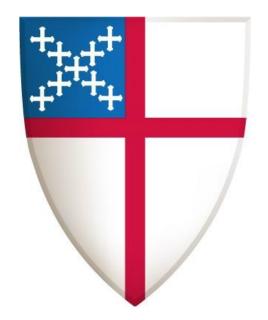
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Treasurer: Greg Burnett Vestry Clerk: Carolyn List





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Please note that today's service is being livestreamed on Facebook. If you prefer not to appear on camera, we kindly ask that you sit on the side of the church behind the

camera.



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