



Saint Paul's Parish

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

Preacher & Celebrant

The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist

We extend a warm welcome to everyone who has joined us this morning.
We pray you experience the presence and love of Christ
as we worship together!

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Prelude

“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

Franklin Ritter

All stand as able

Opening Hymn

“Christ is made the sure foundation”

[Hymnal 518](#)

The Word of the Lord

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant: 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.**

Gloria in excelsis (*Please stand as able*) “Glory to God”

Hymnal S-280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together. **Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The First Lesson

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:1-5,15-16

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

The Epistle

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation - if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Response “Word of God, come down on Earth”

Word of God, come down on Earth, living rain from heaven descending;
Touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heaven to die, crucified for our salvation,
Saving Word, the world restoring, speak to us, your love outpouring.

Words: James Quinn (1919-2010); Music: *Liebster Jesu*, Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926)

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

John 16

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “I have said these things to you to keep you from stumbling. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God. And they will do this because they have not known the Father or me. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

“A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me.” Then some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying to us, ‘A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and ‘Because I am going to the Father?’” They said, “What does he mean by this ‘a little while?’ We do not know what he is talking about.” Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Are you discussing among yourselves what I meant when I said, ‘A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me?’ Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is in labor, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name,

he will give it to you. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures, but will tell you plainly of the Father. On that day you will ask in my name. I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father.”

His disciples said, “Yes, now you are speaking plainly, not in any figure of speech! Now we know that you know all things, and do not need to have anyone question you; by this we believe that you came from God.” Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Response “Word of God, come down on Earth”

Word that speaks your Father’s love, one with him beyond all telling.

Word that sends us from above God the Spirit, with us dwelling,

Word of truth, to all truth lead us, Word of life, with one Bread feed us.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand as able)*

**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 worshiped 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.

The Prayers of the People

Please stand, sit, or kneel as able for the prayers.

Intercessor: Holy God, as we look at the life of Stephen, we ask for the boldness to stand for truth. Help us not to fear those who threaten us, but to trust our spirit into your hands. We pray for the Church and its mission. May the Holy Spirit convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment through our witness. Grant us the courage to speak your truth plainly and the grace to live as reflections of your love. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth. We pray that the Spirit would guide us into all truth, opening our eyes to see your word and our ears to hear your voice. May we be a people led not by our own understanding, but by your divine wisdom. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Lord, fill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the grace to forgive, that we may look upon our enemies and those who hurt us not with anger, but with the forgiving love of Stephen. Give us the strength to pray for their salvation, rather than their punishment. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Lord Jesus, you warned us that in this world we would have tribulation, but you promised us your perfect peace. We pray for peace in a troubled world. We lift up all those facing trials, anxiety, or suffering today. Help us to "take heart," knowing that you have already overcome the world. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Gracious Father, we pray for the weary and the grieving. Just as You promised the disciples that their sorrow would turn to joy, we ask for Your comfort to rest upon those in seasons of lament. Remind us that our trials are but for a "little while" and that Your joy is a treasure that no one can take away. We now pray for those in need as we remember those who have asked for our prayers.

(Please add your own intercessions or thanksgivings out loud or in the silence of your heart.)

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers:

Heavenly Father, we rest in the knowledge that you love us because we have loved your Son. Strengthen our faith so that we may approach your throne with confidence, asking in Jesus' name and receiving that our joy may be full. We commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy and the victory of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Please kneel as able

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

Silence may be kept.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: 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.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

• *May birthdays & Anniversaries.*

All stand as able for hymns

Offertory Hymn

“Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy”

[Hymnal 482](#)

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

(Remain standing as able)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: 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.

Celebrant: It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. For through your Son Jesus Christ you have called us out of darkness into your wonderful light, a chosen race and holy nation.

Therefore countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus

Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

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You may stand, sit or kneel.

Celebrant: We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering

to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**All: We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Celebrant: Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Paul and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

- *Please follow the ushers directions for receiving the Eucharist at the altar rail.*
- *Let an usher know if you prefer to remain seated at your pew for distribution of the Bread and Wine.*

Communion Hymn

“Alleluia! sing to Jesus!”

