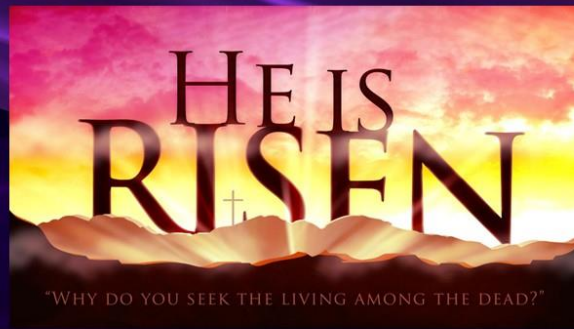




Old St. Paul's
Anglican Church



The Season of Easter

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

Holy Eucharist

Organ Prelude – Paul Tree
Serenade (Schubert)
Toccatina (Lardelli)

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Opening Hymn
CP 425 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Opening Greeting
Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.
People **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
People **And also with you.**

Collect for Purity
Celebrant Almighty God,
All **to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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 – Cantor Version (Sung)

Cantor Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,**

*almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

First Reading: Acts 17: 22 - 31

A Reading from the Book of Acts

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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, ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ 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, ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ 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.' ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ 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

Said responsively by the full verse

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

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

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

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

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

12 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.

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

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

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

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

17 But in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his love from me.

Gloria Patri – Chanted
*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

Second Reading

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 13 - 22

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ 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, ¹⁵ 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; ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ 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, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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, ²² 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.

Gospel Acclamation CP 405 Alleluia No. 1 (Refrain and Verse 1)

(Refrain)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth;

He is the king of creation.

(Refrain)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name.

Holy Gospel

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

John 14: 15 - 21

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel Response CP 405 Alleluia No. 1 (Refrain only)

Alleluia, alleluia!

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Give praise to his name.

Sermon – Reverend Patrick

Musical Presentation

**Hymn of Promise (Sleeth)
Old St. Paul's Choir**

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All **I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Flowers on the Altar

The Flowers on the Altar today are dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of loved ones; given by Shirley Woodall and family.

Prayers of the People

We pray for our church leadership, Todd our bishop; Shane our primate; Anne our Metropolitan; Christopher, National Indigenous Archbishop; Marinez, Bishop of Amazonia and Patrick our Rector, the presbyters, the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer and move our hearts to action

Today we pray especially for those who are sick or infirm that need our prayers

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and now for all those who you wish to name either silently or aloud that are in need of our prayers today.

Let us Pray to the Lord

People: Hear our prayer and move our hearts to action

We pray for those agonizing over important decisions and responsibilities, for those in leadership roles, especially government leaders around the world, that they may care for the most vulnerable and respond to their needs.

In the name of Christ our Risen Lord,

People: Hear our prayer and move our hearts to action.

We know that we have promised to serve you faithfully, and we know that we don't always live in a way that follows through with what you created us to be. We ask for forgiveness, for a renewal in our minds, hearts and spirits.

In the name of Christ our Risen Lord,

People: Hear our prayer and move our hearts to action.

Spirit of Christ, move with us and within us each day of our lives. Remind us to strive to live according to God's will and purpose, for we desire to offer your loving presence to those we meet and interact with day by day. Empower and encourage us in our faithfulness. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,
**All 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 neighbours 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 upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

CP 474 Jesus Where'er Thy People Meet

Prayer over the Gifts

God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 2

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus – CP 719 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Sung)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.*

Celebrant Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, “Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you.”

In the same way he took the cup, saying, “This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me.”

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People Amen (Sung)

The Lord’s Prayer – (Said)

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour 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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of Bread - 8 Easter Season

Celebrant Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All **Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.

All **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant Live in us, that we may live in you.

Celebrant Alleluia, the gifts of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God, Alleluia!**

The Communion

Agnus Dei – Proulx

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The introduction for the first Communion Hymn will play while Slides explaining Communion play while Choir receives their Communion.

Communion Music

Hymns: **SNC 122 Before the Throne of God Above**
 SNC 124 In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Faithful
 SNC 123 Don't Be Afraid

Prayer After Communion

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,

All **whose power, working in us,**

can do infinitely more

than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation,

in the Church and in Christ Jesus,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Benediction/The Blessing

Amen- Sung

Announcements

Closing Hymn

CP(1938) 343 Lord of Life and King of Glory (tune CP 143)

Dismissal

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

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

Organ Postlude – Paul Tree

Processional in C (Hopson)

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