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The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

Celebrant & Preacher - The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee

10:30 am - Holy Eucharist

We extend a warm welcome to everyone who has joined us this morning.
We pray you experience the presence and love of Christ
as we worship together!

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Prelude

“Blessed Assurance”

Sarah Douglas

Welcome, Announcements & Question of the Week

All stand as able

Opening Hymn

“Christ is the world's true Light”

[Hymnal 542](#)

Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Confession of Sin

Please kneel as able

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

All: **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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Kyrie

All kneeling as able.

Celebrant: Lord have mercy.
People: **Christ have mercy.**
Celebrant: Lord have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together. **Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Psalm 130 *Sung together in unison, seated.*



- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my *voice*; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my suppli-*ca-tion*.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done a-*miss*, *
O LORD, who could *stand?*
- 3 For there is forgiveness with *you*; *
therefore you shall be *feared*.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for *him*; *
in his word is my *hope*.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the *morning*, *
more than watchmen for the *morning*.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the *LORD*, *
for with the LORD there is *mercy*;
- 7 With him there is plenteous re-*demption*, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their *sins*.

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

John 12:12-13,20-37

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

‘Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!’

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - “Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, ‘We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?’ Jesus said to them, ‘The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.’

After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them. Although he had performed so many signs in their presence, they did not believe in him.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed *(Please Stand As Able)*

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

Please stand, sit, or kneel as able for the prayers.

Intercessor: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

For the Church throughout the world, and for all who minister in Christ's name. *[Silence]* Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For the nations of the earth, and for those in authority, that they may serve justice and peace. *[Silence]* Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For this community, our common life, and all our daily needs. *[Silence]* Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For those who are sick, suffering, impoverished, or in any trouble. *[Silence]* Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For the departed, especially Peter Maier in whose memory the altar flowers are given, that they may rest in peace, and rise in glory. *[Silence]* Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Prayer Requests

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Praise

“Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)”

Praise is rising	<i>(Pre-Chorus)</i>
Eyes are turning to You	<i>'Cause when we see You</i>
We turn to You	<i>We find strength to face the day</i>
Hope is stirring	<i>In Your presence</i>
Hearts are yearning for You	<i>All our fears are washed away</i>
We long for You	<i>(Washed away)</i>

Chorus 1
Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make us new

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Doxology *(a capella)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,

Praise him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: 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; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

William Schull
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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - - ly Ho - ly,

(Sanctus continues on next page)

6
Ho - ly, Ho - - ly Lord God of po - wer and might,

10
Hea - ven and earth are full of Your glo - - ry. We praise You join -

14
ing our voice to pro - claim Your glo - - ry Ho - sa - na in the

20
high - - est Ho - sa - na in the high - - est

26
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - sa - na

31
in the high - - est Ho - sa - na in the high - - est

37
Ho - sa - na in the high - - est.

You may stand, sit or kneel.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, who for us and for our salvation became obedient unto death.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat: This is my Body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, shed for you and for many. Do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We offer this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we pray that by your Holy Spirit it may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of love and justice, making all things new in Christ.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Breaking of the Bread A brief silence is kept.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All: Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Invitation

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

- *Please follow the ushers directions for receiving the Eucharist communion in center aisle.*
- *Let an usher know if you prefer to remain seated at your pew for distribution of the Bread and Wine.*

Communion Praise

“Be lifted up”

Chorus 1

Be lifted up be lifted up

As we bow down be lifted up (Repeat)

Let the heavens rejoice

Let the nations be glad

Let the whole earth tremble

For You are God

Come and worship the Lord

In the beauty of holiness

As we bow down be lifted up

As we bow down be lifted up

Communion Praise

“At the Cross (Love Ran Red)”

There's a place	Where my heart
Where mercy reigns and never dies	Has peace with God and forgiveness
There's a place	Where all the love I've ever found
Where streams of grace flow deep and wide	Comes like a flood comes flowing down
Where all the love I've ever found	
Comes like a flood comes flowing down	

Chorus 1

At the cross at the cross

I surrender my life

I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You

Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white

I owe all to You I owe all to You (Jesus)

(Bridge)

Here my hope is found

Here on holy ground

Here I bow down here I bow down

Here arms open wide

Here You saved my life

Here I bow down here I bow (down)

There's a place

Where sin and shame are powerless

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Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: God, you have made us your children and fed us with Jesus' body and blood. Help us to live in peace with others, and give us the courage to love and serve you every day. We ask this through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant: All our problems.

All: We send to the cross of Christ!

Celebrant: All our difficulties.

All: We send to the cross of Christ!

Celebrant: All the devil's works.

All: We send to the cross of Christ!

Celebrant: All our hopes.

All: We set on the RISEN Christ!

Celebrant: Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you, always. **Amen**

Recessional Hymn

“Hail, thou once despised Jesus”

[Hymnal 495](#)

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Out of the Depths I Call to Thee”

Johann Christoph Bach

The altar flowers today are given by Cindy Maier
in memory of Peter Maier.

Altar Flowers - If you would like to request Altar flowers for a particular Sunday please see the 2026 Flower Chart in the back of the church, fill out an envelope located in the back of the church, send an email request to dszen@yahoo.com or contact the parish office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHLIGHTS:

Sunday Lenten Book Study Groups - At 9:30, following coffee hour, our book groups meet in either the Guild Room or Classroom #9 as assigned.

Young Adult Forum - Our Young Adult Forum will meet following the 10:30 service, creating space for connection and thoughtful discussion among those navigating faith in this season of life. They'll meet in the Guild Room at 11:45.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

***“Low Anthropology”* Lenten Book Studies:**

- Wednesdays, 12:00 noon (in-person)
- Thursdays, 7:00 pm (Zoom)
- Sundays, 9:30 am (in-person)

***“Les Misérables”* Lenten Soup Supper Series** - Our Lenten series continues each Wednesday at 6:30 pm with a soup supper in Crocker Hall, followed by Fr. Morrison's session starting at 7 pm.

Easter Choir - Join our choir in singing for Easter. The choir is putting together a special anthem for the 10:30 Easter Day service, and we would love to have you join us! Rehearsals are on Thursday, March 26 and Wednesday, April 1, both days at 7:30 pm. For more information, please contact Kirsten Peterson: kirpeterson@comcast.net.

UPCOMING:

Easter Egg Hunt – Join us for an **Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 5**, following the 10:30 AM service. The hunt will take place in our meadow on the church campus (weather permitting), with an indoor hunt in the Parish Hall if needed. This event is **open to everyone**, so please invite family, friends, and neighbors to St. Paul's Easter Service and then stay for the Hunt! You can help by donating small, wrapped candy for the eggs (bin located at the back of the church), helping stuff eggs, or volunteering at the event. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church. Questions? Please see Emily Perry.

Parish Easter Potluck Celebration - On Sunday, April 12, we will hold one service at 10:00 am, followed by a parish-wide Potluck Lunch as we continue celebrating the joy of the Easter season together. Please sign up at the back of the church to bring a cold salad, main dish (no reheating necessary), or dessert. You do not need to bring anything to attend - everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship! We are also looking for volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up. Questions? Please see Mary Beth Durkin, Mary Heffernan, or Mary Perry.

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE:

Name Tags - Please be courteous to fellow parishioners, newcomers, and guests by extending a warm welcome to them and by wearing your name tag. You can leave them in the baskets at the doors as you leave for refiling. And remember to wear them to coffee hour.

Sunday School - Sunday School classes start at 11:45 am. Please bring your children directly to their classrooms.

Our Facilities - Our restrooms are located downstairs at the rear of our parish hall. Take the stairway to the right as you exit the sanctuary. The restrooms are located on the far left, across from the kitchen. A play area for our young ones is also set up in the parish hall as well as live streaming and audio of the service on a wide screen TV. In addition, coloring book packages are available for youngsters to use in the pews. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.

Holy Week Schedule

Sun., Mar 29	PALM SUNDAY 8:00 am - Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live) 10:30 am - Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
Tue., Mar 31	7:30 pm - Tenebrae (YouTube Live)
Wed., Apr 1	10:00 am - Holy Eucharist & Healing (YouTube Live)
Thu., Apr 2	MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Liturgy (YouTube Live) 'til midnight - Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil
Fri., Mar Apr 3	GOOD FRIDAY 10:00 pm - Ecumenical Good Friday Walk 12:00 pm - Good Friday Liturgy & Ante-Communion (YouTube Live) 1:30 pm - Seven Last Word (YouTube Live) 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross (YouTube Live) 7:30 pm - Good Friday Liturgy & Ante-Communion (YouTube Live)
Sat., Apr 19	HOLY SATURDAY 7:30 pm - The Great Vigil of Easter (YouTube Live)
Sun., Apr 20	EASTER DAY 7:30 am - Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live) 9:00 am - Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live) 10:30 am - Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live) 11:45 am - Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Calendar for The Week

(We welcome and encourage parishioners to come to any of these ministries.)

(Check website for up to date Zoom links - www.SaintPaulsBrookfield.com)

- Sun., Mar 22 8:00 am - **Traditional Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)
9:30 am - Lent Book Groups, Guild Room & Classroom #9
10:30 am - **Contemporary Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)
11:45 am - Sunday School
11:45 am - Young Adult Forum, Guild Room
- Mon., Mar 23 7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
- Tue., Mar 24 9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
- Wed., Mar 25 10:00 am - **Holy Eucharist & Healing** (YouTube Live)
11:30 am - Noonday Prayer Meeting, Guild Room
12:00 pm - Lent Book Group, Guild Room
6:30 pm - Lenten Soup Supper Series #5, Crocker Hall
7:00 pm - Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom
- Thu., Mar 26 9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room
7:00 pm - Lent Book Group, (Zoom)
7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- Fri., Mar 27 10:00 am - St. Paul's Walking Group, Brookfield Greenway
- Sat., Mar 28 7:30 am - John 21:12 Group, Theo's Downtown Diner, New Milford
8:00 am - Men's Prayer Breakfast, Crocker Hall
10:00 am - PraiseMoves, Crocker Hall (Zoom)
- Sun., Mar 29 8:00 am - **Traditional Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)
9:30 am - Lent Book Groups, Guild Room & Classroom #9
10:30 am - **Contemporary Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)
11:45 am - Sunday School
11:45 am - Young Adult Forum, Guild Room



Next Sunday - Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

8:00 am & 10:30 am
Preacher: Fr. Nate Lee

Readings for March 29th

[Isaiah 50:4-9a](#) - [Psalm 31:9-16](#) - [Philippians 2:5-11](#) - [John 18:1-19:16](#)

