



THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 3, 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

Today's second communion anthem, *All Shall Be Well* by Jennifer L. Stammers (b.1968), was composed for the Rev. Maria Hoecker and the Rt. Rev. Stephen Lane on the occasion of their marriage, July 27, 2024. The paraphrased text is from Julian of Norwich who was born in 1342 and died sometime after 1416. Her writings, known as *Revelations of Divine Love*, are the earliest surviving works in the English language attributed to a woman.

### PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

*Readers:* Jim Dorr, Nancy Gear (8:00)

Christopher Moore, TBA, Chari Krenis (10:15)

*Eucharistic Ministers:* TBA (8:00)

Erin Wright, Grace Henshaw, Les Kernan (10:15)

*Healing Prayers:* Tim Dewart (8:00)

Lindsay Korth, Diane Healy (10:15)

*Crucifer:* Wayne Least

*Altar Guild:* Jane Newcomb, Lindsay Korth, Maureen Chopiga,

Erin Wright, Jennifer Blecker

*Ushers:* Doug Kelley, Floyd Bayley, Malual Thongjang, Stan Refermat

*ASL Interpreter:* Luane Haggerty (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

Be Thou My Vision  
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Zsolt Gárdonyi  
German chorale  
arr. Anne Krentz Organ

✠ *indicates to stand as able.*

✠ HYMN 518

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*Westminster Abbey*

✠ 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. Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

# THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:1-5, 19-24 (*Said responsively at 8:00; Congregation sings Antiphon at 10:15*)



In - to your hands I co - mmend my sp - rit.

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me. (*sing antiphon*)
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth. (*sing antiphon*)
- 19 How great is your goodness, O Lord!  
which you have laid up for those who fear you; \*  
which you have done in the sight of all  
for those who put their trust in you.

- 20 You hide them in the covert of your presence from those who slander them; \*  
you keep them in your shelter from the strife of tongues. (*sing antiphon*)
- 21 Blessed be the Lord! \*  
for he has shown me the wonders of his love in a besieged city.
- 22 Yet I said in my alarm,  
“I have been cut off from the sight of your eyes.” \*  
Nevertheless, you heard the sound of my entreaty  
when I cried out to you. (*sing antiphon*)
- 23 Love the Lord, all you who worship him; \*  
the Lord protects the faithful,  
but repays to the full those who act haughtily.
- 24 Be strong and let your heart take courage, \*  
all you who wait for the Lord. (*sing antiphon*)

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:2-10

**L**ike newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

✠ HOLY GOSPEL John 14:1-14

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “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.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*A brief period of quiet reflection follows the sermon.*

✠ 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      Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem      Charles V. Stanford

*Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ, the Paschal victory to hymn, in strains of holy joy. For Judah's Lion bursts his chains, crushing the serpent's head; and cries aloud through death's domains to wake the imprisoned dead. Devouring depths of hell their prey at his command restore; his ransomed hosts pursue their way where Jesus goes before. Triumphant in his glory now; to him all power is given. To him in one communion bow all saints in earth and heaven. While we, his children, praise our King, his mercy we implore, within his palace bright to bring and keep us evermore. All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son, all glory Holy Ghost, to thee, while endless ages run. Alleluia. Amen.*

✠ 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*)      *Salzburg*  
**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.**

✠ 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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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

Humbly, I Adore Thee

Plainsong

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

All Shall Be Well

Jennifer L. Stammers

*If there is a lover of God on earth, safe from life's storms and strife, it has not been shown to me, for trials are part of life. In falling and rising we find his grace, through tempests, his love is the same. For all shall be well, and all shall be well, his promise to us will remain. All shall be well, all manner of thing shall be made well. In every hardship we feel his hand, guiding us through the unknown. With faith and courage we rise again, his love never leaves us alone. Burdened by fear and crippled with doubt, his love will see us through. He promised, "You shall not be overcome." All manner of thing is made new. All shall be well, all manner of thing shall be well.*

✠ 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 525

The Church's One Foundation

*Aurelia*

✠ THE DISMISSAL

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

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

VOLUNTARY

Toccata on "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"

L. Farnam

## 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 Church of North India (United)

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: St. Thomas Church, Bath

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

Those who have died.

