



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Port Townsend, Washington

The Third Sunday after Epiphany Year A



**January 25, 2026
10:30 am**

Welcome!

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

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

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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 #126 The people who in darkness walked

Collect for Purity

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

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

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Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Sequence Hymn

Hymn #533 How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise

The Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

The Sermon

The Rev. Lynne Markova

The 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, and 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, 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 the unemployed and under-employed. For all who suffer in body, mind or spirit; for all who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, for all who are victims of violence, and for all we name now, either silently or aloud (pause)...

We remember all who travel, especially those we name now, (pause)....

We give thanks for all of the blessings of this life, especially those we name now or remember in the silence of our hearts (pause)... let us pray to the Lord

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For those who have died, that they may be received into God's Kingdom, and that God will comfort those who mourn for them, remembering our own beloved dead (pause).... let us pray to the Lord

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

Confession and Absolution Page 360

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Birthday, Anniversary and Travel Blessings

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself an offering and sacrifice to God *Ephesians 5:2*

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The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem Follow Me! S. Carolina spiritual, arr. John Carter

Offertory Hymn Hymn #807 (WLP) Put down your nets and follow me

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer 3 Enriching our Worship

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Presider: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so, as the morning stars sing your praises, we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus

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Presider: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Presider: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Paul and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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Sharing the Feast *All are welcome 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 #321 My God, thy table now is spread
Hymn #653 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Post Communion Prayer

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Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

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Recessional Hymn

Hymn #741 (WLP) Filled with the Spirit's power

Dismissal

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Postlude

Fellowship time in the Parish Hall follows the service.

**Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in thanksgiving for Dawn, our retiring Senior Warden.**

10:30 Worship Team

Presider and Preacher	The Rev. Lynne Markova
Lectors	Sue Cook, Linda Egan
Acolyte	Asha Tadeo
Eucharistic Minister	Bonnie Handley
Altar Guild	Team 4
Usher	Dwight Nicholson
Bread Baker	Cajsa DeGregorio
Coffee Hour	Last Names: S-Z
Tech Assistance	Ken Evans

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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.