

*Celebrating Christ's Presence
In a Changing World*

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 9, 2022

10:30 am

Prelude

“Gather Us In ”

John Behnke (1953-)

Opening Hymn

Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #649

Gather Us In

Welcome by the Rev. Sarah Hurlbert

The people stand as they are able,

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

*Celebrant
People*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
**And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.**

*Celebrant
People*

There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;

*Celebrant
People*

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

GLORIA

**God is Love: let heav'n adore him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heav'ns above,
he who breathes through all creation,
he is Love, eternal Love.**

-The Hymnal 1982 #379 (v. 1)

Collect of the Day

*Celebrant
People*

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Celebrant Let us pray

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

Amen.

(The people sit for the readings)

First Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

Thus says the LORD,
 he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
 and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the LORD your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
 Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
 and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
 nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth--
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People **Thanks be to God**

Remain seated.

PSALM 29

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Epistle

Acts 8:14-17

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
People **Thanks be to God**

All stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn **Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #680**
Borning Cry

The Holy Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon The Reverend Sarah Hurlbert

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **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.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, Whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

The Prayers of the People

(The people may continue to stand or kneel)

Intercessor Please respond to each petition with “Hear our prayer.”

Intercessor As the prophet Isaiah proclaimed, “Arise, shine; for your light has come”; empower your Church, O God, proclaim the Good News of the Light of your son Jesus, which pierces even the deepest darkness. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor As a star rose high to draw the nations to the Christ-child; send your blessing, O God, on this nation, and every nation, and draw the whole world to your peace and truth.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor As John the Baptist guided people to the edge of the wilderness and baptized Jesus in the River Jordan, we pray that you would guide our country and our leaders to the ways of justice and righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Like the Magi who traveled from afar to bring gifts and celebrate the Savior’s birth; we pray for this church, the discernment of our own gifts and how best to use them.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor As Jesus climbed the mountaintop, and proclaimed blessings upon all people; we pray for the sick, the distressed and the poor in our community. Especially(_____); and all residents of our local shelters. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor As Jesus called his disciples to leave their nets and boats and follow him; we pray for those who have answered your call to

follow Jesus in ministry. Give them your peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

People

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Jesus Christ, Light of the World, hear our prayers, and make us reflections of your Light, that the places of darkness in our world would be pierced by your Light, and that all nations would be drawn to you and be overwhelmed with joy. **Amen.**

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins to God.

(silence is kept)

All

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements - Noisy Offering

Celebrant But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.
-Luke 2:10

Doxology (*all stand*)

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

The Presider says,

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. -Ephesians 5:2

Meditation *Borning Cry* Robert A. Hobby (1962-)

(please kneel or stand as you are able)

The Great Thanksgiving

The Great Thanksgiving musical notation consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the People, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The notation includes a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, and the staves are labeled "Celebrant" or "People" at the beginning of each line.

Celebrant:

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth filled with 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.**

-Worship & Rejoice Hymnal # 738

The Celebrant continues:

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human

family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. +++

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The Celebrant continues:

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

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 period of Silence is kept)

Hymn S154

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Presider says,

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.

Communion Hymns

Worship & Rejoice #522

Shall We Gather at the River

Worship & Rejoice #461

Breath on Me, Breath of God

After Communion, the Celebrant says,

Let us pray.

We pray with those worshipping with us online and here with us:

Celebrant and People,

Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying,

Life is short, and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind....

and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen**

Closing Hymn: Worship & Rejoice #561
Christ for the World! We Sing

Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Christ for the World! We Sing* Kenneth Kosche (1937-)



- ❖ ALTAR FLOWERS for today are GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and IN LOVING MEMORY of our parents Emeliana & Donato Galpo and Maria & Feliciano Alipit by John and Jo Alipit; and IN LOVING MEMORY of my parents Neil & Dorothy Colestock and my husband Mike by Cheryl Gumper.
- ❖ THE AUMBRY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK TO THE GLORY of GOD and IN LOVING MEMORY of my husband Kendall by Janet Wesch.

