



Welcome to St. Paul's!

The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

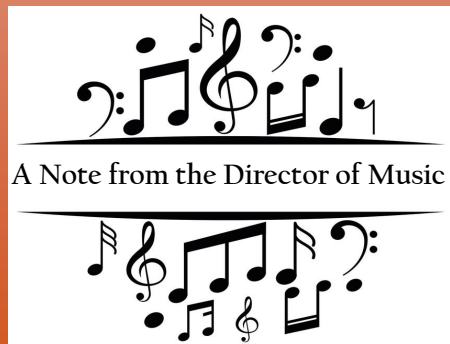
January 7, 2024

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The title "Epiphany" is from the Greek word for "showing forth" or "manifestation." This day, and the season which follows, celebrates the events by which Jesus was shown forth as the Son of God. The coming of the wise men at his birth reflects the recognition of him by the Gentiles. Thus, he is the savior of all people, not only his own people, the Jews.


In the first reading, Isaiah rejoices in the return of Israel to Jerusalem and foresees the time when all races and nations will stream to the Holy City and to the God of Israel, bringing gifts to God. This passage has long been read on this festival because of its striking resemblance to the coming of the wise men. The second reading today expresses Paul's belief that in the unity of Jews and Gentiles in the Church, the fulfillment of God's plan of redemption is revealed.

We celebrate not only an event in Jesus' life today, but also (and more importantly) the manifestation of Christ in our lives. He is shown forth in Word and Sacrament in our liturgical celebrations, and through our lives, he is shown forth to the world as the savior of all people.

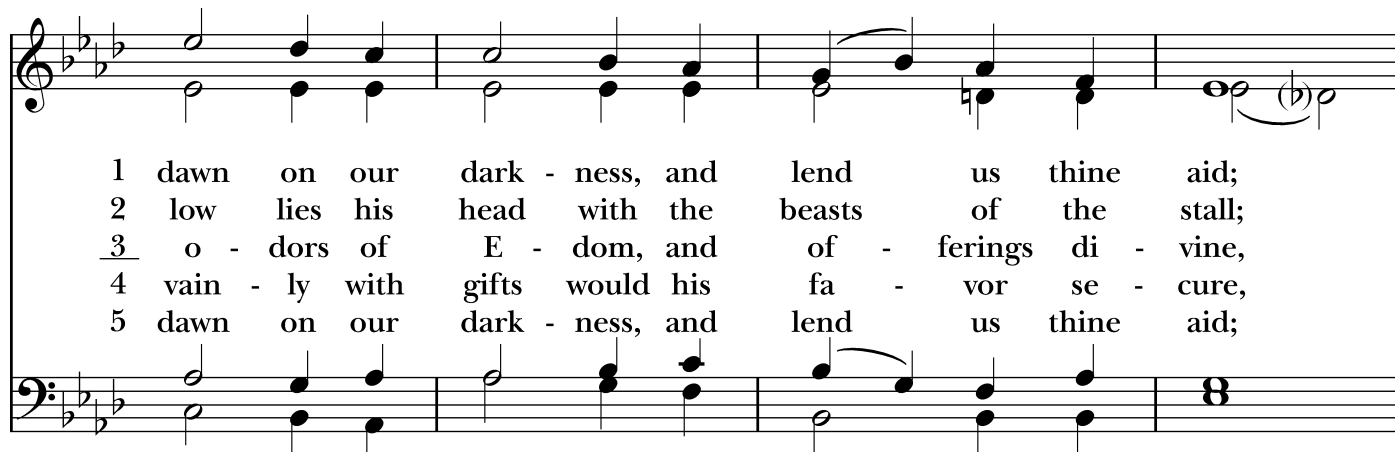
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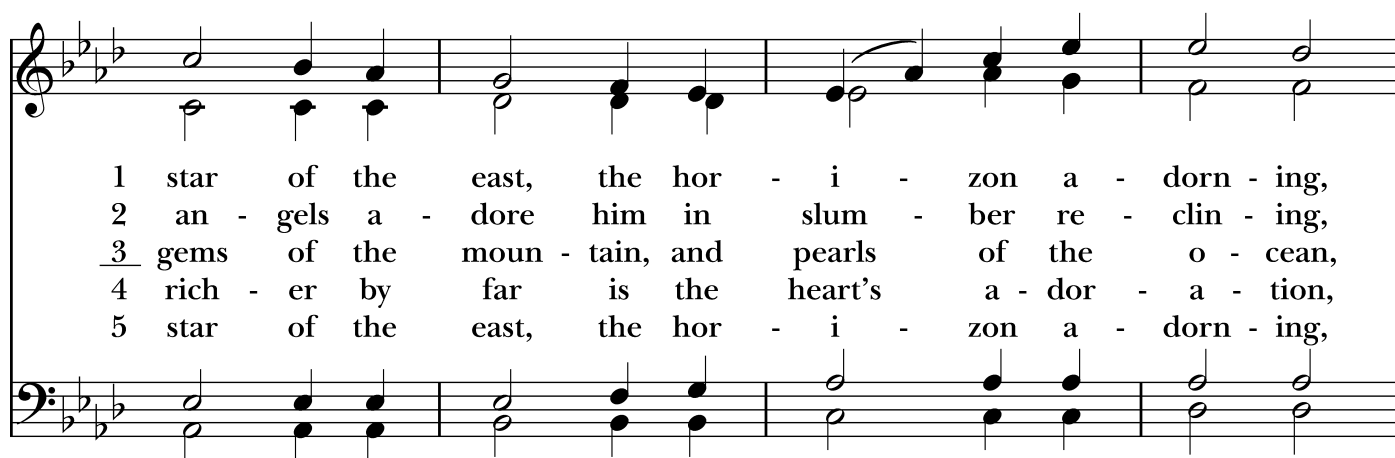
For me, Epiphany is the realization that acts of kindness will transform the world. I appreciate all the positive effort from my wonderful choir and the kindness received from all of you here at St. Paul's.



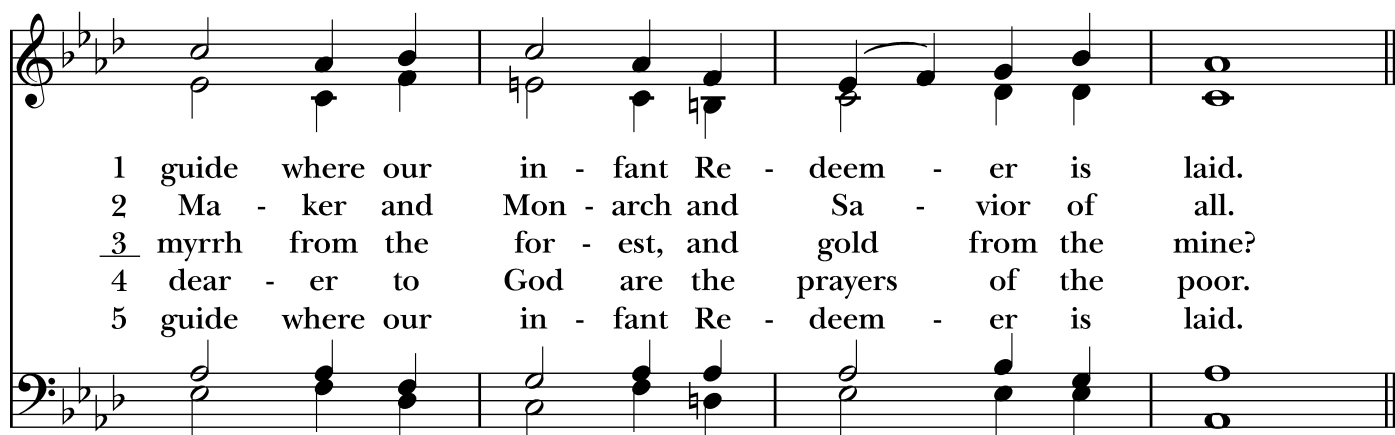
1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
 3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
 2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
 3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,
 4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,
 5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;



1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,
 2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
 3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,
 4 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,
 5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,



1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
 2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.
 3 myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?
 4 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
 5 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. Music: *Morning Star*, James Proctor Harding (1850-1911).

