



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Port Townsend, Washington

Pentecost IX

Proper 12A



Court of King Solomon

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July 26, 2026
10:30 am

Welcome!

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on life's journey,
please enter and receive God's blessing.



If you are unfamiliar with worship in the Episcopal tradition,
simply relax and let the congregation help carry you in worship.



God's peace be with you this day and always.

10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

We prepare for our worship together with a time of centering silence.

Bell – Silence – Bell

Prelude Music

Processional Hymn

Hymn #9

Not here for high and holy things

The Liturgy of the Word

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God, forever and ever.**

Collect for Purity

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The Gloria

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Service music (indicated with an "S") can be found in the front section of the Hymnal

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson

1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

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Second Lesson

Romans 8:26-39

The Gospel

Matthew 13, 31-33, 44-52

The Sermon

The Right Rev. Scott Hayashi

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Leader: Beloved in Christ, let us offer our prayers for the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world.

Leader: For the whole People of God, that each one of us may be a true and faithful servant of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Phil our Bishop, for Lynne our Priest; for all the ministers and people of St. Paul's, remembering especially this month all who serve in faith formation ministries; and for all who serve in God's church, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For our country and for every country, that justice and mercy may flourish everywhere and that we may all live together in peace, freedom, and hope, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this community. For all who suffer in any way in body, mind or spirit; for all whose suffering is known to you alone; especially remembering those we name now, either silently or aloud (*pause*)...

For all who travel, near or far, especially those we remember now, either silently or aloud (*pause*)....

For all of the blessings of this life, especially giving thanks for those joys we name now (*pause*)... let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who have died, that they may be received into God's Kingdom, and that God will comfort all who mourn. We especially remember our own beloved dead, either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (*pause*)... let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

Confession & Absolution (from *Enriching Our Worship*)

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God.

People: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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

The Peace

Announcements

Blessings, Birthday & Anniversary Prayers (*found in the back inside cover of the BCP*)

Offertory Sentence

Presider: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Psalms 96:8

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Offertory Anthem

Poor Wayfaring Stranger

Jay Althouse

Duet: Mary Pacher & Lee Singer

Offertory Hymn

Hymn #580 God, who stretched the spangled heavens

The Liturgy of the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1 (Enriching our Worship)

<i>Celebrant</i> The Lord be with you. <i>Celebrant</i> Lift up your hearts. <i>Celebrant</i> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. <i>People</i> It is right to give him thanks and praise.	<i>People</i> And al - so with you. <i>People</i> We lift them to the Lord.
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It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

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Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah, you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory and praise, for ever and ever.



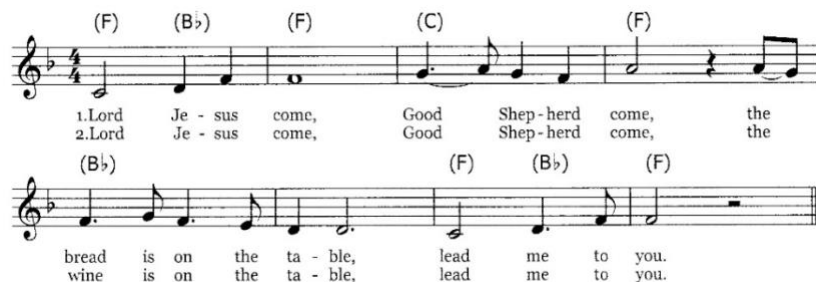
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction Anthem



Sharing the Feast

All are welcome to come to receive communion at Christ's table.

Notes about receiving Communion: *The usher will direct you forward. The cup will be offered. If you do not wish to receive wine, cross your arms across your chest and the words "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation" will be offered while the cup is held in front of you. If you would not like to receive bread or wine, but would like a blessing, cross your arms across your chest when in front of the priest. Please do not dip bread into the wine.*

Communion Hymn

Hymn #711 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Hymn #513 Like the murmur of the dove's song

Post Communion Prayer(from *Enriching Our Worship*)

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

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Recessional Hymn

Hymn #615 "Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee

Dismissal**Postlude**

Fellowship time in the Parish Hall follows the service.

**Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of Meher Baba by Sharon Robinson.**

Presider and Preacher	The Right Rev. Scott Hayashi
Music Director	Jennifer Pipia
Lectors	David Neuenschwander Laurie Neuenschwander
Eucharistic Minister	Bonnie Handley
Technical Support	Ken Evans
Usher	Meso Tadeo
Altar Guild	Team 2
Coffee Hour	Last Names: S-Z

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Mission Statement

St. Paul's mission is to be a Christ-centered haven and community of faith that worships in the beauty of the Episcopal tradition, celebrates and respects diversity and differences, proclaims God's call for peace and justice, and welcomes all to the table to receive strength for service in the world.

