



THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 10, 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 offertory anthem, *As Truly as God is Our Father* by William Mathias (1934-1992) was composed in 1987 and is based on a text by Julian of Norwich. Julian of Norwich was born in 1342 and died sometime after 1416 and 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:* James Dorr, Ingrid Stanlis (8:00)

Nancy Curtis, Pat Moran, Andrew Ferrante (10:15)

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Tim Dewart (8:00)

Cynthia Miller, Nancy Andrus, Pat Moran (10:15)

*Crucifer:* Andrew Ferrante

*Altar Guild:* Andrew Ferrante, Linda White, Jackie Barnes, Lila Kennedy

*Ushers:* Lila Kennedy, Margaret Cochran, Philip Bleecker

*ASL Interpreter:* Luane Haggerty (10:15)

*Live-Stream Operator:* Leif Johnson (10:15)

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*Before worship, let God speak to you. During worship, speak to God.*

*After worship, speak to one another.*

VOLUNTARY

III. Aria, from Suite No. 1

Florence Price

✠ *indicates to stand as able.*

✠ HYMN 405

All Things Bright and Beautiful

*Royal Oak*

✠ 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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

# THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 17:22-31

**P**aul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

“Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 66:1-8 (*Said responsively at 8:00; Congregation sings antiphon at 10:15*)



Be joy - ful in God - all - ye lands.

- 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands;\*  
sing the glory of his Name;  
sing the glory of his praise.
- 2 Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! \*  
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you. (*antiphon*)
- 3 All the earth bows down before you, \*  
sings to you, sings out your Name.”

- 4 Come now and see the works of God,\*  
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people. (*sing antiphon*)
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land,  
so that they went through the water on foot,\*  
and there we rejoiced in him.
- 6 In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations;\*  
let no rebel rise up against him. (*sing antiphon*)
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life,\*  
and will not allow our feet to slip. (*sing antiphon*)

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 3:13-22

**N**ow who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*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 14:15-21

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

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

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Jay Burkardt

*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      As Truly as God is Our Father      William Mathias

*As truly as God is our Father, so just as truly is God our Mother. In our Father, God almighty, we have our being; in our merciful Mother, we are remade and restored. Our fragmented lives are knit together, and by giving and yielding ourselves, through grace to the Holy Spirit, we are made whole. It is I, the strength and goodness of Fatherhood. It is I, the wisdom of Motherhood. It is I, the light and grace of holy love. It is I, the Trinity. It is I, the unity. I am the sovereign goodness in all things. It is I who teach you to love. It is I who teach you to desire. It is I who am the reward of all true desiring. All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well. 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*)  
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



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 ANTHEM

An Easter Hallelujah

Melchior Vulpus  
arr. Clarence Dickinson

*Christ is arisen from the dead, hallelujah!  
Christ of the church, the living head, hallelujah!*

✠ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 408                      Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above                      *Mit Freuden zart*

✠ THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

VOLUNTARY    Pièce Héroïque    César Franck



Remember that the CAT Survey for the rector search is due this week! Each person's answers are anonymous. 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://surveymonkey.com/r/STPAULECROCHESTERNY)

The online survey closes this Thursday, May 14th.  
All paper surveys must be returned to the office or to any member of the search committee tomorrow, Monday, May 11.

## 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 Pakistan (United)

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: St. Luck's Church, Branchport

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.