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

Prelude:

Mazurka op 17, no 4

*Frédéric Chopin
(1810-1849)*

The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn (please see page 2)

Brightest and Best

Hymnal 117

The Celebrant says

Celebrant + Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Celebrant says 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

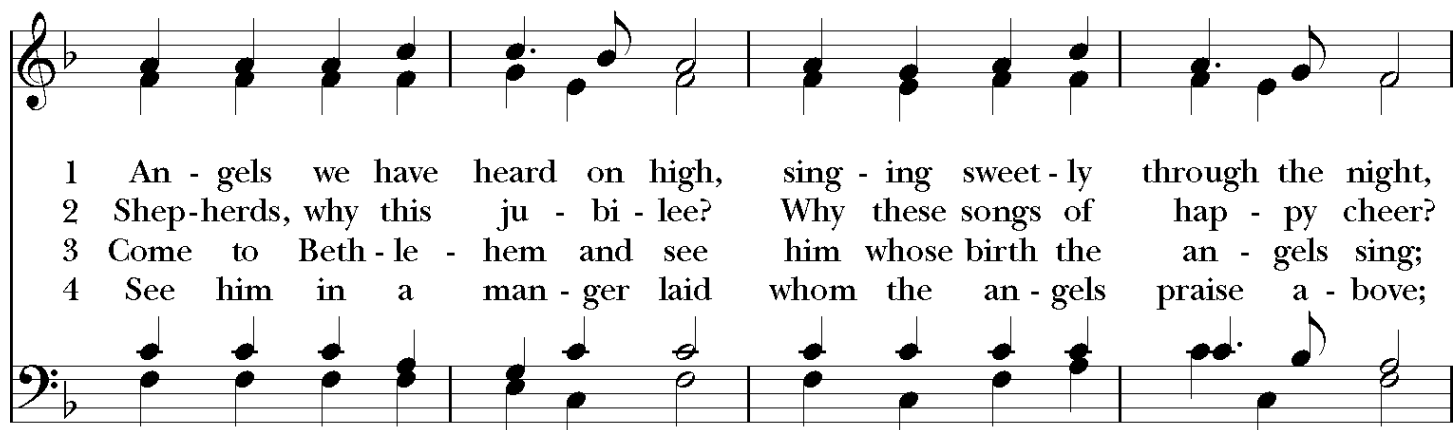
Song of Praise (Please see pages 4 and 5)

Angels We have Heard on High (vs. 1)

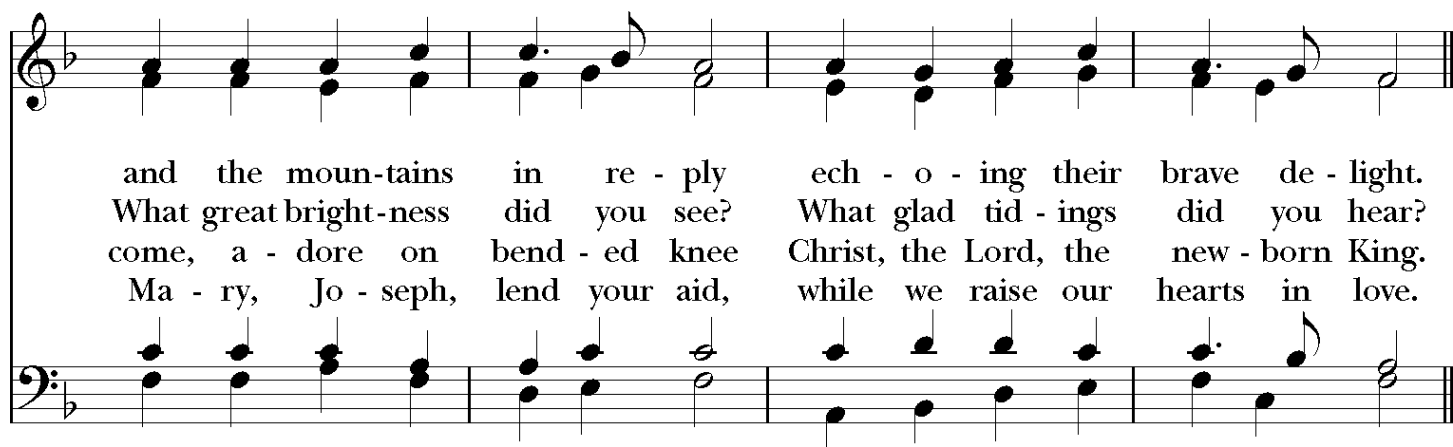
Hymnal 96



vs 1



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

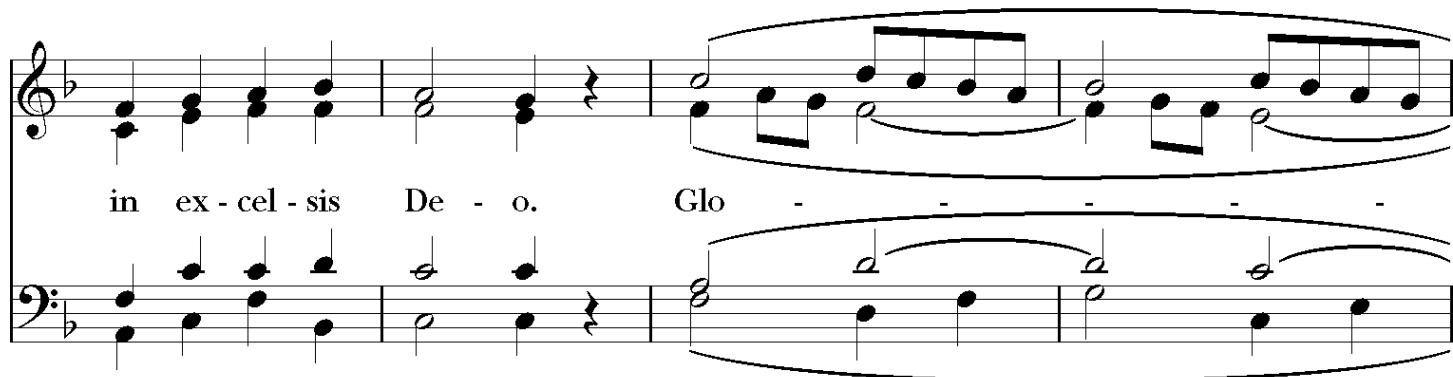


and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



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Collect for the Epiphany

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Old Testament

Isaiah 60:1-6

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

Deus, judicium

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

The Epistle

Ephesians 3:1-12

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The people stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn (Please see page 8)

Hymnal 128

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

 `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
 are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
 who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

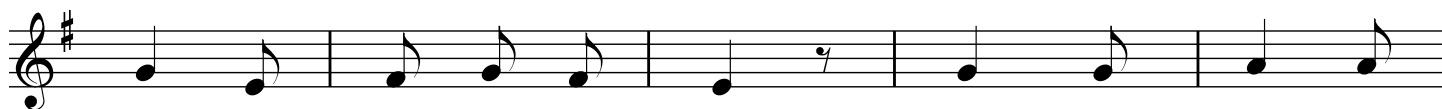
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Sermon

The Rev. Mary P. Friel



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -

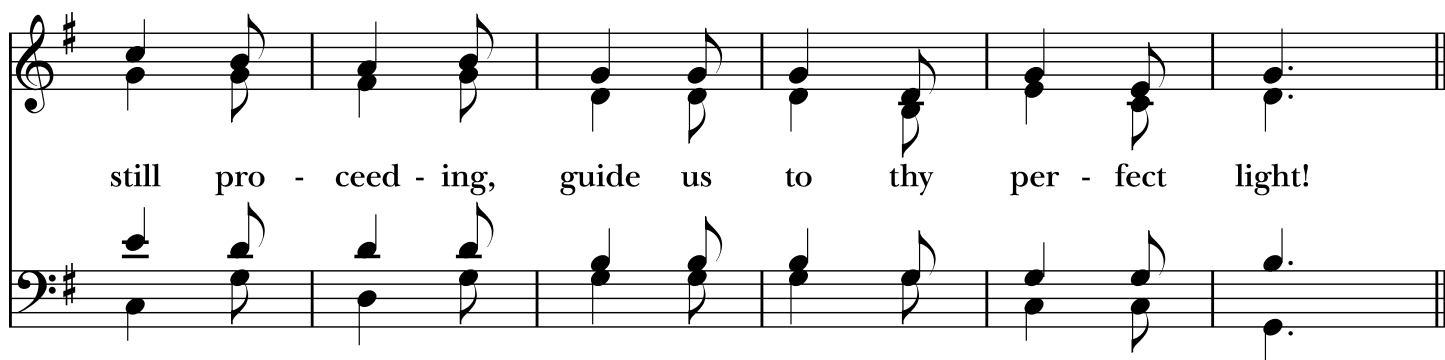


1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain

O ————— star of won - der, star of night,

star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,



Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), alt. Music: *Three Kings of Orient*, John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891).

Nicene Creed

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; for the new Daughters of the King, Becky, Helen, Melissa, Karin, and Frankie.

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.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray for Allison Ayres, Scott Hazuda, Susan Johnson, Lane Parkhurst, and Mary Shea Valliant who celebrated their birthdays last week. We pray for John Friel who is celebrating his birthday this week.

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 thanksgiving for the ordination anniversary of The Rev. Mary P. Friel.

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

Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant says

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.*

Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

See Amid the Winter's Snow

*John Goss
(1800-1880)*

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 A

The people remain standing

The Celebrant, faces them and says

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 God thanks and praise.*

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the created order, and for God's self-revelation to the human race in history;

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

(Please see page 13)

S130
Schubert

The celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Continue on Page 14

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

People and Celebrant

*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.*

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

An Invitation to Holy Communion

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion, including children. Please move at the direction of the ushers. You may stand or kneel at the Altar Rail. Please receive the wafer in open and outstretched hands and respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your request known to the minister. Receiving the bread only is full participation in the Eucharist. Wine is also available. Please refrain from intinction (dipping the bread) into the common chalice. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. Please exit the Altar Rail to your left. Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat are asked to notify an usher.

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

*After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.*

*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.*

Epiphany Blessing

Recessional Hymn (Please see page 16)
As with Gladness Men of Old

Hymnal 119

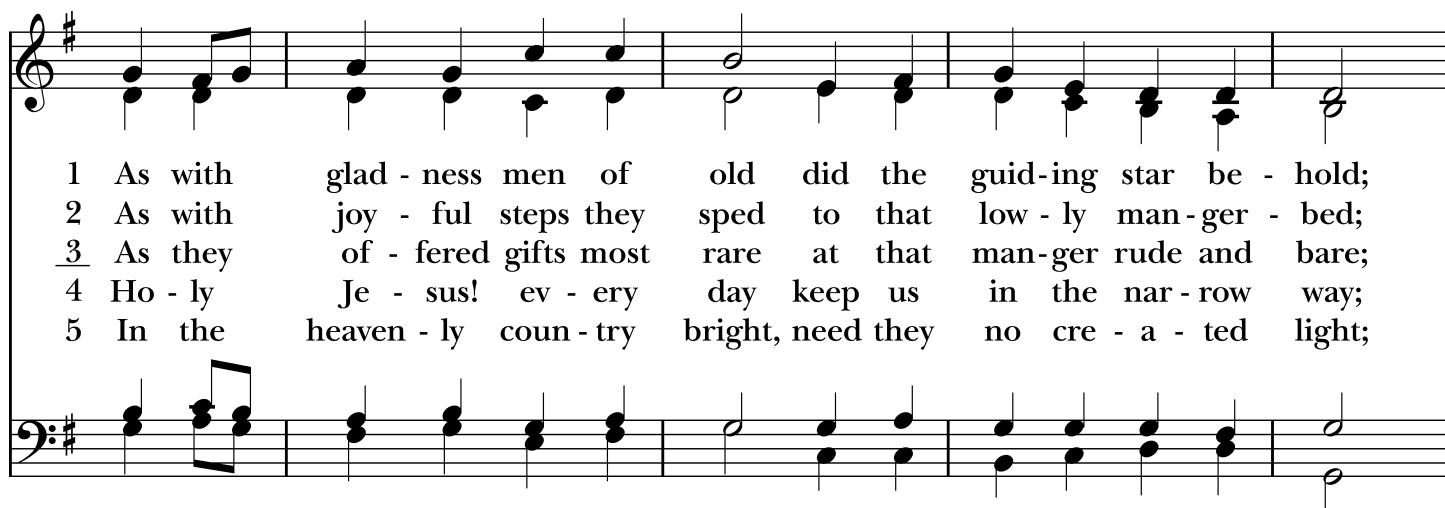
Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God