Announcements

- **SAVE THE DATE:** Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held after the 10:30 am service on **Sunday, January 23rd**. We need people who are willing to serve on the Vestry and 3 members of St. Paul's to be our delegates for the annual Diocesan Convention.
- As of last Friday, St. Paul's will be offering our parish hall as an emergency overnight warming shelter when the “real feel” temperature is 10 degrees or below. We are partnering with the staff of the Interfaith Shelter for beds, bedding and food. They will train volunteers and we will have an organized intake system and strict Covid protocols in place. JPD will know when we are open and have their officers check in on us through the night. Volunteer help is needed on these evenings. Even if you can only serve one time, your help is greatly appreciated! Please call or email Rev. Sarah with your questions. To volunteer, visit www.interfaithshelter.com/stpaul

Worship Ministers:

The Rev. Sarah Hurlbert; The Rev. Melissa Congleton;

Julie Baglien, Organist;

Eric Magnusson, 1st Reader; Loren Swanson, 2nd Reader, LEM & Acolyte;

Barney Rudolph, Intercessor;

Dennis Marsh, Tom Holsinger-Friesen and Samuel Holsinger-Friesen, Ushers

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St. Paul's Weekly Calendar

1/9/2022 – 1/16/2022

Day	Activity	Time	Location
SUNDAY	Holy Eucharist Adult Forum Church School Holy Eucharist/ Coffee Hour	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Sm. Dining Room Upstairs Classrooms Sanctuary Holy Spirit Hall
MONDAY			
TUESDAY	Cardio Drumming Toastmasters	5:15 pm 6:00 pm	Holy Spirit Hall Sm. Dining Room
WEDNESDAY	Bible Study Holy Eucharist FB Live Compline Service	10:30 am 12:15 pm 8:00 pm	Sm. Dining Room Chapel Facebook
THURSDAY	Cardio Drumming Handbells	5:15 pm 6:00 pm	Holy Spirit Hall Chapel
FRIDAY			
SATURDAY			
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Opening Hymn: Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #649

Gather Us In

Unison *D* *A*/*C#* *C* *G* *Gm*/*Bb* *Dm*

1 Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing, shad-ows of doubt are
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery; we are the old, who
 3 Here we re-ceive new life in the wa-ters; here we re-ceive the
 4 Not just in build-ings, small and con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,

C *G* *D* *A*/*C#* *C* *G*

van-ish-ed a-way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way, here in this place the new light is shin-ing;

Gm/*Bb* *Dm* *C* *Am7* *D*

brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is God pres-ent, and now is the day.

A *C*/*G* *D*/*F#* *G* *A* *C*/*G*

Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in; our
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and

spir-its in-flame. Call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,

Gm/*Bb* *Dm* *C* *Am7* *D* *C*/*D* *Bb*/*D* *D*

we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Sequence Hymn
Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #680
Borning Cry

"I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk 'till rising sun."

In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in,
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise."

"I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold."

Words & Music: John C. Ylvisaker, 1937-; *Waterlife*

Worship & Rejoice #522

Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

2 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. *[Refrain]*

3 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. *[Refrain]*

Words & Music: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899;
Eventide

Worship & Rejoice #461

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

1 Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love whate'er you love,
and do what you would do.

2 Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with you I will one will,
to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, breath of God,
so that your will is mine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.

Words: Edwin Hatch, 1835-1889 (alt.)
Music: *TRENTHAM*; Robert Jackson, 1842-1914



Closing Hymn:
Worship & Rejoice #561
Christ for the World! We Sing

1 Christ for the world! we sing;
the world to Christ we bring
with loving zeal--
the poor and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sinsick and sorrow-worn,
for Christ to heal.

2 Christ for the world! we sing;
the world to Christ we bring
with fervent prayer--
the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost
from dark despair.

3 Christ for the world! we sing;
the world to Christ we bring
with one accord--
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.

4 Christ for the world! we sing;
the world to Christ we bring
with joyful song--
the newborn souls whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong.

Words: Samuel Wolcott, 1813-1886
Music: *ITALIAN HYMN*; Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796