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The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee

10:30 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

“Song Without Words”

James Manfield

Welcome, Announcements & Question of the Week

All stand as able

Opening Hymn

“Hail the day that sees him rise”

Hymnal 214

The Word of the Lord

Gloria

All: **Glory to God in the highest.
You sent your Holy Spirit upon your Church,
so that, in Jesus, we are united to you, Father,
with all the redeemed.
Glory to God in the highest.
We thank you that we can worship you
with prayer and praise as one with all your people.**

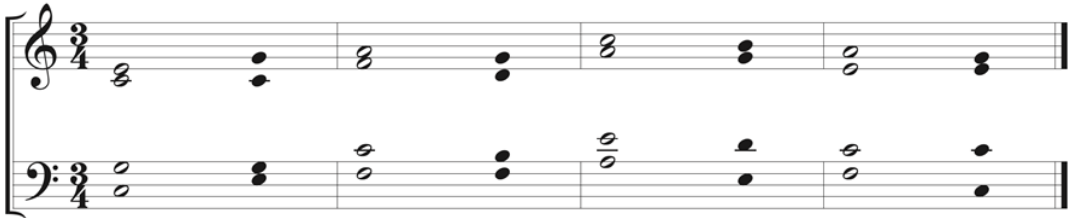
The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together. **O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36



- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be *scattered*; *
let those who hate him flee be-*fore him*.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it a-*way*; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of *God*.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before *God*; *
let them also be merry and *joyful*.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the *heavens*; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice be-*fore him!*
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of *widows*, *
God in his holy habi-*tation!*
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into *freedom*; *
but the rebels shall live in dry *places*.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your *people*, *
when you marched through the *wilderness*,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of *Sinai*, *
at the presence of God, the God of *Israel*.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your in-*heritance*; *
you refreshed the land when it was *weary*.
- 10 Your people found their home in *it*; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the *poor*.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the *earth*; *
sing praises to the *Lord*.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient *heavens*; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty *voice*.

35 Ascribe power to **God; ***
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the **skies**.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy **places! ***
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be **God!**

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

John 20:19-30

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Prayers of the People

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

Intercessor: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

For the Church throughout the world, and for all who minister in Christ's name. *[Silence]* Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For the nations of the earth, and for those in authority, that they may serve justice and peace. *[Silence]* Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For this community, our common life, and all our daily needs. *[Silence]*
Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For those who are sick, suffering, impoverished, or in any trouble. *[Silence]*
Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For the departed, that they may rest in peace, and rise in glory. *[Silence]*
Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Prayer Requests

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.**

Offertory Praise

“Stand in Your Love”

When darkness tries to roll over my bones,
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own,
When brokenness and pain is all I know,
I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken.

Chorus 1

My fear doesn't stand a chance

When I stand in Your love.

(Repeat 2x)

Shame no longer has a place to hide.
I am not a captive to the lies.
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind.
I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken.

Chorus 1

There's power that can break off every chain.

There's power that can empty out a grave.

There's resurrection power that can save.

There's power in Your name,

power in Your Name.

(Repeat)

Chorus 1

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Doxology *(a capella)*

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

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for you give us power through the Holy Spirit to be witnesses of Jesus Christ our Lord, and you call us, as your Church, to await his coming again with prayer and constant devotion..

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

William Schull
(c) 1993

1
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - - ly Ho - ly,

6
Ho - ly, Ho - - ly Lord God of po - wer and might,

10
Hea - ven and earth are full of Your glo - - ry. We praise You join -

14
ing our voice to pro - claim Your glo - - ry Ho - sa - na in the

20
high - - est Ho - sa - na in the high - - est

26
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - sa - na

31

in the high - - est Ho - sa - na in the high - - est

37

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

You may stand, sit or kneel.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, who for us and for our salvation became obedient unto death.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat: This is my Body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, shed for you and for many. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We offer this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we pray that by your Holy Spirit it may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of love and justice, making all things new in Christ.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **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 A brief silence is kept.

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

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 communion in center aisle.*
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- *Let an usher know if you prefer to remain seated at your pew for distribution of the Bread and Wine.*

Communion Praise “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

*My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace*

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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Communion Praise

“I Love You, Lord”

I love You, Lord
And I lift my voice
I worship You
O my soul rejoice!

Take joy My King, in what You hear,
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound
In Your ear.

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Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: God, you have made us your children and fed us with Jesus’ body and blood. Help us to live in peace with others, and give us the courage to love and serve you every day. We ask this through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant: All our problems.

All: We send to the cross of Christ!

Celebrant: All our difficulties.

All: We send to the cross of Christ!

Celebrant: All the devil’s works.

All: We send to the cross of Christ!

Celebrant: All our hopes.

All: We set on the RISEN Christ!

Celebrant: Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you, always. **Amen**

Recessional Hymn

“Spread, O spread, thou mighty word”

Hymnal 530

Dismissal

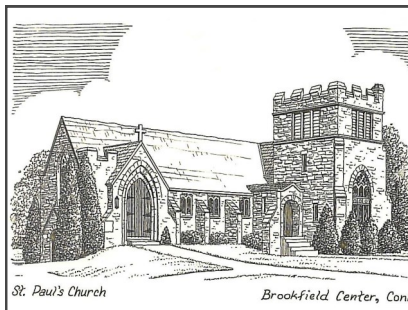
Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Postlude

“Fugue in D Minor”

Johann Pachelbel



St. Paul's Church

Brookfield Center, Conn.

“Celebrating 241 years in the Spirit”

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:

Wednesday Healing Service Town Hall & Listening Session - All are invited to a listening session about our Wednesday Holy Communion and Healing Service. As the service leadership reflects on ways to strengthen and enrich this meaningful ministry, we especially invite those who know and love the service to share their perspective on how it can best serve our parish community. Join us Wednesday, May 27th in the sanctuary immediately following the 10 am service.

Hopeline Baby Bottle Campaign - The Baby Bottle Campaign has started and continues through on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21st. 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.

UPCOMING:

Memorial Day Outreach - Next Sunday May 24th for the Brookfield Memorial Day Parade at 2 pm our front lawn outreach will be in full swing as we welcome our neighbors and wider community with free food, prayer and the love of Christ. Check with Mary Perry or Mary Beth Durkin to see how you can get involved.

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.

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 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” Luncheon w/Fr. Nate, Crocker Hall
- Mon., May 18 7:00 pm - Men’s Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
- Tue., May 19 9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
- Wed., May 20 10:00 am - **Holy Eucharist & Healing** (YouTube Live)
- Wednesday Healing Service Town Hall & Listening Session
12:00 pm - Noonday Prayer Meeting, Guild Room
7:00 pm - Ladies Evening Zoom Bible Study (Zoom)
- Thu., May 21 9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room
7:30 pm - Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- Fri., May 22 10:00 am - St. Paul’s Walking Group
- Sat., May 23 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 24 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)
1:00 pm - Memorial Day Parade



Next Sunday - Day of Pentecost

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate

Readings for May 24th

[Acts 2:1-21](#) - [Psalm 104:25-35, 37](#)

[1 Corinthians 12:3b-13](#) - [John 21](#)

