

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026



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

Chuck Sheaffer

Processional Hymn: #372 Praise to the Living God

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

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Gloria

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The Collect

God be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray:

Pause

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.*

We sit for the first readings

The First Reading – Acts 2:1-21

Leccion de Hechos 2

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:

—¿Qué 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:

Sucedirá 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, they 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."

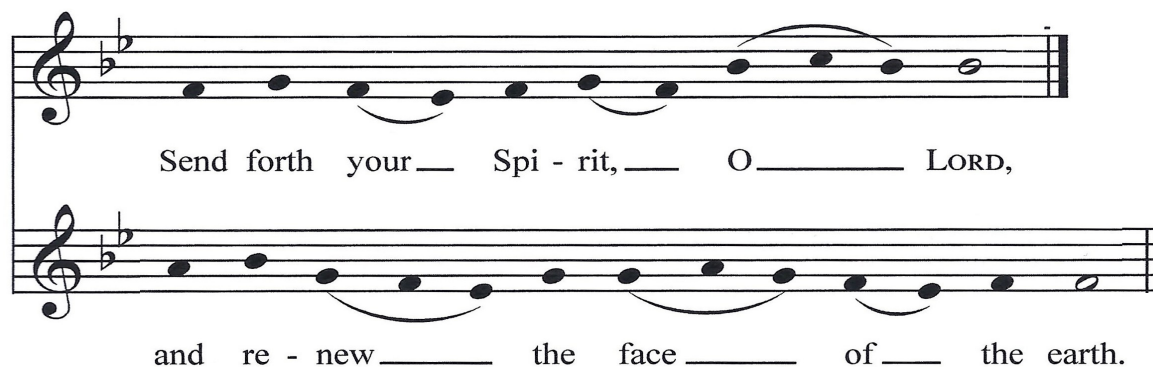
But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet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

Psalm 104:25-35, 37



O Lord, how manifold are your works! *

in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number,

*creatures both small and great.

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, *

which you have made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you *

to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it; *

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

You hide your face, and they are terrified; *

you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the Lord.
Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

The Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn – #119 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart

The Gospel Reading – John 20:19-23

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you Lord Christ

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon – Fr. Brian Dawson

Following the sermon we spend some time in stillness. The beginning and end of this time is marked by the ringing of the prayer bowl.

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.

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.**

Reconciliation

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.

Blessings and Celebrations

Birthday Prayer

God of joy and celebration, we thank you for the precious gift of life and for the unique journey that each day brings. As this(ese) your servant(s) celebrate(s) another year of life, we pray for your abundant blessings to be upon them. May your grace continue to guide and shape their paths, filling their days with love, purpose, and joy. Amen

Anniversary Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, for in the good and the bad times of our life you have stood lovingly by our sides. Bless those whose anniversaries we acknowledge

this day. May they remain faithful and loving so that we may be true witnesses to the covenant you have made with us all. Amen.

Prayer for Those We Love

Gracious God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you want for us all better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

We are encouraged to share signs of Christ's peace with those around us

Offertory Hymn - #516 Come down O Love divine

The offerings are collected and prayed over, after which Fr Brian prays over the gifts of bread and wine:

Blessed are you, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.

They will become for us the bread of life and the cup of blessing.

Blessed be God for ever.

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 our 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:

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

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

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
 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.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, so we are bold to sing:

Our Fa-ther who art in hea-ven, Hal-lowed be thy Name, Thy king-dom
come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this day our
dai-ly bread. For-give us our tres-pas-es, As we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us,
as we for-give. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-li-ver us from
e-vil. Thine is the king-dom and the pow-er and the
glo-ry for ev-er. A-men

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have
 7 mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - dem - er, re - deem - er, of the
 12 world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Come for all things are now ready.
All are welcome at God's table. Please indicate if you would prefer a gluten free wafer and/ or grape juice.

If you would prefer a blessing please place your hands behind your back.

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: #528 Lord you give the great commission

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. Alleluia! Alleluia!

