



# Saint Paul's Parish

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## The Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

Preacher & Celebrant

The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee

8:00 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!

### Saint Paul's Staff

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*All stand as able***Opening Hymn**

"When Christ was lifted from the earth"

[Hymnal 603](#)**The Word of the Lord**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Celebrant: 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** (*Please stand as able*) "Glory to God"

Hymnal S-280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



King, al - mighty - 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.

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## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together. **O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Reader:           The Word of the Lord.

People:           **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17**

I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
**because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
**I came to grief and sorrow.**

Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*  
**"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**

How shall I repay the LORD \*  
**for all the good things he has done for me?**

I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
**and call upon the Name of the LORD.**

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
**in the presence of all his people.**

Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
**is the death of his servants.**

O LORD, I am your servant; \*

**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.**

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
**and call upon the Name of the LORD.**

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
**in the presence of all his people,**

In the courts of the LORD's house, \*  
**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

## **The Epistle**

**1 Peter 1:17-23**

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Response**

“In Christ there is no East or West”  
*(Verses 1 & 2)*

[Hymnal 529](#)

*(Please stand as able for the Gospel)*

## **The Gospel**

**John 14:15-31, 15:26-27**

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

People: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “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 for ever. 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.” Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?” Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.”

Celebrant:       The Gospel of the Lord.  
People:           **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Gospel Response**

“In Christ there is no East or West”  
*(Verse 3)*

[Hymnal 529](#)

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee**

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand as able)*

**W**e 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.

## The Prayers of the People

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

Intercessor: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

Intercessor: For all people in their daily life and work;  
**All: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Intercessor: For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**All: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Intercessor: For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**All: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Intercessor: For better stewardship.  
**All: That we may fulfill our responsibilities with love and diligence so that our efforts may glorify God.**

Intercessor: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**All: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, the homeless, and the needy.**

Intercessor: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**All: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intercessor: For Sean our Presiding Bishop; Jeffrey and Laura our Bishops; Fr. Nate, our Priest-in-Charge; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**All: For all who serve God in his Church.**

Intercessor: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*The People may add their own petitions*

Intercessor: Hear us, Lord;  
**All: For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

Intercessor: We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**All: And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Intercessor: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*The People may add their own petitions*

Intercessor: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**All: Who put their trust in you.**

Intercessor: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

**All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

## **The Peace**

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

**People: And also with you.**

*All stand as able for hymns*

**Offertory Hymn** "I am the vine"

I am the vine, and you are the branches,  
Bear precious fruit for Jesus today;  
The branch that in me no fruit e'er beareth,  
Jesus hath said, "He taketh away."

Now you are clean, through words I have spoken,  
Living in me much fruit you shall bear;  
"Dwelling in thee, my promise unbroken,  
Glory in heaven with me you'll share."

*(hymn continues on next page)*

Yes, by your fruits the world is to know you, I am the vine, and you are the branches;  
Walking in love as children of day; I am the vine, be faithful and true;  
Follow your Guide, he passed on before you, Ask what you will, your prayer shall be  
Leading to realms of glorious day. granted,  
"The Father loved me, so I loved you."

Words: Knowles Shaw (1834-1878); Music: *Bunessan*, Gaelic melody

## Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

# The Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving

*(Remain standing as able)*

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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

For through your Son Jesus you have shown compassion for your people. Through him, we have seen and heard the good news of your kingdom, and have been called as laborers for the harvest of souls made plentiful by your grace.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

## Sanctus

## Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven 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.\_\_\_\_\_

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*You may stand, sit or kneel.*

**Celebrant:** We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the

sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**All: We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Celebrant: Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Paul and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **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**

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

### **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 at the altar rail.*
- *Let an usher know if you prefer to remain seated at your pew for distribution of the Bread and Wine.*

**Communion Hymn**      “Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest”      [Hymnal 306](#)

**Communion Hymn**      “I come with joy to meet my Lord”      [Hymnal 304](#)

## Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All:** **Almighty and everlasting God, you have restored us to eternal life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ your Son: mercifully grant that this Paschal sacrament, which you have given to us as spiritual food, may fill our hearts with love and strengthen us for your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Blessing

Celebrant: Go now, and bear fruit for God, fruit that will last. As Christ has loved you, so love one another, and abide always in God's love. **Amen.**

And may God give you all you ask for in Christ's name;

May Christ Jesus reveal to you God's ways and call you his friends;

And may the Holy Spirit confirm the truth within you and make your joy complete. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

“Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness”

[Hymnal 492](#)

## Dismissal

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

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Postlude

“Postlude on *Bunessan*”

Michael Higgins

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HIGHLIGHTS:

**Coffee Hour Conversations** - Starting this morning between the services, we're beginning a new parish-wide event called: "Coffee Hour Conversations." This Sunday, and for the seven weeks that follow, as a whole parish we're gathering in Crocker Hall between the services for some open discussion about giving. Think of it a bit like a "financial summit" for our congregation - except our focus will be heart, not spreadsheets. Fr. Nate will be leading these discussions, alongside Dan Bacon, and our guide for this journey will be Randy Alcorn's inspiring little book: [\*The Treasure Principle\*](#).

### UPCOMING:

**Scout Troop Mulch Fundraiser** - Once again the Scout Troop we sponsor is selling and spreading mulch. Orders are due by Friday, April 24th for delivery and spreading on May 2nd & 3rd. To order or for more info: [my.cheddarup.com/c/troop5mulch/items](http://my.cheddarup.com/c/troop5mulch/items).

### 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.

**Prayer Needs?** - You can let us know by submitting your need on our website or emailing [prayerchain@saintpaulsbrookfield.com](mailto:prayerchain@saintpaulsbrookfield.com) and our team of intercessors will pray for your request or you can ask for a prayer servant to call you and we can pray together!

**The Priest-in-Charge Weekly** - Fr. Nate has a weekly e-mail, "*The Priest-in-Charge Weekly*," to communicate things directly from his desk to yours. If you did not receive his e-mail this week and would like to, write Fr. Nate at [priest@saintpaulsbrookfield.com](mailto:priest@saintpaulsbrookfield.com) and let him know.

**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.

## 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](http://www.SaintPaulsBrookfield.com))

- Sun., April 19      8:00 am - **Traditional Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)  
                         9:30 am - Coffee Hour Conversation, Crocker Hall  
                         10:30 am - **Contemporary Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)  
                         11:45 am - Sunday School
- Mon., Apr 20      7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
- Tue., Apr 21      9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
- Wed., Apr 22      10:00 am - **Holy Eucharist & Healing** (YouTube Live)  
                         12:00 pm - Noonday Prayer Meeting, Guild Room  
                         7:00 pm - Ladies Evening Zoom Bible Study (Zoom)
- Thu., Apr 23      9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room  
                         7:30 pm - Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- Fri., April 24      10:00 am - St. Paul's Walking Group, T.B.A.
- Sat., April 25      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
- Sun., April 26      8:00 am - **Traditional Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)  
                         9:30 am - Coffee Hour Conversation, Crocker Hall  
                         10:30 am - **Contemporary Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)  
                         11:45 am - Sunday School



### Next Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate

Readings for April 26th

[Acts 2:42-47](#) - [Psalm 23](#) - [1 Peter 2:19-25](#) - [John 15:18-27](#)

