



# Saint Paul's Parish

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## The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 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!

### Saint Paul's Staff

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*All stand as able***Opening Hymn**

"I sing the almighty power of God"

[Hymnal 398](#)**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. **O** God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 66:7-18**

Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
**make the voice of his praise to be heard;**

Who holds our souls in life, \*  
**and will not allow our feet to slip.**

For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
**you have tried us just as silver is tried.**

You brought us into the snare; \*  
**you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; \*  
**but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, \*  
**which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; \*  
**I will give you oxen and goats.**

Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
**and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
**and his praise was on my tongue.**

If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
**the Lord would not have heard me;**

But in truth God has heard me; \*  
**he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
**nor withheld his love from me.**

## The Epistle

## 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as able for the Gospel)*

## The Gospel

**John 17**

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

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that



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.

### Litany for Mothers \*

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

- Intercessor: All who gather here are sons or daughters.  
**All: We praise God for the women who gave us life.**
- Intercessor: For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,  
**All: We give God thanks and praise.**
- Intercessor: For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,  
**All: We pray for peace.**
- Intercessor: For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,  
**All: We pray for healing.**
- Intercessor: For mothers who have died, that live no longer with us, but whose light  
shines on in our hearts and memories,  
**All: We pray for those that mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.**
- Intercessor: For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,  
**All: We weep with those with broken hearts.**
- Intercessor: For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary,  
**All: We pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.**

- Intercessor: For those who are preparing emptier nests,  
**All: We both celebrate and mourn with you, and hope their wings are as strong as their roots are deep.**
- Intercessor: For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,  
**All: We pray for wisdom and patience.**
- Intercessor: For Grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,  
**All: We pray that the caregivers have those who care for them.**
- Intercessor: For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for adoptive process to be fulfilled.  
**All: We wait eagerly with you, and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.**
- Intercessor: For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others,  
**All: We give God thanks and praise.**
- Intercessor: For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world. For the women who, created in the image of God, give not just life, but abundant life. For women fighting, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others. For women caring, compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ. For the caregivers, prophets, preachers, teachers, leaders, shepherds, healers. For Moms, in their wide variety and many forms,  
**All: We give God thanks and praise.**
- Intercessor: We remember before God all who are in any need and who cry out for the presence of God.

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

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers:

Lord Jesus, who wishes to gather your people as a mother hen gathers together her brood, we offer to you our prayers. Accept our gratitude for all who mother, bless all who mother, and give all mothers your comfort and strength. And help all of us, brothers and sisters, to be your family on earth, as we shall be in Heaven. **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.

*All stand as able for hymns*

## Offertory Hymn

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

[Hymnal 405](#)

## 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 by sending your Son Jesus Christ, you have made known to us your infinite love, and through him, you have called us to have that same love in our hearts for you and for one another.

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**                    “Let us break bread together on our knees”                    [Hymnal 325](#)

**Communion Hymn**                    “Fairest Lord Jesus”                    [Hymnal 383](#)

## Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty and everlasting God, you have restored us to eternal life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ your Son: mercifully grant that this Paschal sacrament, which you have given to us as spiritual food, may fill our hearts with love and strengthen us for your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Blessing

Celebrant: Go now. Christ sends you into the world just as he himself was sent into the world. Delight in the Lord’s teaching, testify to his resurrection life, and share in the ministry of his people. **Amen.**

And may God protect you from the evil one;

May Christ Jesus give you God’s word and make you his own;

And may the Holy Spirit sanctify you in the truth, and fill you with the joy of God. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn**                    “O Jesus, I have promised”                    [Hymnal 655](#)

## Dismissal

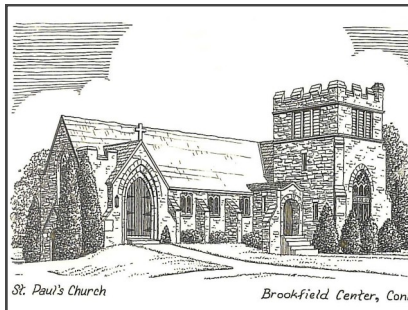
Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

“Postlude in D Major”

Johann Caspar Ferdinand Fischer



*St. Paul's Church*

*Brookfield Center, Conn.*

*“Celebrating 241 years in the Spirit”*



## Mothers Day Flowers

Irene P. Allen

Francesca Barbieri

Lillian Bennett

Alberta Buck

Elizabeth Covell

Mary E. DeCarlo

Mary Diehl

Terry Fletcher

Irene Hornak

Frances McRoberts

Ruth Morrison

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Jane Ryder

Jane Schultz

Marie Sherk

Muriel Sparling

Barbara Trask

Lois A. Tuck

Minnie Wanzer

Beatrice Winkley

Gail S. Winkley

## 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:

**Drive-Thru Food Collection** - Our next Drive-Thru Food Collection will be this Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to noon. This will be our 159<sup>th</sup> food drive since we started doing them in April 2020!

**Hopeline Baby Bottle Campaign** - The Baby Bottle Campaign has started and continues through on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Baby bottles are available in the back of the Church, and in Crocker Hall. Hopeline is a Christian based program that is committed to caring for women and their families through free and confidential pregnancy services. Checks may be made out to St. Paul's with Hopeline noted in the memo line. Please contact Mary Perry for more information.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.SaintPaulsBrookfield.com))

- 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)
- Mon., May 11      7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
- Tue., May 12      9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
- Wed., May 13      10:00 am - **Holy Eucharist & Healing** (YouTube Live)  
11 - Noon - Drive Through Food Collection  
12:00 pm - Noonday Prayer Meeting, Guild Room  
7:00 pm - Ladies Evening Zoom Bible Study (Zoom)  
7:30 pm - Vestry Meeting, Guild Room
- Thu., May 14      9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room  
7:30 pm - Property Committee, Guild Room  
7:30 pm - Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- Fri., May 15      10:00 am - St. Paul's Walking Group, Town Line Preserve, Bridgewater
- Sat., May 16      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, (Zoom)  
11:30 am - Patricia Brought Memorial Service, Sanctuary
- Sun., May 17      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)  
12:45 am - "Golden Egg" Lunch w/Fr. Nate, Crocker Hall



### Next Sunday - Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate

Readings for May 17th

[Acts 1:6-14](#) - [Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36](#)

[1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11](#) - [John 20:19-30](#)

