



# Welcome to St. Paul's!

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Annual Meeting**

**January 26, 2025**

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The season of Epiphany celebrates the manifesting of Christ in his ministry. Today we focus on his preaching the Good News of the Kingdom of God. Jesus did not simply tell about the Kingdom. He was and is the Kingdom, embodied. When he preached in his home synagogue for the first time, this was the theme. He reads Isaiah's passage foretelling the role of Messiah in bringing about the reign of God. Then he tells the people, "This day this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The first reading recounts that period in the fifth century B.C. when, as the central event in the re-constituting of Israel as God's Kingdom, Ezra the priest and others read the Word of God to all the people. Some scholars believe that this came about because of the final formulation of the Torah as the definitive written Word of God. That event established Judaism as the religion of the Book. It is in this event that the foundations were laid for the ministry of Jesus as the preacher and teacher of the Kingdom.

Christianity is not simply a message about what once happened. In baptism, we are empowered to join Christ in proclaiming the Good News to the whole world. That ministry of ours is Paul's concern as he uses the image of the human body with all its parts and organs – all of which are essential for it to function. In the same way, Paul tells us, each of us has an essential role in the Body of Christ. Each of us is baptized in order that each may be the fulfillment of the Kingdom now. In our celebration of Eucharist, we are built into that Body, so that God's salvation may be made manifest in us.

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1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
 2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
 4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
 5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
 2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
 3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:  
 4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;  
 5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;  
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.  
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72

Music: *Es flog ein klies Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

**10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
**Please observe silence as we prepare ourselves for worship.**

**Prelude:**

*Breathe*

*Marie Barnett  
arr. Mark Hayes*

Announcements / Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

**A Prayer for the Transition and Search Ministry**

**Patricia Jamison**

*Dearest Jesus, you have been guiding us as we search for a new rector. We have almost completed our church profile which tells the story of our beautiful church, its committed and capable parishioners and what their hope is for the future. We have had the support of Father Mark who has lifted us up and is helping to keep us patient and energized.*

*A goal to recruit new families with children has been identified by the parishioners. Sadly, some families have left our parish. We know that younger people have been leaving churches of all denominations. What is it that they are looking for to meet their spiritual needs? What can we do to meet the needs of a new generation of parishioners? Gracious Jesus, guided by your Holy Spirit, help us to visualize the future of St. Paul's. Give us the understanding and willingness to accept that change may be necessary to reach that vision.*

*Most understanding Jesus, send potential candidates to St. Paul's that are willing to listen and work with our talented and faithful parishioners. Give the Search Committee wisdom and discernment as they review candidate applications and conduct interviews. Thank you, Lord, for Your guidance during the search for a new Rector and for patience during this time of transition. We know that You have a plan for our parish and we have trust in Your divine guidance. We pray all of this in Jesus's name. Amen.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*At the sound of the bell, all stand as they are able for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.*

**Proclamation Hymn**            **(Please see page 2)**

**Hymnal 616**

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

*The Celebrant says*

*Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.*

**People**            *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

*Then all join in saying the Collect for Purity*

*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.*

*All Standing*

**Song of Praise**            **(Please see page 4 & 5)**

**Hymnal 490**

*I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light (vs. 1)*

(vs.1)

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.  
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
I want to look at Je - sus.  
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and  
When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.  
show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

*a tempo*

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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## Collect for the Third Sunday after Epiphany

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            *And also with you.*

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People*            *Amen.*

## Old Testament

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

A Reading from the Book of Nehemiah.

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 19

*Caeli enarrant*

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
*and the firmament shows his handiwork.*

- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
*and one night imparts knowledge to another.*
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
*and their voices are not heard,*
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
*and their message to the ends of the world.*
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
*it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;*  
*it rejoices like a champion to run its course.*
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
*nothing is hidden from its burning heat.*
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
*the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.*
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
*the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.*
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; \*  
*the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.*
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
*sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.*
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
*and in keeping them there is great reward.*
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
*cleanse me from my secret faults.*
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; \*  
*then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.*
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
*O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.*

## The Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.

If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

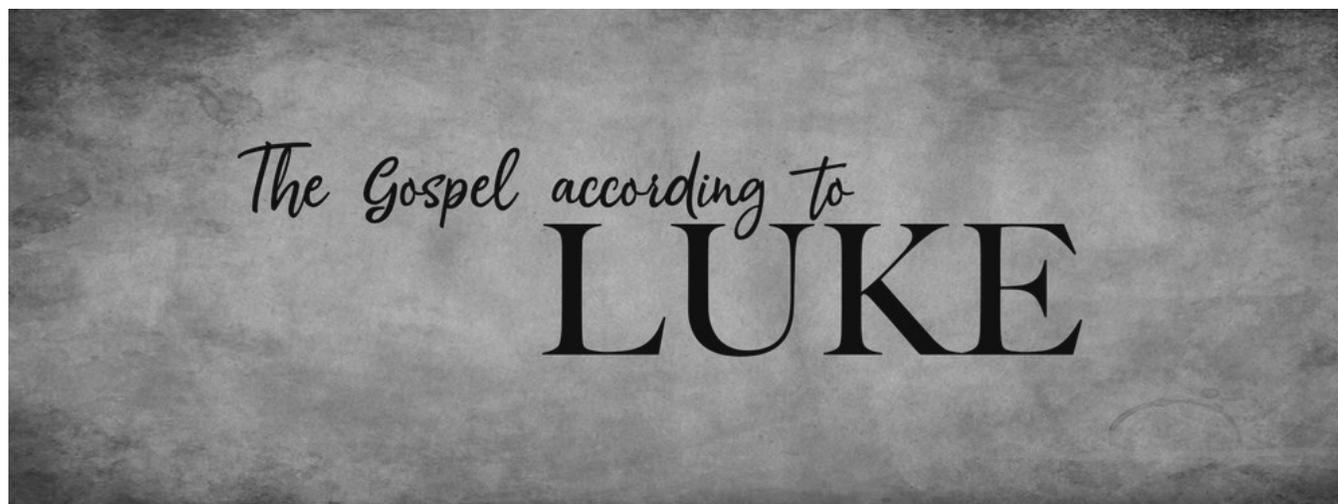
Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                    ***Thanks be to God.***

*The people stand as they are able.*

**Sequence Hymn**                    **(Please see page 9)**  
*Spread, O Spread, Thy Mighty Word*

**Hymnal 530**



1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,  
 2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;  
 3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;  
 4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;  
 5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,

1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;  
 2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;  
 3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;  
 4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.  
 5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

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## Holy Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
 because he has anointed me  
 to bring good news to the poor.  
 He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
 and recovery of sight to the blind,  
 to let the oppressed go free,  
 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*          Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **Sermon**

**The Rev. Mark Delcuze**

*The people stand as they are able.*

*Celebrant and People together say,  
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 Form I

*Leader*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
"Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our Bishop, Santosh, and for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For Centreville, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially for those on our parish prayer list, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Donald W. Anderson and Frances C. Anderson, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray for Frazier Walker, Egan Valliant, and Trevor Ayres who are celebrating their birthdays this week. We pray for Brent and Linda Carroll who are celebrating their anniversary this week.

*Silence*

*(The People may add their own thanksgivings)*

*Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of St Paul and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.  
*To you, O Lord our God.*

*Celebrant*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who created all things by your eternal Word. Hear the prayers we offer this day and breathe upon us with your Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins to God.  
*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

*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.*

### **Absolution**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 Christ be always with you.

*People*

*And also with you.*

## **Holy Communion**

### **Offertory Anthem**

*The Word of God*

*John Bowers*

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand as they are able and sing the Doxology while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

*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

### Eucharistic Prayer C

*In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.*

*The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and says*

*Celebrant* God 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.*

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

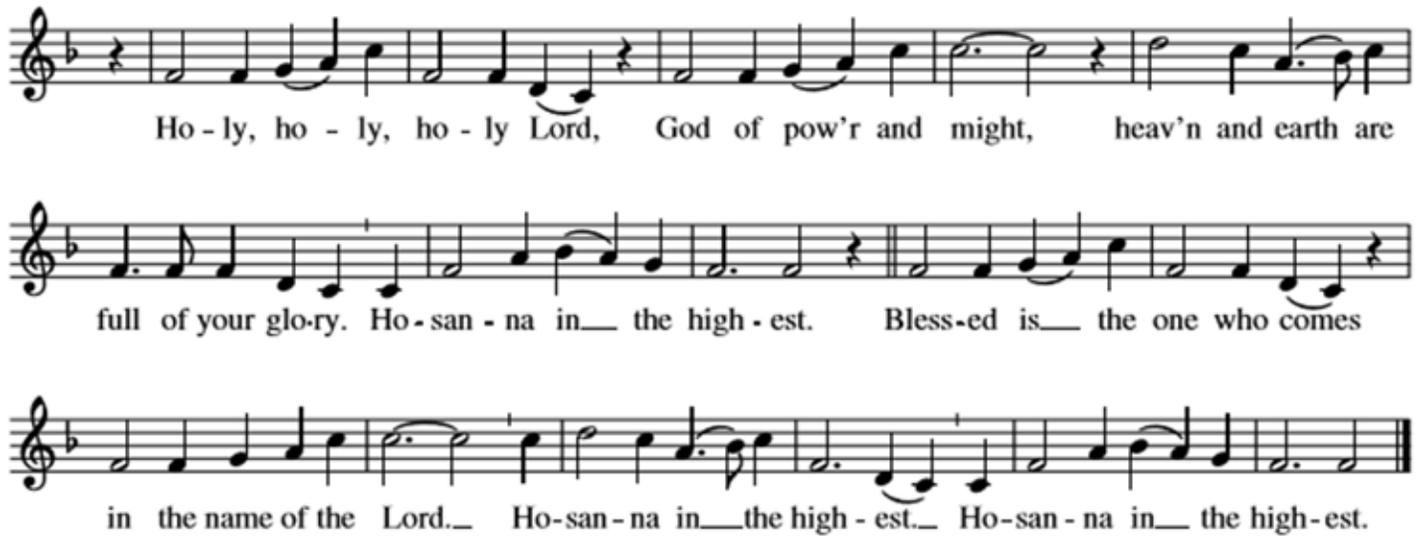
*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

*By his blood, he reconciled us.*

*By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are  
 full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in\_\_ the high - est. Bless-ed is\_\_ the one who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in\_\_ the high - est. Ho-san - na in\_\_ the high - est.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption,  
 and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
***We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection  
 as we await the day of his coming.***

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal. Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:  
*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.*

## Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

Fraction Anthem

WLP 865

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.

The musical score is written in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part is written for both the right and left hands. The vocal line begins with a rest for one measure, followed by the lyrics. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The piece concludes with a final cadence.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Communion Music**

#### **Post-communion Prayer**

*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.*

### **Blessing**

*Celebrant*

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### **Recessional Hymn (Please see page 17)**

**Hymnal 537**

*Christ For the World We Sing*

### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

### **Postlude**

*Bourree (from the Suite for Trumpet)*

*J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)*



1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to  
 2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to  
 3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to  
 4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to

Christ we bring with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and  
 Christ we bring with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward  
 Christ we bring with one ac - cord; with us the  
 Christ we bring with joy - ful song; the new - born

them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,  
 and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,  
 work to share, with us re - proach to dare,  
 souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,

sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.  
 re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.  
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.  
 in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886) Music: *Moscow*, melody Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916 based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

ST. PAUL'S PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 26, 2025

Prayer List

Please call the parish office to place a person on the prayer list, they will be on the list for four weeks. *We will bold the names of the people who are coming off the list after this week so you can call if you want them to stay on.*

Please keep the following members and friends of St. Paul's in your prayers:

Thomas Miller	Caleb Schneck	Lynn Anstatt	Jennifer Hutcherson
Sally Clark	Richards Tillman	Dot Abbott	Audra Ashley
Ben Heilman	Iris Hager	Phil Kavasilius	Klaus Liebig
Susan Mesnard	Kathryn Marchi	Abbey Rapoport	Karen Endley
Charley Johnson	Pete Caesar	Jace	Whitney Wealing
Lea Brooks	Wyatt Ewing	Kaylene Kovach	Carolyn Lee Crouse
Elaine Catchings	Trixie Seaton	Brian Feeley	Thelma Emerson
Melissa Quimper	John Stanger	Jeff Little	Jacob Caravacca
Patti C. D.	Jim Leith	Bryan Booberg	Cynthia Klingler Isaacson
Rev. Elizabeth Felicetti	Sarah Thornhill	Caleb Brown	Charlie Cawley
Paul Fleetwood	Laura Fisher	Liz Glass	JLT
Ted Wooten	Phil Meyers	Eleanor Strietman	Thomas DiLullo
The Rev. Peggy Samuels	Lynn Johnson	June Wolff	Mike Peterson
David Slaughter	Mark Onstaugh	Howard Beulah	Will and Jessica Oesterling
The Rev. Frank Crumbaugh	The Most Rev. Michael Curry	Carla	

**This Week at St. Paul's**

**Sunday:** Annual Meeting following the service, followed by a potluck brunch.

**Wednesday:** Holy Eucharist at 11:00am, followed by Healing Prayer and Meditation. Handbell Choir practices at 5:15pm. The Choir rehearses at 7:00pm.

**Mid-week Service:**

Please join us on Wednesdays at 11:00am for an informal Eucharist service. You are invited to stay for meditation and healing prayer. We will honor Thomas Aquinas.

**Haven Ministries Dinner**

Passing along this message from Susie Reckord and Mary Jourdak of Haven Ministries: "the meals have been marvelous and generous and some days there are left overs that are taken to the Resource Center for the guests for lunch". You can be sure the meals you

provide are a true blessing.

The February - April 2025 schedule for providing dinners for the Haven Ministries Shelter is now posted on the bulletin board and in Donaldson Hall. St. Paul's is scheduled for Feb 10 and 11, March 14 and 15, and April 14 and 15. Please check the signup sheets to see when you could help. When providing a dinner, it can be meat and vegetables, or a main dish casserole and salad, and bread. Dessert is optional. Drop off is at 6:30 pm at Kent Island Methodist Church.

I will let you know how many guests they are serving closer to the date. Please contact me with any questions at barbackermann@gmail.com or 443-797-4569. Thank you! Barb

**Next Week Readings:**

Malachi 3:1-4  
Hebrews 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40  
Psalm 84

**Attendance:**

This week's attendance was; 50, 34 at the 10:00am service, 7 viewed online, 9 at the Wednesday service.



## Join the Choir

As your Music Director and leader of the Choir here at St. Paul's. I am inviting any member of the congregation to join our choir. We need male and female voices. Reading music is preferred but not required, the joy of singing is.

We rehearse on Wednesdays at 7:00pm and briefly at 9:00am on Sundays. Please consider becoming a member. Contact me at 443-988-8704 or [sscaggiari@verizon.net](mailto:sscaggiari@verizon.net).

Thank you,

Stef Scaggiari



## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please Mark Your Calendar

## Annual Meeting

**TODAY!**

following the 10:00am service

### Pot Luck Brunch to Follow

A-M please bring savory

N-Z please bring sweet

### Vestry Candidates

Debra Donnelly Barton, David Larrabee, Tad Stewart

### Vestry Meeting

There will be a brief Vestry meeting following the Annual Meeting on January 26, 2025 in the Harper Room.

The purpose of the meeting is to swear in the new vestry members and to elect the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer and Registrar.



## Debra Donnelly-Barton

Debra is a life-long Episcopalian starting out in the Diocese of Alaska, worshipping in a little log church. She moved to Maryland in 1978 where she joined the Diocese of Maryland. She worked for the Diocese for a while then directly for the Bishop of Maryland as chaplain to the Commission on Ministry.

Debra began worshipping at St. Paul's in June 2021. She has been teaching the Advent and Lenten programs as well as occasionally preaching.

Debra is a seminary trained Spiritual Director with 30 years of experience. She has studied at Stillpoint, Sewanee, University of the South and General Theological Seminary in New York.

Her MA in Theology is from the EI, St. Mary's Seminary and University. She is a DM in candidate in Creative Writing and Public Theology.

'This church community has embraced me and nurtured my ministries, as well as my soul, I am so grateful to be here and honored to be asked to serve as a vestry member.'

-Debra



## David Larrabee

David is a lifelong Christian, being raised in a small Baptist Church in Penn's Neck, New Jersey. David and Carolyn came to St. Paul's from All Angels Episcopal Church in New York City. The spiritual disciplines of: prayer, bible study, meditation, and service are an integral part of his lifestyle. Currently David is a retired Physicist (PhD Cornell, 1980) who has worked at a National Laboratory, in Industry, and spent 20 years teaching physics at East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania. In addition he has earned a Master's in Business Administration, as well as a Masters in Systematic Theology from Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

David serves as a board member of Sustainable Jersey City and has taught in their sustainability certificate program. David is a fellow of the American Scientific affiliation, a Christian organization that brings science and religion in dialog. He also serves as the president of the Creation Care Affiliation of the American Scientific Affiliation and often presents at their annual meeting.

At St. Paul's David sings in the choir, and you might have heard him preach in the pulpit. He represents St. Paul's on the Diocese of Easton Creation Care Committee.

He is married to Carolyn Carney. David and Carolyn take short hikes around the area with their two dogs and enjoy the beauty of the Eastern Shore.



## Tad Stewart

I would be honored to serve as a member of the vestry and do whatever I can to help with the issues facing St. Paul's. My wife, Amy, and I recently moved to Centreville, and I feel blessed to have found St. Paul's. I have appreciated the warm welcoming we received; and I have just recently begun to serve as an usher. I am a lifelong Episcopalian, as were my parents and grandparents. I grew up on Long Island, N.Y., where my family has roots (including New York City) going back generations.

Before moving to Centreville, we lived in Washington, D.C., for 32 years. We have two boys, ages 32 and 30, both of whom live and work in Washington. I was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Chevy Chase, MD, and served as an usher and was involved in various volunteer projects. As a family, we

would visit the Eastern Shore with the boys growing up, and I've always wanted to live here someday. It's a wonderful, interesting and historic area.

For most of my career I worked as a journalist – writer, editor and executive editor – of various publications – including Dow Jones in New York, The Washington Post, as an editor focusing on international news; and Thompson Publishing Group, which publishes legal publications. After almost 30 years as a journalist, I segued into real estate and have worked for TTR Sotheby's International Realty in residential real estate for a number of years.

I have a BA from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in journalism and an MA from Columbia University in international affairs. Before UNC, I graduated from St. Paul's School in Concord, N.H., where I was head usher in the school's Episcopal chapel and an acolyte.

The vestry will be facing many challenges over the next several years, especially the search for a new rector, as well as addressing the survey results. (I know the search process well; I served on the board of trustees of a private school in Washington, D.C., and was chair of the search committee when the head of school announced her pending retirement.)

I am honored to be considered as a member of the vestry. I'm mindful of the St. Paul's School "school prayer" that has guided its students and graduates for nearly a century.

*"Grant, O Lord, that in all the joys of life we may never forget to be kind. Help us to be unselfish in friendship, thoughtful of those less happy than ourselves, and eager to bear the burdens of others, through Jesus Christ our savior. Amen."*

# May All Voices Be Heard

## St. Paul's Transition and Search Committee

Our parish is beginning a new journey of faith and hope. In the coming months, we will engage our St. Paul's community in Holy Conversations and prayers, inspired by Christ and by one another, as we seek a new Rector.

This effort must truly "hear all the voices" of St. Paul's. Therefore, before each Sunday Service, a parish member—from the Vestry, the Search Committee, or the congregation-at-large—will offer a short prayer or reflection about our parish transition. These messages will be forward looking and personal, full of joy, and hope for our community of faith.

**THIS WEEK'S PRAYER: Patricia Jamison**





Dear Diocesan Family,

Please join the Bishop in prayer for our brothers and sisters in California affected by the fires in Los Angeles. The images of the unimaginable destruction and the faces of those who have lost everything remain fresh in our minds as the news coverage continues. We pray especially for those whose lives have been lost, and their families left behind to grieve. We pray also for all first responders, including the firefighters still working to control multiple fires in the region as the winds continue.