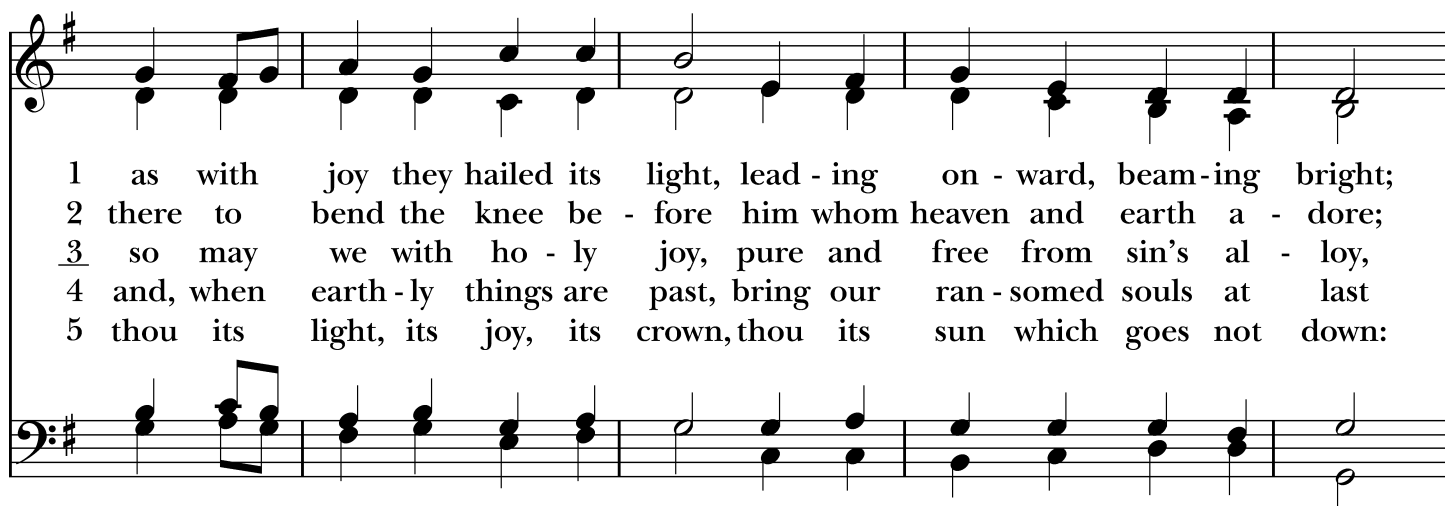
Postlude
Bourrée

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

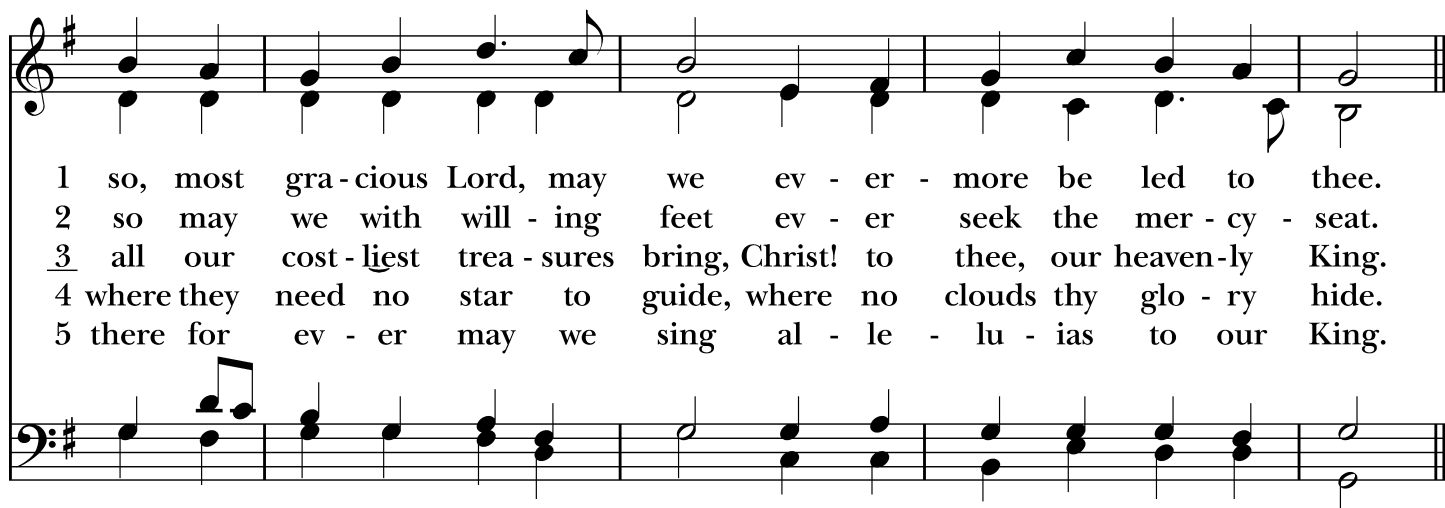
have a
great
week



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid-ing star be - hold;
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;
 5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;



1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;
 2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;
 3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
 4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
 5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:



1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
 2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.
 3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.
 4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
 5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 7, 2024

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	Judy Webster	Lynn Anstatt
Jennifer Hutcherson	Sally Clark	Marlyn Siegel	Richards Tillman
Jane Mashburn	Ron Brown	Dot Abbott	Myron Richardson
The Rev. Kevin Cross	Ben Heilman	Chelsea Ward	Kathy Myers