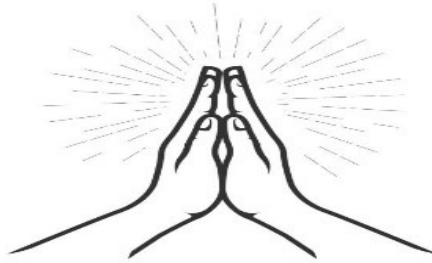
Postlude

Chuck Sheaffer

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May 2026 Ministry Schedule

Dates	May 3rd	May 10th	May 17th	May 24th	May 31st
Clergy	Fr. Brian	Rev. Kathie	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian Dn. Greg
Acolytes	Nancy S. Evelyn B.	Jim P. Alex S.	Joyce B. Judy T.	Nancy S. Alex S.	Judy T. Gabe T.
Eucharis- tic Minis-	Ann M.	Linda L.	Bobbi B.	Linda L.	Ann M.
Lectors	Stephanie H- W. Judy T.	Alex S. Ann M.	Judy T. Nancy S.	Theresa G. Claudine R.	Nancy S. Linda L.
Interces- sor	Rosanne M.	Luis M.	Carolyn L.	Joyce B.	Courtney S.
Ushers	Rosanne M. Carolyn L.	Luis M. David L.	Carolyn L. David L.	Claudine R. David L.	Carolyn L. Courtney S.
Greeters	Rosanne M. Carolyn L.	Luis M. Lynelle H.	Carolyn L. Lynelle H.	Claudine R. David L.	Carolyn L. Courtney S.
Vestry Rep.	Rosanne M.	Luis M.	Carolyn L.	Joyce B.	Courtney S.
Coffee Hour Host	Linda L.	Bolig Family			Family Food and Forum
Sunday School	Linda L.	Evelyn B.	Ann M.	Linda L.	Evelyn B.



Prayer and Praise

Remember those who have asked for our prayers

Bonnie, Ishmael, Mary, Bob, Howard, Cherie, Annamary, Ginny, Judy, Mike, Jose, Hennie, Kevin, Murray, Gayle, Karen, Ellen, Jim, James, Ivy, Lindsay, Susie, Anita, Roy, Linda, Sarah, Fog, Marlene, Ralph, Kimmie, Phil, Whitney, Nancy, Mudge, Sharon, Lela, Reva, Kaylee, Ron, Pedro, Sierra, Sharon, Dan, Anthony

Those who have passed away:

Keith Munroe
Molouk "Ashy" Obergfoll
Dean Coca

Those in the Military:

CPT Sam Birch, USA
CPT Fred Campbell, USAF
MAJ Jenavieve Johnston, 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, Lay Eucharistic Visitors



The flowers at the altar today
are given to
The Glory of God by Lynelle Hains in
Loving Memory of John Hains

COMING UP AT ST PAUL'S

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| May 31 | Family Food Forum & Special Parish Meeting |
| June 21 | Bishop Greg Kimura Visit |
| July 18 | Summer Retreat |

FAMILY FOOD FORUM & SPECIAL PARISH MEETING

Following the service on Sunday May 31 we will gather in the hall for a pot-luck lunch and parish forum. For our lunch the theme is **Tastes of Home** and you're encouraged to bring something from either your homeland or your family's traditional recipes. We will also be encouraged to sit with folk we don't know so well to help us get closer together as a parish family. So start thinking about your food options and make sure May 31 is on your calendar. The forum session will also serve as a Special Parish Meeting to seek support for the Vestry to approve the sale of our vacant land.

Sanctuary Hosts - Fr Brian is seeking volunteers who would be willing to spend a couple of hours weekly, fortnightly or monthly to keep our church doors open. The vision is to have St Paul's front doors open at least two hours each day during the week, with signage inviting anyone looking for a place of peace and calm to come in and spend some time simply being. If this is something you could help with please talk to Fr Brian and/or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex.