Celebrating Christ's Presence In a Changing World

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2023

10:30 am

Welcome to St. Paul's! We are so happy you are with us today. If you are new or visiting, please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate.

Prelude Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Benjamin Culli (1975-)

Opening Hymn The Hymnal 1982 #7

Christ, whose Glory Fills the Skies

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free.

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.**

Song of Praise

The Hymnal 1982 #S-236

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The people sit for the readings.

First Lesson Isaiah 49:1-7

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,

the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 40:1-9

The Cantor sings the verses, and the People sing the refrain.



Psalter for Worship Year A

- 1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; * he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; * he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; * many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD. *Refrain*
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! * they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! * there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! * but they are more than I can count. *Refrain*

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians:

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

People Thanks be to God.

All stand as they are able.

The Hymnal 1982 #245

Praise God for John, Evangelist

The Holy Gospel

John 1:29-42

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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.

The Prayers of the People

Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; Intercessor

That we all may be one. People

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly Intercessor

serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people. People

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; Intercessor

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and *People*

Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of Intercessor

the world:

That there may be justice and peace on the earth. People

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight. *People*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or Intercessor

trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress. People

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Dee Ann Ziegler. Intercessor

Let light perpetual shine upon them. People

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; Intercessor People

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Intercessor

The people may add their own petitions...

The Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(silence is 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

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.

Name. Amen.

Announcements

The Offertory

Meditation Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn J. G. Walther (1684-1748)

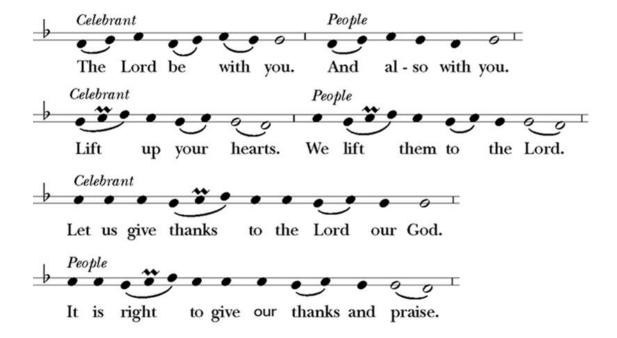
The only Son from heaven, Foretold by ancient seers, By God the Father given, In human form appears. No sphere His light confining, No star so brightly shining as He our Morning Star.

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.

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

The Holy Communion

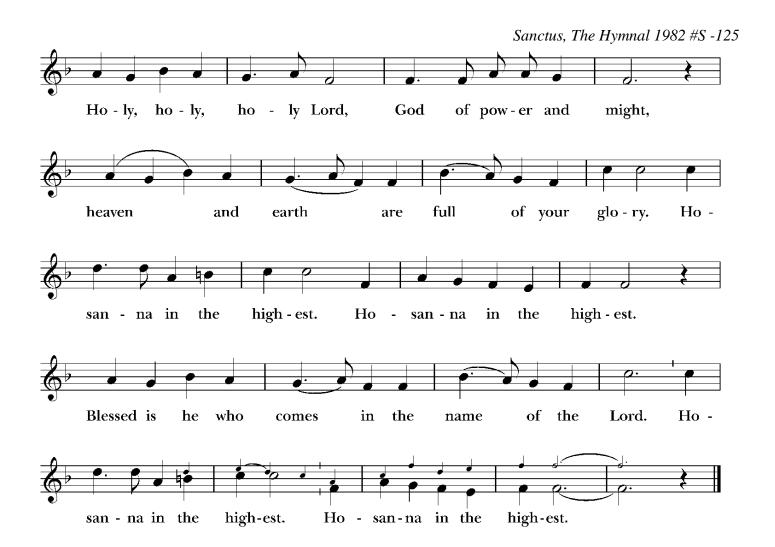
Sursum corda, The Hymnal 1982 # S-120



Celebrant,

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



The Celebrant continues,

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. \triangle

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." $\triangle \triangle \triangle$

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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." $\triangle \triangle \triangle$

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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.

