



THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 17, 2026

On this day the Lord has acted;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

*Psalm 118:24*

**W**ELCOME! St. Paul's Church builds bridges — to God, to one another, to the city and beyond. We are glad you have joined us today.

Each Sunday of the Great Fifty Days is a time to explore the life we share in Jesus Christ's dying and rising, a life which begins for each of us at our Baptism and which is renewed in us each time we celebrate the Eucharist.

This service booklet, *The Book of Common Prayer* (red), *The Hymnal 1982* (blue), and *Wonder, Love and Praise* ("WLP," green paperbound) provide the resources needed for participation in our worship. Please silence your cell phones.

### MUSIC NOTE

We are grateful to the children of the Chorister's Choir singing for the final time of the season during today's communion. Thanks to the parents for their assistance throughout the year and especially to Bonnie Martin who has assisted in numerous ways. The piece they are singing today is a lively Zula/Xhosa freedom song that originated in a Methodist young men's group in South Africa.

### Weekly Offerings

**Childcare:** Available every Sunday at 10:00 am, including the summers & holidays.

**Sunday School** is held each week for children PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade upstairs from the Parish Hall.

**Bible Study** meets each week at 9:00 am in the Vestry Room. Join us as we study and discuss the week's readings!

Please ask an usher for help in finding these locations.

### PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

*Readers:* James Dorr, Doug Kelley (8:00)

Cait Gorges, Kevin Frisch, TBD (10:15)

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Suzie Spencer (8:00)

Chari Krenis, Melinda Johnston, TBD (10:15)

*Crucifer:* Daniel Wright

*Altar Guild:* Lila Kennedy, Nancy Reale, Jackie Barnes, Judy McGrath,  
Nancy Reale

*Ushers:* Abuk Mabut, Diane Healy

*ASL Interpreter:* Jean Rodman (10:15)

*Live-Stream Operator:* Anita Chen (10:15)

*Cover illustration by Sonja Slother*

*Before worship, let God speak to you. During worship, speak to God.  
After worship, speak to one another.*

VOLUNTARY

Choral

Joseph Jongen

✠ *indicates to stand as able.*

✠ HYMN 450

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*Coronation*

✠ OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Presider* 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.**

✠ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*spoken at 8:00; S-278 sung at 10:15*)

William Mathias

**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.**

✠ COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray. O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

# THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:6-14

**W**hen the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

PSALM 68 (*Said responsively at 8:00; Congregation sings antiphon at 10:15*)



Sing to God, O king - doms of the earth; sing prai - ses to - the Lord.

- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habitation! (*sing antiphon*)
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel. (*sing antiphon*)

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand,  
even thousands of thousands;\*

The Lord comes in holiness from Sinai.

18 You have gone up on high and led captivity captive;  
you have received gifts even from your enemies,\*

that the Lord God might dwell among them. (*sing antiphon*)

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

**B**eloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

✠ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *sung twice before Gospel and once following* Caribbean

Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - ja! Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal  
- le - lu - - ja! Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le -  
lu - ia! Hal - le - lu - ja! Hal - le - lu - ja!

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Richard Witt

*Executive Director, Rural and Migrant Ministries*

✠ 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

✠ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Prayer is offered for the Church, Nation, world, those who suffer, and for the departed.*

*Intercessor* Risen One;  
*People* Hear our prayer.

*Additional prayers may be offered, and the Presider adds a concluding collect.*

✠ EXCHANGE OF PEACE

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

*Please greet one another in Christ's Name. Words of welcome and announcements are then made.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The Deacon says:* Ascribe to the Lord the honor due God's Name; bring offerings and come into the courts with praise. (*Psalm 96:8*)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Jesu, Lover of My Soul

Joseph Parry  
arr. Henry Coleman

*Jesu, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high; hide me, O my Savior hide, till the storm of life is past, safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last. Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee; leave, ah leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring; cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing. Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin; let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee; spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.*

✠ SAID AT 8:00 All things come of thee, O Lord,  
and of thine own have we given thee.

✠ AT THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: HYMN 174 (*stz. 1, sung by all*)  
At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King;  
Who hath washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;  
Praise we him, whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,  
Gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Salzburg