Considering the devastation and destruction that we are witnessing, we give thanks for the safety of our homes and loved ones. In the spirit of our many blessings, we encourage anyone interested in contributing to relief efforts to make a donation to [Episcopal Relief and Development \(ER&D\)](#).

*"Episcopal Relief & Development is working with local diocesan partners to assess the needs of evacuees and provide support in the coming days. As the scope of the disaster continues to unfold, we need your help. Please make an urgent gift to our [Wildfire Response Fund](#) now."*

[support.episcopalrelief.org/wildfire-2025?sn-um=1&ID=WS25-DRR\\_250109DPALW0100&utm\\_medium=web&utm\\_campaign=fy25lawildfire&utm\\_source=WS25-DRR\\_250109DPALW0100](https://support.episcopalrelief.org/wildfire-2025?sn-um=1&ID=WS25-DRR_250109DPALW0100&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=fy25lawildfire&utm_source=WS25-DRR_250109DPALW0100)

[This article](#) released today in the Church Times highlights specifically the impact of the fires on the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles and its member churches along with ways the community is rallying around prayer and community support. Two of the Episcopal churches mentioned in the article, whose churches were destroyed, have set up pages for relief donations directly:

[St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Altadena](#)

[St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in the Palisades](#).

If you are not comfortable making your donation online using the above links, you may mail or deliver your contribution (made out to the Diocese of Easton), to Bray House at 314 North Street, Easton, MD 21601, and please include in the memo line **Bishop's Disaster Relief**. The diocese will remit your donation together with the name of your parish or personal names to ER&D. All donations will be directly deposited to the Episcopal Relief and Development office.

We continue to pray for the victims, first responders, and relief workers in the path of the fires that have affected Los Angeles.

With a grateful heart,  
+Bishop San and Bray House Staff

## St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, *Bishop*  
 Bob North, *Senior Warden*  
 Charlie Ackermann, *Jr. Warden*  
 Diane Freestate, *Treasurer*  
 Stefan Scaggiari, *Director of Music*  
 Nancy Cook, *Bell Choir Director*  
 Michele Miller, *Parish Administrator/Assistant Treasurer*  
 Elsie Ozinga, *Registrar*  
 Laura Bittinger, *Parish Nurse*  
 Matt Ward, *Production Manager*  
 Chris Pupke, *Lay Reader Director*  
 Dan Rugg, *Head Usher and Acolyte Director*  
 Coleman Sellers, *Sexton*

*The flowers on the altar are  
 given to the Glory of God  
 and in loving memory  
 Donald W. Anderson  
 Frances C. Anderson*

### The Vestry

'25 Laura Bittinger  
 Julia Eaton  
 Kim Hazuda  
 '26 Wendy Emerson  
 Judy Webster  
 Bob Ozinga  
 '27 Peggy Andrews  
 Patricia Jamison  
 Sherri Ward



*The mission of St. Paul's  
 Parish, Centreville, is to be  
 a strong and caring commu-  
 nity of faith, rooted in  
 Christ, welcoming, serving,  
 and loving all.*

<i>Ministry</i>	<i>1/26 10:00am</i>	<i>2/2 10:00am</i>
<i>Lector-Lessons</i>	Mark Freestate	Ned Aull
<i>Lector - Prayers</i>	Elsie Ozinga	Dan Rugg
<i>LEM</i>	Tom Andrews	Eleanor Strietman
<i>LEM</i>	Chris Pupke	Haley Melton
<i>Ushers</i>	Steve Parkhurst Tad Stewart Sally Cooper	Mark Freestate Tom Andrews Miranda Burak
<i>Acolytes Server Crucifer Acolyte</i>	Tom Andrews Doug Kaufmann	Eleanor Strietman Jimmy Miller
<i>Vestry Rep</i>	Need Volunteer	Judy Webster
<i>Counters Tuesdays</i>	Bob Ozinga Michele Miller	Char McClatchy Susan Johnson
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jessica Sellers Penny Lins Wendy Emerson	Sharon North Dot Abbott Kathie Moore Chrissy Aull

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