



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Port Townsend, Washington

The Third Sunday in Lent Year A



March 8, 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.

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

10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Hymn #686 Come, thou fount of every blessing

The service begins with the Penitential Order:

Presider: Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

People: **God's mercy endures forever.**

Confession

The Presider reads a sentence from Scripture.

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, resisting your will in our lives. We have not honored you in ourselves, in each other and in the world which you have made. Reach out your saving arm and rescue us from our sin. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will for your people and all creation. Amen.

Absolution

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.**

Kyrie

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

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Collect

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 95

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Second Lesson

Romans 5:1-11

Sequence Hymn

Hymn #456 O love of God, how strong and true

The Gospel	John 4:5-42
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Prayers of the People	

Leader: Beloved in Christ, in this holy season of Lent, let us offer our prayers for the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world, saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for your Church, as we seek to follow the example of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, and bring your love and compassion to the world. We especially remember Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Phil, our Bishop; Lynne our priest, and all of the ministers and people of St. Paul's that we may be filled with your Holy Spirit and united in your truth. Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for all of the peoples and nations of the world, for this community and every community. We especially remember all world leaders and all of our own elected leaders and officials, that they may be inspired to serve the people for the common good. Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for all who suffer from in any way from oppression, persecution, or injustice, that God will open our eyes and inspire us to action and that justice may roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Lord, in your mercy. **People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for all who are in need of healing, that we may do our part to ease their suffering, and that your comfort and grace may sustain them in their troubles. We especially remember those we name now, either silently or aloud. *(pause)* Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for those who have died, that they may be gathered into your eternal kingdom, and for all who mourn, that they may be comforted in their sorrow. We especially remember our own beloved dead, either silently or aloud. *(pause)* Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

The Presider offers a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Announcements

Birthday, Anniversary, and Travel Prayers

Offertory Sentence

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High. Psalm 50:14

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Choir Anthem

Offertory Hymn Hymn #673 The first one ever, oh, ever to know

The Liturgy of the Table

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

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C (Expansive Language Version)

Presider: God 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: God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Presider: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Presider: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Presider: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

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Presider: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Presider: Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Presider: God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer Page 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei S164

Sharing the Feast *All are welcome to receive communion at Christ's table.*

Notes about receiving Communion: *The usher will direct you forward. You may ingest the bread when it is handed to you. 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 #727 (WLP) As panting deer desire the waterbrooks

Hymn #692 I heard the voice of Jesus say

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Solemn Prayer over the People

Closing Hymn Hymn #690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Dismissal

Postlude

Fellowship time in the Parish Hall follows the service.

10:30 am Worship Team

Presider/Preacher	The Rev. Lynne Markova
Music Director	Jennifer Pipia
Lectors	Janet Goodwin Kathy Couch
Eucharistic Minister	Kathy Couch
Altar Guild	Team 2
Bread	Laurie Neuenschwander
Coffee Hour	Last names: G-L
Usher	Shelly Brown
Technical Assistance	Barney Truman

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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.