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

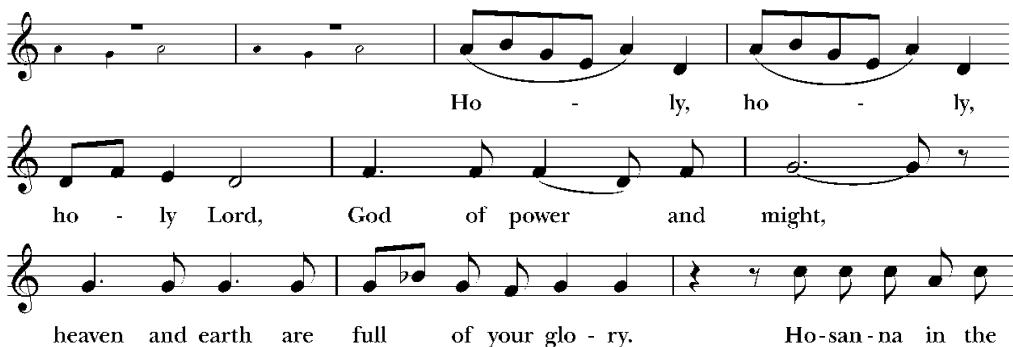
*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

✠ SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (Hymnal S-128)

William Mathias



Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The congregation may remain standing or kneel, as the Presider continues.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_, and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

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

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Presider* The gifts of God, for the people of God.

All are welcome at God's table.

*All are encouraged to come forward for Communion at the direction of the ushers. The Sacrament is given in both kinds: bread and wine. If you are not able to go to any of the stations, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

COMMUNION ANTHEMS

**We Are Marching  
in the Light of God**

South African song

*We are marching in the light of God.*

**There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

Maurice Bevan

*There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven; there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given. For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind; and the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind. But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our*

*own; and we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the head. There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; there is room for fresh creation in that upper home of bliss. If our love were but more simple we should take him at his word; and our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.*

✠ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
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

✠ HYMN 494

Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Diademata*

✠ THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

VOLUNTARY

This Little Light of Mine African American spiritual  
arr. John Behnke

## PRAYER LIST

*We entrust into your unfailing care, Merciful God...*

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Kara Wagner Sherer, our Bishop; and,  
the Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leaders of St. Paul's Church

In Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: The Rev. Craig Hacker

Betty Ann Conlon, Mary Jane Thomas, David Miller, Bob Michniewicz, Marcia Stevens, Claudius Scott, Jack Worboys, Linda, Mara Hazzard-Wallingford, Shelia Eiss, Bill & Diane Bailey, Lois, Donna Grear, Hans Thurston, Nathan, Noreen, Scott, Bertha Simpkins, Amelia Smith, Ella Richard-Dyson, and Bill Dewart

Those who have died.

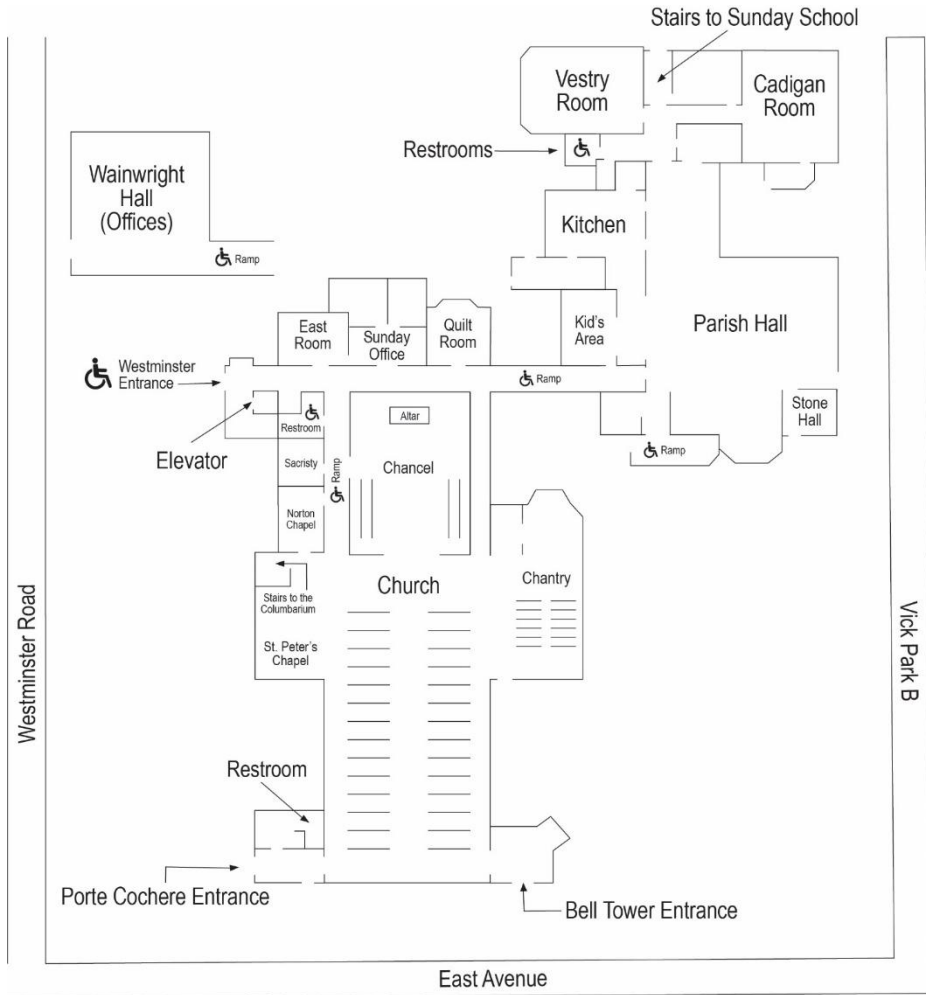
*Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:  
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## FLOWER MEMORIALS

The flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and  
in memory of Andrew S. MacDowell Jr., Kenneth & Beverly Frisch

When immigrants live in your land with you, you must not cheat them.  
Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your  
citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants  
in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.

Leviticus 19:33-34 (CEB)



All are invited to make a gift to support our mission:  
 As the plate is passed. • By scanning the QR code at the left. • Online at [stpaulsec.org/donate](http://stpaulsec.org/donate). • By texting PAUL to 73256 and following the prompts.  
 Thank you for your generosity!

## **TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S**

- 8:00 am: Holy Eucharist (Chantry)
- 9:00 am: Bible Study (Vestry Room)
- 9:00am: Rural Migrant Ministry Presentation (Cadigan Room)
- 10:00 am: Sunday School
- 10:15 am: Holy Eucharist (Church)
- 11:30 am: Fellowship Hour (Parish Hall)
- 11:30 am: Pastries in the Park for Young Families (Playground)
- 4:30 pm: Youth Group (Stone Hall)
- 5:00 pm: The Diocesan Choir Festival (Church)

### **Monday, May 18th**

- 10:00 am: Archives Team (Stone Hall)
- 7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

### **Tuesday, May 19th**

- 5:30 pm: Vestry & Search Committee Meeting (Parish Hall)

### **Wednesday, May 20th**

- 9:00 am: Wednesday Women AA (Stone Hall)
- Noon: Holy Eucharist (St. Peter's Chapel)
- 8:15 pm: Young & Restless AA (Stone Hall)
- 6:00 pm: Handbell Rehearsal (Church)
- 7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal (Church)

### **Thursday, May 21st**

- 6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Stone Hall)
- 8:30 pm: Academy Group AA (Stone Hall)

### **Saturday, May 23rd**

- 10:30 am: Debtors' Anonymous (Quilt Room)
- 8:00 pm: AA Saturday Group (Stone Hall)

## NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ Today, we will be joined by The Rev. Richard Witt, Executive Director of Rural and Migrant Ministries, as well as by other members of the program in Albion. Richard will be preaching, and there will be a presentation on the program at 9:00 am in the Cadigan Room. Please make sure to join us to hear about this exciting work!
- ❖ **Pastries in the Park:** This morning, following the 10:15 service, all young families are invited to join us on the St Paul's playground for pastries as the children play and the parents chat!
- ❖ **Third Sundays @5pm\*:** The next St. Paul's concert series is TODAY at \*5:00 pm with the Diocesan Choir Festival, featuring Little Jazz Mass by Bob Chilcott, with a Jazz Trio, Augustine Sobeng at the piano, directed by John Sherer. \**Note the time change.*
- ❖ **Next Sunday's loose plate offering** will be dedicated to the Scholarship Fund. If offered by check, please note *Memorial Scholarship* in the memo.
- ❖ **Memorial Scholarship Applications** are now available! The scholarships are open to children of members and staff of St Paul's who are attending college in the 2025-2026 academic year. If you have questions or would like to request an application, please contact Rev. Jay Burkardt at [jburkardt@stpaulsec.org](mailto:jburkardt@stpaulsec.org). The application deadline is this **Tuesday, May 19th**.
- ❖ **Town Hall Talks:** The Search Committee will have its next "Town Hall Talks" on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, after the 8:00 and 10:15 am services in the Cadigan Room.
- ❖ **2026 Bishop's Appeal: Sharing the Good News:** Time for a new Episcopal Ad Project! We are eager to tell new generations about the Episcopal Church, our diocese, and our parishes with a new ad campaign. Bishop's Appeal 2026 will fund a diocesan campaign to create social media, welcome, and advertising templates that each parish can personalize. We will develop easy-to-use materials that will help you invite your wider community into your parish. Donations will be collected throughout 2026 for work beginning mid-year.
  - Online Giving – Donate at [episcopalrochester.org/give/](https://episcopalrochester.org/give/) or text 'Joy' to 73256.
  - Mail-In Donations – Send a check payable to the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester with Bishop's Appeal in the memo to 3825 E Henrietta Rd, Ste 100, Henrietta, NY 14467.
  - Bill Pay – Contact your bank to schedule a monthly donation through your bank's bill pay service.

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