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The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 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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*All stand as able***Opening Hymn**

“Hail the day that sees him rise”

[Hymnal 214](#)**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 - mighty - 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, 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.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.

Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.

Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!

God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,

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.

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.

He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

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

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

The Epistle

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response

“We walk by faith, and not by sight”

[Hymnal 209](#)

(Verses 1 - 2)

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

John 20:19-31

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.**

Gospel Response

“We walk by faith, and not by sight”

[Hymnal 209](#)

(Verses 3 - 4)

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.

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Sean; for our Bishops Jeffrey and Laura; for Fr. Nate and Fr. John; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the one third of humanity that does not have access to the gospel; for our missionaries in Cambodia; for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers that God's generosity to us may be extended as we welcome the stranger and reach out to those who are in need. Pray for a spirit of hospitality.

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the homeless, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the departed, especially for Patricia Brought & Gail Winkley. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for all those who have a claim to our intercessions. We pray:

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

Intercessor: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers.

Celebrant: Gracious Lord, kindle our desire to seek the discipline to renew your purpose for the life you have given us to live. Fortify our faith against the prowling temptations that would devour our fragile promises to the pursuit of eternal glory in Christ. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our ascended redeemer; and the Holy Spirit, our sacred sanctifier; who live and reign with You, One God, forever and ever. **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

“Crown him with many crowns”

[Hymnal 494](#)

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 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 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



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._____

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) and a final double bar line with repeat dots.

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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 “When Christ was lifted from the earth” [Hymnal 603](#)

Communion Hymn “Fight the good fight with all thy might” [Hymnal 552](#)

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.
All: Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant: Go now, steadfast in your faith. Resist the evil one, devote yourselves to prayer, and bear witness to Christ as he makes us one. **Amen.**

And may the God of all grace restore and strengthen you;
May Christ Jesus make the divine love known to you;
And may the Holy Spirit rest upon you and give you power until all is fulfilled. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

“Spread, O spread, thou mighty word”

[Hymnal 530](#)

Dismissal

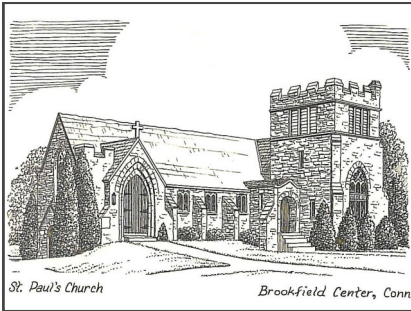
Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

“Fugue in D Minor”

Johann Pachelbel



"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](#)

