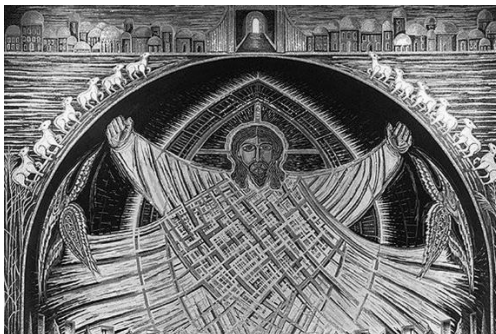


# ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

## FIFTH OF EASTER – May 3, 2026



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Deacon: The Rev. Helen L.  
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**Church Services:**

Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist
Weekdays (except stats)	8:30 am	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Contemplative Prayer
Wednesday	11:00 am	Holy Communion

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*Please be aware the 10:30 service may be recorded or livestreamed,  
and your presence in the service is considered your consent to appear on camera.*

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## **HOLY EUCHARIST – 10:30 a.m.**

*This Eucharistic liturgy is based on the Anglican Church of Canada  
Book of Alternative Services and for the Islands and Inlets*

### **THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD**

*We commit ourselves to working together in a spirit of reconciliation as we worship and serve on the  
traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.*

Celebrant/Preacher:	The Rev. Vernon Foster
Deacon:	The Rev. Helen L.
Liturgical Assistant:	Brian H.
Organists:	Kyle M.
Greeters:	Kathy M., Gwen I.
Duty Warden:	Joy Adams Bauer

The flowers on the main altar are given by Norma H. to the glory of God  
and in memory of loved ones.

**Altar Guild Team:** Linda S., Jane B., Jeanne R.

Refreshment Hour is hosted today by: Sue M., Norma H.

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*(you may remain seated during the welcome)*

**OPENING HYMN:** *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

**CP 321** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

**CORONATION**

### **GATHERING:**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May the risen Lord's grace and peace be with you.

**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.

**GLORY TO GOD:**

*CP 686 David Hurd*

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**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED**

**FIRST READING:** Acts 7:55-60

*Syd G.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: 31:1-8**

*Cantor*



In - to your hands, O God, I com - mend my spi - rit.

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

*Joanne B.*

Hear what the spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL:** *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

**CP 446** Word of God, Come Down on Earth (Vs 1,2)

*LEIBSTER JESU*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**GOSPEL:** John 14:1-14

*(It is our custom to remain standing for the reading of the gospel. Please stand as you are able)*

The Gospel of Christ.

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

**GOSPEL RECESSIONAL:** *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

**CP 446** Word of God, Come Down on Earth (Vs 3,4)

*LEIBSTER JESU*

**SERMON:**

*The Rev. Vernon Foster*

**AFFIRMING OUR CHRISTIAN NARRATIVE**

**We believe and trust in God the Father Almighty. We believe and trust in Jesus Christ, his Son. We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit. We believe and trust in the Three in One.** *(from Creating Uncommon Worship by Richard Giles)*

**ANTHEM:** Seek Ye First the Kingdom

*VU 356 Words and Music: Karen Lafferty*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Joy A. B.*

**THE PEACE:**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. *John 20.19,20*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED**

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

**CP 533** Jesus Lover of My Soul

*ABERYSTWTH*

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer which earth has given and human hands have made.

**For us it becomes the bread of life. Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

**For us it becomes the cup of salvation. Blessed be God for ever.**

**Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** (Eucharistic Prayer Island B)

*(You are invited to stand or sit during the Eucharistic Prayer as you desire)*

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy and eternal One, in whom we live and move and have our being. You are our origin and our fulfillment; we praise and thank you for drawing us to this sacred meal. From the ocean of your primal love, you fashioned the marvel of creation, and beauty of human life. From this land of towering forests and mist laden coastlines, you humble us and affirm the sacred gift of all creation, calling us to care for everything given and received.

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his name.**

From the earliest days the peoples of these islands and inlets learned their dependence on your provision, salmon and deer, song and ceremony, dance and painted cedar, hallowed these sacred relationships with all life.

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his name.**

In Jesus Christ, you came into our world to reveal your glory, reconcile all peoples to yourself, and make all things new in him. Now, gathered from many places, and joining with the saints of every time and place, we raise our thankful voices in songs of unending praise.

**SANCTUS**

*David Hurd*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, most holy One: For on the night before he died Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, gave it to all gathered, and said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup, gave you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me."

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his name.**

Therefore, God of all creation, we lift this Bread of Life, and this Cup of Salvation. Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts, and upon us, that we may know Jesus in the breaking of the bread, and follow him in lives of selfless service and courageous love.

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his name.**

In the fullness of time reconcile all things in Christ, and bring us to that heavenly table, where every tear will be wiped away and we will feast anew. Blessing, praise and thanksgiving be to you, Holy and Eternal One, Undivided Trinity, One God, now and forever. **Amen**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

*Music by Mary J. for St. Paul's*

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

#### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:**

The One who defeated death and injustice is now present in this bread. The One who offers our life promise and hope is now present in this wine.

**Breaking into our lives and community, We ask God for new life in Christ.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **COMMUNION:**

*All are welcome to join us for communion. Our practice is to share the wine from a common cup.*

*For health reasons you are asked not to dip the bread wafer into the wine.*

*If you prefer, you may receive bread only. If you are gluten free, please ask for a gluten free wafer.*

*If you do not wish to receive communion, cross your arms in front of you to indicate to the clergy that you would like a blessing instead. We are happy to come to your seat to serve communion if you are unable to come forward – do let the greeter know.*

**COMMUNION HYMN:** *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

**CP 569** Come My Way, My Truth, My Life

*THE CALL*

*MUSIC INTERLUDE:* Bach Chorale: Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

*Kyle M.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

We give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious,  
**Our Lord's mercy endures for ever.**

Let us pray,

**God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Glory to God,

**Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is  
well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing . . .

**SENDING FORTH HYMN:** *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

**CP 451** King of Love, O Christ We Crown You

*HERMON*

**DISMISSAL**

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

**Through his resurrection we are raised to new life. Alleluia!**