[Hymnal 460](#)

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, may we who have received this holy communion, not go through this day without proclaiming your excellencies to others. As a chosen race and a holy nation, strengthen us to be a royal priesthood for the people among whom we live and work; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. Therefore go out as God’s own people to proclaim the mighty acts of God in Christ. **Amen.**

And may God be your rock and your refuge;

May Christ Jesus take you to himself and be with you always;

And may the Holy Spirit open heaven wide before you, that you might see the glory of God in all the things of earth. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

“Praise, my soul, the King of heaven”

[Hymnal 410](#)

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

“Be Joyful in the Lord”

Marc Jordan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHLIGHTS:

Coffee Hour Conversations - Continuing this morning between the services, we're holding a parish-wide event called: "Coffee Hour Conversations." Each Sunday, thru May 31st, as a whole parish we're gathering in Crocker Hall between the services for some open discussion about giving. Fr. Nate will be leading these discussions, alongside Dan Bacon, and our guide for this journey will be Randy Alcorn's inspiring little book: [*The Treasure Principle*](#).

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Chronic Pain Support Group - Living with chronic physical pain can feel isolating and overwhelming, but you don't have to face it alone. Our monthly, peer-led support group provides a welcoming space to connect, share experiences, and support one another. For more info contact chronicpain@saintpaulsbrookfield.com.

UPCOMING:

Mother's Day Memorials - Mother's Day is May 10th. Anyone wishing to have flowers on the altar in loving memory of a mother, please make your check payable to St. Paul's Church, with the name or names of those to be remembered on the memo line. All memorials are due by Sunday, May 3rd. Contact David Szen with any questions at 917-226-9136 or dszen@yahoo.com.

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE:

Name Tags - Please be courteous to fellow parishioners, newcomers, and guests by extending a warm welcome to them and by wearing your name tag. You can leave them in the baskets at the doors as you leave for refiling. And remember to wear them to coffee hour.

Sunday School - Sunday School classes start at 11:45 am. Please bring your children directly to their classrooms.

Prayer Needs? - You can let us know by submitting your need on our website or emailing prayerchain@saintpaulsbrookfield.com and our team of intercessors will pray for your request or you can ask for a prayer servant to call you and we can pray together!

The Priest-in-Charge Weekly - Fr. Nate has a weekly e-mail, "*The Priest-in-Charge Weekly*," to communicate things directly from his desk to yours. If you did not receive his e-mail this week and would like to, write Fr. Nate at priest@saintpaulsbrookfield.com and let him know.

Our Facilities - Our restrooms are located downstairs at the rear of our parish hall. Take the stairway to the right as you exit the sanctuary. The restrooms are located on the far left, across from the kitchen. A play area for our young ones is also set up in the parish hall as well as live streaming and audio of the service on a wide screen TV. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.

Calendar For The Week

(We welcome and encourage parishioners to come to any of these ministries.)

(Check website for up to date Zoom links - www.SaintPaulsBrookfield.com)

- Sun., May 3 8:00 am - **Traditional Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)
 9:30 am - Coffee Hour Conversation, Crocker Hall
 10:30 am - **Contemporary Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)
 11:45 am - Sunday School
 11:45 am - Young Adult Forum, Guild Room)
- Mon., May 4 7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
- Tue., May 5 9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
- Wed., May 6 10:00 am - **Holy Eucharist & Healing** (YouTube Live)
 12:00 pm - Noonday Prayer Meeting, Guild Room
 7:00 pm - Ladies Evening Zoom Bible Study (Zoom)
- Thu., May 7 9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room
 11:30 am - Chronic Pain Support Group, Guild Room
 7:30 pm - Property Committee, Guild Room
 7:30 pm - Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- Fri., May 8 10:00 am - St. Paul's Walking Group, Cherry Grove Preserve, Newtown
- Sat., May 9 7:30 am - John 21:12 Group, Theo's Downtown Diner, New Milford
 8:00 am - Men's Prayer Breakfast, Crocker Hall
 10:00 am - PraiseMoves, Crocker Hall (Zoom)
- Sun., May 10 8:00 am - **Traditional Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)
 9:30 am - Coffee Hour Conversation, Crocker Hall
 10:30 am - **Contemporary Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)
 11:45 am - Sunday School
 11:45 am - Young Adult Forum, Guild Room)



Next Sunday - Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate

Readings for May 10th

[Acts 17:22-31](#) - [Psalm 66:7-18](#) - [1 Peter 3:13-22](#) - [John 17](#)

