



# Saint Paul's Parish

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## The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 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 in D”

Johann Christian Kittel

## Welcome, Announcements & Question of the Week

*All stand as able*

**Opening Hymn**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

[Hymnal 390](#)

## The Word of the Lord

### Gloria

*We stand to glorify the Lord!*

Celebrant: Glory to the Father!

**All: Glory to the Son!**

Celebrant: Glory to the Spirit!

**All: For ever Three in One!**

Celebrant: Be glorified at home!

**All: Be glorified in Church!**

Celebrant: Be glorified in Kenya!

**All: Be glorified in Africa!**

Celebrant: Be glorified in Connecticut!

**All: Be glorified in America!**

Celebrant: Be glorified on earth!

**All: Be glorified in heaven!**

Celebrant: Glory to the Father!

**All: Glory to the Son!**

Celebrant: Glory to the Spirit!

**All: For ever Three in One!**

Celebrant: Hallelujah!

**All: Hallelujah!**

Celebrant: Amen!

**All: Amen!**

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together. **O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Psalm 23 *Sung together in unison, seated.*



- 1 The LORD is my *shepherd*; \*  
I shall not be in *want*.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green *pastures* \*  
and leads me beside still *waters*.
- 3 He revives my *soul* \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his *Name's sake*.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no *evil*; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they *comfort me*.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who *trouble me*; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running *over*.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my *life*, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for *ever*.

*(Please stand as able for the Gospel)*

## The Gospel

John 15:1-10

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

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

**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, that they may rest in peace, and rise in glory. *[Silence]*  
Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

## Healing Testimonies

### 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.**

### The Peace

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

**People: And also with you.**

## Offertory Praise

## “Stand in Your Love”

When darkness tries to roll over my bones,  
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own,  
When brokenness and pain is all I know,  
I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken.

*Chorus 1*

*My fear doesn't stand a chance*

*When I stand in Your love.*

*(Repeat 2x)*

Shame no longer has a place to hide.  
I am not a captive to the lies.  
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind.  
I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken.

*Chorus 1*

There's power that can break off every chain.  
There's power that can empty out a grave.  
There's resurrection power that can save.  
There's power in Your name,  
power in Your Name.

*(Repeat)*

*Chorus 1*

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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, 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.

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  
(c) 1993

1  
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - - ly Ho - ly,

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.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of nine staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) in measures 6, 10, 26, and 31. The piece ends with a double bar line at the end of the final staff.

*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

## “Lord I Need You”

Lord I come I confess  
 Bowing here I find my rest  
 And without You I fall apart  
 You're the one that guides my heart

*Lord I need You oh I need You  
 Ev'ry hour I need You  
 My one defense my righteousness  
 Oh God how I need You*

So teach my song to rise to You  
 When temptation comes my way  
 And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
 Jesus You're my hope and stay

And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
 Jesus You're my hope and stay

*Lord I need You oh I need You  
 Ev'ry hour I need You  
 My one defense my righteousness  
 Oh God how I need You  
 My one defense my righteousness  
 Oh God how I need You*

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## Communion Praise

## “Take My Life”

Holiness holiness  
 Is what I long for  
 Holiness is what I need  
 Holiness holiness  
 Is what You want from me

Faithfulness faithfulness  
 Is what I long for  
 Faithfulness is what I need  
 Faithfulness faithfulness  
 Is what You want from me

*Chorus  
 So take my heart and form it  
 Take my mind transform it  
 Take my will conform it  
 To Yours to Yours oh Lord*

Righteousness righteousness  
 Is what I long for  
 Righteousness is what I need  
 Righteousness righteousness  
 Is what You want from me

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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

“All hail the power of Jesus' Name”

[Hymnal 450](#)

## Dismissal

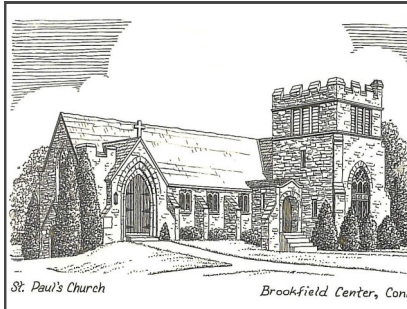
Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

## Postlude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation”

Johann Gottfried Walther



*"Celebrating 241 years in the Spirit"*

The altar flowers today are given by Bruce Simon  
in memory of Brian Matthew Simon.

**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](mailto:dszen@yahoo.com) or contact the parish office.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HIGHLIGHTS:

**Coffee Hour Conversations** - Continuing this morning between the services, we're holding a parish-wide event called: "Coffee Hour Conversations." Each Sunday, thru May 31st, as a whole parish we're gathering in Crocker Hall between the services for some open discussion about giving. 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*.

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

**Drive-Thru Food Collection** - Our next Drive-Thru Food Collection will be this Wednesday, April 29th from 11 am to noon. This will be our 158th food drive since we started doing them in April 2020!

### UPCOMING:

**Mother's Day Memorials** - Mother's Day is May 10th. Anyone wishing to have flowers on the altar in loving memory of a mother, please make your check payable to St. Paul's Church, with the name or names of those to be remembered on the memo line. All memorials are due by Sunday, May 3rd. Contact David Szen with any questions at 917-226-9136 or [dszen@yahoo.com](mailto:dszen@yahoo.com).

### 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 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
- Mon., Apr 27      7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
- Tue., Apr 28      9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
- Wed., Apr 29      10:00 am - **Holy Eucharist & Healing** (YouTube Live)  
11 - Noon - Drive Through Food Collection  
12:00 pm - Noonday Prayer Meeting, Guild Room  
7:00 pm - Ladies Evening Zoom Bible Study (Zoom)
- Thu., Apr 30      9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room  
7:30 pm - Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- Fri., May 1      10:00 am - St. Paul's Walking Group, Huntington State Park, Redding
- Sat., May 2      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., May 3      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 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate

Readings for May 3rd

[Acts 7:55-60](#) - [Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16](#) - [1 Peter 2:2-10](#) - [John 16](#)

