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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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

“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

Franklin Ritter

Welcome, Announcements & Question of the Week

All stand as able

Opening Hymn

“Christ is made the sure foundation”

Hymnal 518

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. **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.**

Psalm 31:1-5,15-16 *Sung together in unison, seated.*



- 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**.
- 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**.
- 15 My times are in your **hand**; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who pers-ecute **me**.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your **servant**, *
and in your loving-kindness **save me**.

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

John 16:1-6, 20-22, 32-33

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “I have said these things to you to keep you from stumbling. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God. And they will do this because they have not known the Father or me. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

“Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is in labor, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

“The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!”

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.

Prayer Requests

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.

- *May Birthdays & Anniversaries*

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.

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

“Empty Me”

Holy fire burn away
 My desire for anything
 That is not of You and is of me
 I want more of You and less of me

Chorus
 Empty me
 Empty me
 Fill won't You fill me
 With You with You

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Communion Praise

“I Love Your Presence”

In the glory of Your presence
 I find rest for my soul
 In the depths of Your love
 I find peace makes me whole

And I love I love I love You Jesus
I love I love I love Your presence

Chorus 1
I love I love I love Your presence
And I love I love I love Your presence

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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 "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven"

[Hymnal 410](#)

Dismissal

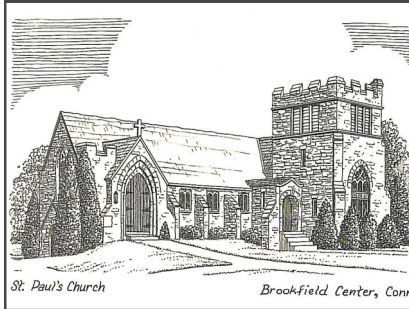
Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

"Be Joyful in the Lord"

Marc Jordan



"Celebrating 241 years in the Spirit"

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:

Chronic Pain Support Group - Living with chronic physical pain can feel isolating and overwhelming, but you don't have to face it alone. Our monthly, peer-led support group provides a welcoming space to connect, share experiences, and support one another. For more info contact chronicpain@saintpaulsbrookfield.com.

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.

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 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 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. 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)

- 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
11:45 am - Young Adult Forum, Guild Room)
- Mon., May 4 7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
- Tue., May 5 9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
- Wed., May 6 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., May 7 9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room
11:30 am - Chronic Pain Support Group, Guild Room
7:30 pm - Property Committee, Guild Room
7:30 pm - Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- Fri., May 8 10:00 am - St. Paul's Walking Group, Cherry Grove Preserve, Newtown
- Sat., May 9 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., May 10 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
11:45 am - Young Adult Forum, Guild Room)



Next Sunday - Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate

Readings for May 10th

[Acts 17:22-31](#) - [Psalm 66:7-18](#) - [1 Peter 3:13-22](#) - [John 17](#)