Sandy Northern	Iris Hager	Kevin Sullivan	Marcie Taylor Thoma
Kathryn Marchi	Elizabeth Lepre'	Abbey Rapoport	Irene Kaufmann
Allison Kelly	Trish Reynolds	Juanita Wooten	Marilynn Olsen
Charley Johnson	Pete Caesar	Lisa Simon	Frederick McMillian
Whitney Wealing	Pastor Luc	John Friel	Carolyn Lee Crouse
Wyatt Ewing	Anne Wendell	Margaret Putnick	Amy Moore Fountain
Philip Morgan	Maureen Whaley	Elaine Catchings	Trixie Seaton
Brian Feeley	JoLou Klingler	Thelma Emerson	Michael Chamberlain
Melissa Quimper	John Stanger	Ted Wooten	The Rev. Pat Drost Kuhns
Becky Sloan	Sam Stanton	Bryan Booberg	Cynthia Klingler Isaacson
Janet Palmatary	Rev. Elizabeth Felicetti	Sarah Thornhill	The Rev. Paul Winters
Lynn Johnson	Donna Hutcherson	Mal Peterson	Karen Endley
Caleb Brown	Tom Todd	Fannie Harris	Paul and Linda Fleetwood
Tom and Ann Harlan	Michael Kavasili	Jeffrey and Danielle Simms	Carla
Haley Melton	PFC Michael Hudson	The Most Rev'd Michael Curry	Crystal
Elaine Holmes	April Gordon	The Rev. Peggy Samuels	
Will and Jessica Oesterling			

This Week at St. Paul's

Wednesday: Holy Eucharist at 11:00am, followed by Healing Prayer and Meditation. Bell Choir practice begins at 5:30pm. The Choir rehearses at 7:00pm.

