

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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First Sunday After Pentecost

Trinity Sunday

May 31, 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: #365 Come thou almighty King

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

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

We sit for the first readings

The First Reading – Genesis 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was

morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there

was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 13



Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn – #398 I sing the almighty power of God

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 28:16-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you Lord Christ

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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.

Nicene Creed

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.

TRINITY SUNDAY PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We come boldly to the throne of grace,
praying to the almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
for mercy and grace.

We plead before your throne in heaven.

Father of heaven, whose love profound
a ransom for our souls has found:
We pray for the world, created by your love,
for its nations and governments ...
Extend to them your peace, pardoning love, mercy and grace.

We plead before your throne in heaven.

Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord:
We pray for the Church, created for your glory,
for its ministry to reflect those works of yours ...
Extend to us your salvation, growth, mercy and grace.

We plead before your throne in heaven.

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
the soul is raised from sin and death:
We pray for families and individuals, created in your image,
for the lonely, the bereaved, the sick and the dying, and especially for
those on our Prayer and Praise list ...
Breathe on them the breath of life
and bring them to your mercy and grace.
We plead before your throne in heaven.

Thrice holy! Father, Spirit, Son,
Mysterious Godhead, Three in One:
We pray for ourselves,
for your Church, for all whom we remember before you ...
Bring us all to bow before your throne in heaven,
to receive life and pardon, mercy and grace for all eternity,
as we worship you, saying,
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 your Son 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.

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 - Levas #217 He's got the whole world in his hand

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.

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be:

shining light and enfolding dark;

the vast expanse of interstellar space,

galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,

and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us
the stewards of your creation.

But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust;
and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return.

Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the full-
ness of time you sent your eternal Word,

born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law,
opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

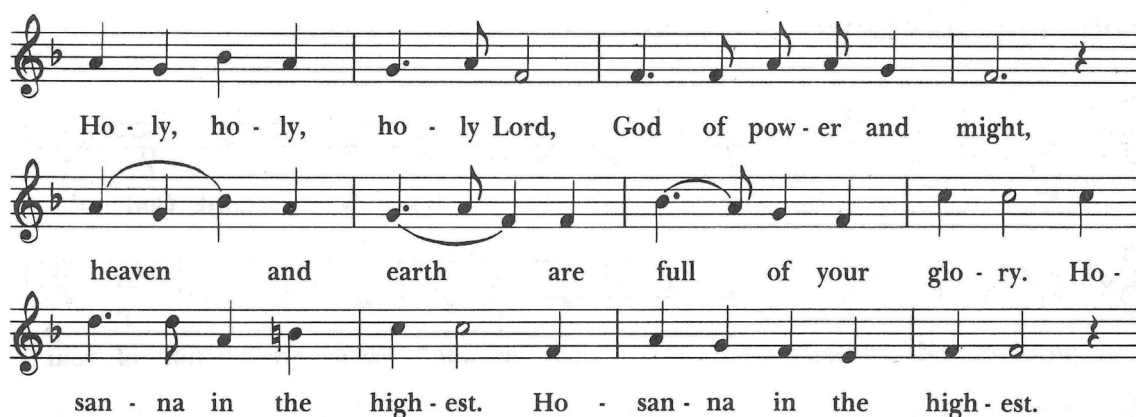
By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets,
apostles, and martyrs,

and with all those in every generation

who have looked to you in hope,

to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



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)

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
 for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
 who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
 took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread,
 and gave it to his friends, and said,
 “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this,
 all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and
 for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the re-
 membrance of me.”

[Deacon] Remembering now his work of redemption,
 and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate Christ’s death and resurrection
 as we await the day of his coming.**

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a
 new people by water and the Spirit,
 now bring before you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit
 to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion
make us one body, one spirit in Christ,
that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel;

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from
the presumption of coming to this Table

for solace only and not for strength;

for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God,

through Jesus Christ our great High Priest,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, 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-ion, 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
 mer-cy on us. Je-sus, re-dem-er, re-deem-er, of the
 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 #146 Break thou the bread of life

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

Let us pray together:

Eternal God,

**you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #362 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty

Dismissal

Our worship is ended. Our service in the world begins.

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

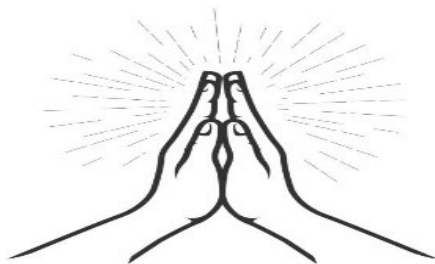
Postlude

Chuck Sheaffer

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May 2026 Ministry Schedule

Dates	May 3rd	May 10th	May 17th	May 24th	May 31st
Clergy	Fr. Brian Dn. Greg	Rev. Kathie Dn. Greg	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- ter	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, Karen, Ellen, Jim, James, Ivy, Lindsay, Susie, Anita, Roy, Fog, Marlene, Kimmie, Phil, Whitney, Nancy, Mudge, Sharon, Lela, Reva, Kaylee, Ron, Pedro, Sierra, Sharon, Dan, Peter, Maureen, Jordan, Jacklynn, Sandra, Alfred, Clara, Michael

Those who have passed away:

Keith Munroe
Molouk "Ashy" Obergfoll
Dean Coca
Dalene Jordine

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, Altar Guild



The flowers at the altar today
are given to
The Glory of God by Ann Mootz
In Honor of Her Husband's Parent's Anniversary-
Jalka and Dorothy Mootz

COMING UP AT ST PAUL'S

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| June 16 | Senior Lunch at Golden Corral |
| June 21 | Bishop Greg Kimura Visit |
| July 18 | Summer Retreat |

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.

Deacon Tom's Camino Request

Greetings friends! In October of this year, I will be embarking on a long-desired journey—walking the Camino de Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain. I'll be making the 60+ mile trek with several friends and former colleagues of Church World Service (www.cwsglobal.org). We are making this journey to raise funds for CWS and its lifesaving work assisting hungry, impoverished, and displaced peoples around the world. As many of you know, I worked for CWS for over 30 years. It's a cause dear to my heart.

If you wish to contribute, any amount is most welcome; **please scan this QR code on the flyer in the narthex with your phone or go online to <https://church-world-service.grassrootz.com/cws-camino-2026/tom-hampson>**

Thanks so much for considering my request! Deacon Tom