



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Port Townsend, Washington

Season of Creation Pentecost XVI Proper 19A



**September 13, 2026
10:00 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.

10:00 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 #400 All creatures of our God and King

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic-es, let us
 * 2 Great rush-ing winds and breez-es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a-
 * 3 Swift flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo-ther earth, you day by day un-fold your bless-ings on our

1 sing: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Bright burn-ing
 2 loft, O praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! Fair ris-ing
 3 hear, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Fire, so in-
 4 way, O praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! All flowers and

1 sun with gold-en beams, pale sil-ver moon that gen-tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re-joice, stars night-ly shin-ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce-ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo-ry al-so show:

Refrain
 O praise him, O praise him, Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

The Liturgy of the Word

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

People: Glory to God, forever and ever.

Collect for Purity

(Book of Common Prayer)

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

Hymn of Praise

Hymn #885 (WLP) A Song of Creation

1. Let all cre - a - tion bless the Lord, till heav'n with praise is ring - ing.
 2. All liv - ing things up - on the earth, green fer - tile hills and moun - tains,
 3. O men and wo - men ev - ery - where, lift up a hymn of glo - ry;

Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir up the an - gels' sing - ing.
 sing to the God who gave you birth; be joy - ful, springs and foun - tains.
 let all who know God's stead - fast care tell our sal - va - tion's sto - ry.

Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet! Make mu - sic, day, night, cold and heat: ex -
 Lite wa - ter life, bright air - borne birds, wild rov - ing beasts, tame flocks and herds: ex -
 No tongue be si - lent; sing your part, you hum - ble souls and meek of heart: ex -

alt the God who made you.
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The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson
Psalm 114

Exodus 14:19-31



Cantor When Israel came out of Egypt, Alleluia!
Everyone The house of Jacob from a people of strange speech, Alleluia!
Everyone Judah became God's sanctuary, Alleluia!
 And Israel his dominion, Alleluia!
 The sea beheld it and fled; Alleluia!
 Jordan turned and went back. Alleluia!!
 The mountains skipped like rams, Alleluia!
 And the hills like young sheep. Alleluia!
 What ailed you, o sea, that you fled? Alleluia!
 O Jordan, that you turned back? Alleluia!
 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? Alleluia!
 You little hills like young sheep? Alleluia!
 Tremble, o earth, at the presence of the Lord, Alleluia!
 At the presence of the God of Jacob, Alleluia!
 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water, Alleluia!
 And flint-stone into a flowing spring. Alleluia!

Second Lesson
The Gospel
The Sermon
Nicene Creed

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

The Rev. Lynne Markova

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 worshipped 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

Leader: Trusting in God, the wellspring of all life, let us offer our prayers for all creation and for all people, saying: Creator God, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the Church throughout the world, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Phil, our Bishop; and Lynne, our priest; and for all lay ministers, bishops, priests, and deacons. At St. Paul's, we especially remember all who are involved in Justice and Outreach ministries. We pray that all who minister in your name may be rivers of justice and grace, pouring out love upon a parched world. Creator God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for our nation, that all of our elected officials may be inspired to support policies that serve the common good, especially those that protect and sustain the earth, our common home. Creator God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the needs of the world. For all who suffer from poverty, injustice, famine, and from the ravages of climate change. Teach us to revere the natural world, and inspire us to walk gently, as faithful stewards of your creation. Creator God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the needs of this community. For all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, that they may experience love and renewal. We especially remember those we name now, either silently or aloud....
(pause)

We remember those who travel near or far, especially any we name now.... (pause)

We give thanks for the blessings of this life, especially these blessings we name now, either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.... (pause). Creator God,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially remembering our own beloved dead. (pause) May they know the still waters of your eternal peace. Creator God,

People: 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

Birthday:

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary:

God of tenderness and strength, you brought the paths of these people together and led them to this day. May your blessings continue through good times, through times of struggle and through change. Bless their home, their partings and their meetings. Make them worthy of each other's best, tender with each other's dreams, and trusting in your love, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Prayer for Travel:

God be with you in every pass, Jesus be with you on every hill,
 Spirit be with you on every stream, headland and ridge and lawn;
 Each sea and land, each moor and meadow, Each lying down, each rising up,
 In the trough of the waves, on the crest of the billows,
 Each step of the journey you go – God be with you.

Offertory Sentence

Presider: O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

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Choir Anthem

Offertory Hymn

Hymn #407 Most High, omnipotent, good Lord

Introduction



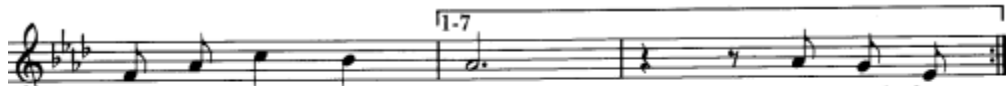

1 Most High, om - ni - po - tent, good Lord, to thee be
 2 (My Lord be) praised by bro - ther sun who through the
 3 (My Lord be) praised by sis - ter moon and all the
 4 (By sis - ter) wa - ter be thou blessed, most hum - ble,



1 cease-less praise out - poured, and bless - ing with - out mea - sure.
 2 skies his course doth run, and shines in bril - liant splen - dor:
 3 stars, that with her soon will point the glit - tering hea - vens.
 4 use - ful, pre - cious, chaste; be praised by bro - ther fire; —



1 From thee a - lone all crea - tures came; no one is
 2 with bright-ness he doth fill the day, and sig - ni -
 3 Let wind and air and cloud and calm and weath - ers
 4 joc - und is he, ro - bust and bright, and strong to



1 wor - thy thee to name. 2 My Lord be
 2 fies thy bound - less sway. 3 My Lord be
 3 all, re - peat the psalm. 4 By sis - ter
 4 light - en all the night.

The Liturgy of the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 2 (*Enriching our Worship*)

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.



We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time, you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the One who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with [] and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

The Fraction Anthem



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 Hymns

Hymn #795 (WLP) Come now, O Prince of Peace

1. Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one bod - y,
 2. Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y,
 3. Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior,
 4. Come, Hope of U - ni - ty, make us one bod - y,

come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

I've got peace like a river

1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
 2. I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a
 3. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an

1.
 riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my
 foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain in my
 o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in my

soul. I've got riv - er in my soul.
 soul. I've got foun-tain in my soul.
 soul. I've got o - cean in my soul.

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

Recessional Hymn

Hymn #121 (VF)

Come, sing the joy of Miriam

1 Come, sing the joy of Mir - i - am, for
 2 Our faith - ful God of de - liv - ers us when
 3 Come, jour - ney on with Mir - i - am, em -

she has seen dry land. Come, dance with her as
 en - e - mies as - sail, the world will bring false
 pow - ered, strong and free. Come, live our praise through

now we join this grate - ful, glo - rious band.
 prom - is - es. Our God will still pre - vail.
 all our days, serv - ing God's fam - i - ly.

Dismissal

Postlude

The Parish Picnic Potluck in the Parish Hall follows the service.

**Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in Memory of Bill Maxwell and my sister, Kitty, by Sue Maxwell.**

Worship Team

Presider and Preacher	The Rev. Lynne Markova
Music Director	Jennifer Pipia
Lectors	Nancy Budd-Garvan Sue Cook
Eucharistic Ministers	Nancy Budd-Garvan Bonnie Handley
Bread Baker	Laurie Neuenschwander
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Altar Guild	Team 1
Coffee Hour	Parish Picnic Potluck

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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.