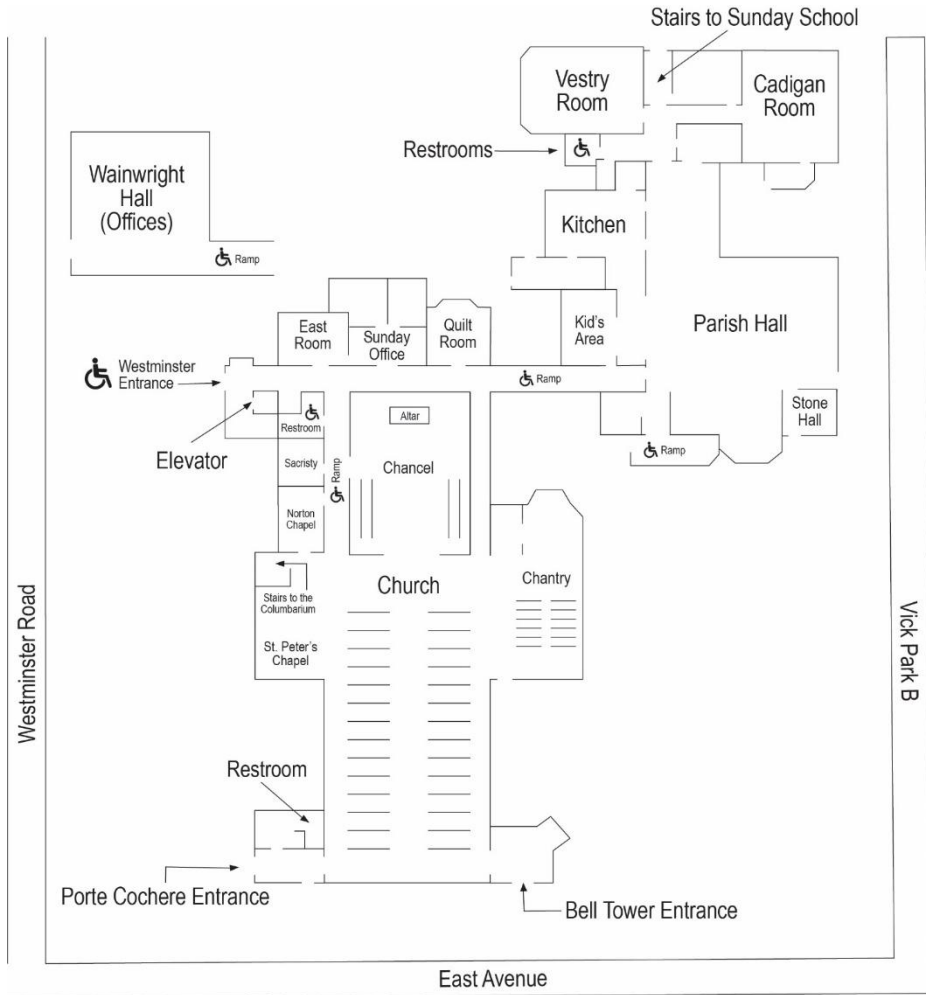
*Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:  
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## FLOWER MEMORIALS

The flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God

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)
- 10:00 am: Sunday School
- 10:15 am: Holy Eucharist (Church)
- 11:30 am: Fellowship Hour (Parish Hall)
- 11:30 am: Chorister Rehearsal (Church)
- 11:30 am: Properties Committee (Vestry Room)
- 4:30 pm: Youth Group (Stone Hall)

### **Monday, May 4th**

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

### **Tuesday, May 5th**

- 10:00 am: Hearing Loss Association of America Meeting (HLAA) (Parish Hall)

### **Wednesday, May 6th**

- 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: Monthly Potluck Supper (Parish Hall)
- 6:00 pm: Handbell Rehearsal (Church)
- 7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal (Church)

### **Thursday, May 7th**

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

### **Saturday, May 9th**

- 10:00 am: St. Paul's Needle Arts Group (Wainwright-Parlor)
- 10:30 am: Debtors' Anonymous (Quilt Room)
- 8:00 pm: AA Saturday Group (Stone Hall)

## NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ **Congratulations to our Director of Communication & Digital Ministry, Sonja Slother**, on receiving another Polly Bond Award for her St. Paul's Christmas card design. A member and board member of *Episcopal Communicators*, Sonja has earned multiple Polly Bond Awards for her graphic design work since 2015. The award, named for one of the organization's founders, recognizes outstanding communications and design at the national level.
- ❖ **Search Committee CAT Survey:** To be honest, we don't know if you have completed the CAT or not because each person's answers are anonymous. BUT, if you haven't already, please shed some light on your experiences at St. Paul's. It will only take 25 minutes. For your convenience, the link to your CAT is provided again here: [surveymonkey.com/r/STPAULECROCHESTERNY](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/STPAULECROCHESTERNY)  
The online survey closes May 14th. All paper surveys must be returned to the office or to any member of the search committee before Monday, May 11.
- ❖ **Monthly Potluck Suppers:** Next month's Potluck Supper will be on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us, even if you don't have time to bring a dish to pass!
- ❖ **Third Sundays @5pm\*:** The next St. Paul's concert series is Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 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.*
- ❖ **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 Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. *\*\*Parents, please ask your child if they received the email and encourage them to apply. There are times when the application email is caught and redirected to junk mail folders or blocked altogether.*
- ❖ **Town Hall Talks:** The Search Committee will have their next "Town Hall Talks" on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> after the 8:00 and 10:15 am services in the Cadigan Room.
- ❖ **Bible Study** meets each week at 9:00 am in the Vestry Room. Join us as we study and discuss the week's readings!

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