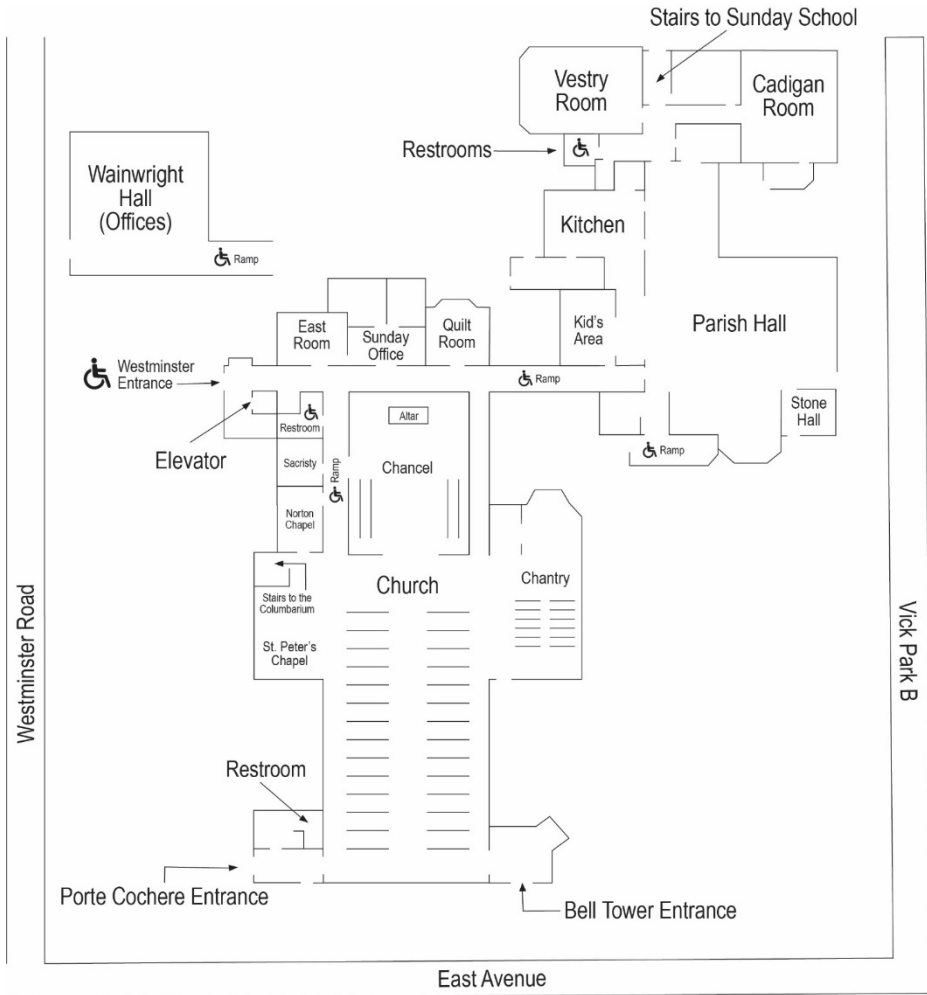
*Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:  
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## FLOWER MEMORIALS

The flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and  
in memory of John Granville McGucken, Sally Nichols McGucken,  
Jane Nichols Clifford, & Amanda Lynn Jehlen

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)

### **Monday, May 11th**

10:00 am: Archives Team (Stone Hall)

7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

### **Wednesday, May 13th**

9:00 am: Wednesday Women AA (Stone Hall)

Noon: Holy Eucharist (St. Peter's Chapel)

*Feast of the Ascension, transferred*

8:15 pm: Young & Restless AA (Stone Hall)

6:00 pm: Handbell Rehearsal (Church)

7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal (Church)

### **Thursday, May 14th**

6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Stone Hall)

8:30 pm: Academy Group AA (Stone Hall)

### **Saturday, May 16th**

10:30 am: Debtors' Anonymous (Quilt Room)

10:00 am: Diocesan Choir Festival Rehearsal (Church)

8:00 pm: AA Saturday Group (Stone Hall)

## NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ **Childcare:** Available every Sunday at 10:00 am, including the summers & holidays. Please ask an usher to direct you to the nursery/toddler room.
- ❖ **Sunday School** is held each week for children PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade upstairs from the Parish Hall. Please ask an usher to direct you to the classroom.
- ❖ **Bible Study** meets each week at 9:00 am in the Vestry Room. Join us as we study and discuss the week's readings!
- ❖ **Next Sunday**, we will be joined by The Rev. Richard Witt, Executive Director of Rural and Migrant Ministries, as well as by other members of the work we support 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!
- ❖ **Third Sundays @5pm\***: The next St. Paul's concert series is Sunday, May 17th 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.*
- ❖ **St. Joseph's House:** For May, we will collect all sizes of men's & women's underwear, men's & women's travel-size deodorant, razors, lotion, coffee & sugar. Please place all donations in the baskets in the back of the church.
- ❖ **Pastries in the Park:** Sunday, May 17th - 11:30 am, All young families are invited to join us on the St Paul's playground for pastries as the children play and the parents chat!
- ❖ **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. The application deadline is Tuesday, May 19th. *\*\*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.

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### Class of 2026

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