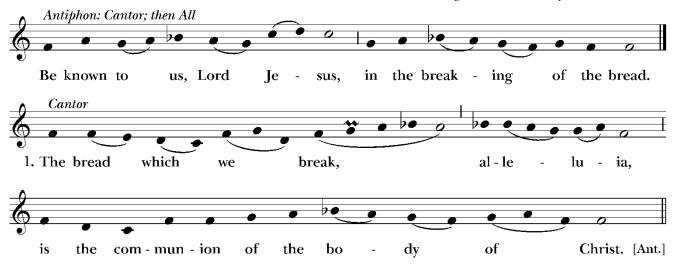


And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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

Agnus Dei, The Hymnal 1982 #S -171



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.

Everyone is invited to Holy Communion. Gluten free bread is available. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of bread and wine, please cross your hands over your chest.

Communion Hymn The Hymnal 1982 #304

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

After Communion, the Celebrant prays,

O Lord Jesus Christ, in this wonderful Sacrament you have given us a memorial of your Passion: be with those who are worshipping with us online, that as they meditate upon the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood they may perceive within themselves the fruit of your redemption and be nourished by your holy presence in their lives. **Amen**.

Celebrant and People,

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LEV Prayer

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these

holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the

communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: We who are many are one body, because we all share one

bread, one cup.

The Celebrant blesses the people.

Closing Hymn The Hymnal 1982 #542

Christ is the World's True Light

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Herr Jesu Christ, such zu uns wend' J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Worship Ministers:

The Rev. Jadon Hartsuff, Celebrant;

Julie Baglien, Director of Music and Organist; Jeff Wilkinson, Choir Director; Barb Duke 1st Reader; Christopher Lock, 2nd Reader, Natalie Magnusson, LEM Sue Hammett, Intercessor; Melaina Magnusson, LEM & Acolyte; Zoe Magnusson, Acolyte Kyle King, Bob Duke & Jan Osborn, Ushers

And special thanks as always, to our tech team - for their faithfulness & expertise!

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Dedications

❖ ALTAR FLOWERS for today are GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and IN LOVING MEMORY of my cousin Andrea Messimer-Henley by Diane Worthing; And IN LOVING THANKSGIVING of family and friends by Jim Freer.

St. Paul's Weekly Calendar 1/15/2023 – 1/22/2023

Day	Activity	Time	Location
SUNDAY	Holy Eucharist Church School Interim Forum Holy Eucharist Coffee Hour	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 11:45 am	Sanctuary Upstairs Classrooms Holy Spirit Hall Sanctuary Holy Spirit Hall
MONDAY			
TUESDAY	Toastmasters Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Library Sm. Dining Room
WEDNESDAY	Bible Study Holy Eucharist	10:30 am 12:15 pm	Sm. Dining Room Chapel
THURSDAY	Handbells Choir Practice	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Chapel Sanctuary
FRIDAY			
SATURDAY			
SUNDAY	Holy Eucharist Church School Adult Forum Holy Eucharist ANNUAL MEETING	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 11:45 am	Sanctuary Upstairs Classrooms Sm. Dining Room Sanctuary Holy Spirit Hall

Announcements

- The church office will be closed this Monday, January 16th in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- The St. Paul's Annual Meeting will be next Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023, in Holy Spirit Hall, after the 10:30 am worship service. A light lunch will be served.
- Parish Prayer List We are experimenting with a more detailed parish prayer list at the back of the church. This will help us better know how to pray and know when pastoral support may be needed. We are also experimenting with a different way of voicing our specific prayer requests to God. Names on the list will be offered during Wednesday Eucharists, which have a particular emphasis on healing, and our prayer team will continue to receive these names and pray for them individually. On Sundays, during the Prayers of the People, everyone is invited and encouraged to say aloud the names of people who are in their thoughts and prayers.
- Lay Eucharistic Visitors We are restarting the practice of taking Communion to members who are not able to come to church. Father Jadon would like to be able to send a "LEV" out most every Sunday, with the ultimate hope of a monthly LEV visit to each of our homebound parishioners. Several new/additional LEVs need to be identified and trained in order to accomplish this goal. Please talk with him if you would like to know more about this important pastoral ministry!
- February 18 Black Excellence Awards Banquet Father Jadon invites you to celebrate and honor black business owners, community organizations, leaders and aspiring entrepreneurs who have made an exceptional impact in our community. If you would like to join a St. Paul's table at the 3rd annual event, please sign up with him or Alice. Seats are \$100/person and the banquet begins at 6:00pm at the American 1 Credit Union Event Center on Ganson Street. As we remember Martin Luther King, Jr. this holiday weekend, let us also remember that the work he championed still continues and needs active support and encouragement.