Friday: The parish office will be closed 1/12 and 1/15 in observance of the MLK, Jr. Holiday.

Saturday: The men's breakfast group will meet at the Creamery at 8:15am.

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. This week we will honor William Laud.

Next Week Readings:

1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

Attendance:

This week's attendance was 93, 49 people at the 10:00am service, 18 viewed online, 13 at the Wednesday service, and 13 at Bayleigh Chase.

St. Paul's Parish is now streaming and recording our 10:00 Sunday services which are uploaded to the St. Paul's site on YouTube. Our videographers make every effort to avoid facial close-ups of worshipers. Your attendance indicates your understanding of our filming protocol.

Haven Ministries:

Thank you to all who have signed up to provide a meal for Haven Ministries. We have been providing a hot dinner as well as supplies for breakfast and lunch. All our assigned January and February dates are covered. Look for future sign-up sheets to participate in this wonderful ministry.

Thanks! Barb Ackermann

Please Mark Your Calendar**Annual Meeting**

January 28, 2024 following the 10:00am service. There will be a pot luck coffee hour after the meeting. If your last name begins with A-M please bring appetizer and N-Z please bring a main dish. Dessert will be provided.

Christmas Attendance

Advent III	78
Not Broadcasted	
Wednesday, December 20	
St. Paul's	16
Queenstown	21
Advent IV	50
Viewed Online	18
Christmas 4:00pm	59
Not Broadcasted	
Christmas 10:00pm	101
Viewed Online	114

Vestry Candidates



Peggy Andrews

I've been a life-long Episcopalian, as a child in Michigan, as a teenager in Ohio, and as an adult in Ohio, Maryland, and Georgia. As a member of St. Paul's for the past 10 years, I've enjoyed participating in the Choir and Bell Choir. I've served a term on St. Paul's Vestry and would be happy to serve again.

In Michigan, my family belonged to St. Paul's in St. Clair. When we moved to Euclid, Ohio, we were members of The Church of the Epiphany, where Tom and I were married. Then when we moved to Maryland, we were members of St.

Margaret's in Annapolis where our girls grew up. I taught Sunday school for several years there and Tom and I worked with the Acolyte program. Our daughters were married in St. Margaret's. Then, Tom had yet another job opportunity and we moved to Georgia and joined St. David's in Roswell.

I have an Education degree from Miami University of Ohio and a Masters in Education from Eastern Michigan University. And as expected in the Education field, I've accrued a lot of extra graduate hours from Maryland colleges: Towson U., Loyola U., and Bowie State. I was in Elementary Education for 37 years. I've taught in pre-school and primary classrooms (Kindergarten through 3rd grade) in school systems in Mansfield, OH and Chelsea, MI. The major portion of my classroom teaching was in Anne Arundel County, MD and Fulton County, GA. I also worked as a Reading Specialist and taught staff development courses. My last position was working with student teachers at Georgia State University.

We moved back to Maryland in 2013 after I retired (and Tom retired the first time) to "come home" and to be near our girls and their families. We have five spectacular grandchildren, ages 17-23, who live very busy lives in Crofton, so we are often "crossing the bridge" to attend their swim meets and soccer games, as well as family events and celebrations. Grandparenting is one of my favorite roles. I am blessed to have found a spiritual home at St. Paul's and would be honored to serve again as a Vestry member.



Pat Jamison

Dr. Jamison received her PhD from the UMD at College Park in 1981 and was a leader in the field of special education in MD for many years. She developed the field program for the Special Education Department at College Park while working on her PhD and went on to be a Specialist for the Department of Defense (DOD) Dependents' Schools in Germany from 1985-1987. Returning to Maryland, Pat held a number of positions for the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) and was the Director of the Special Education Program, one of the largest in the state, from 2004-2008. She was an Adjunct Faculty Member for the UMD at College Park and taught courses for DOD in Germany from 2012 until 2018. She was also a Special Member of the Graduate Faculty, UMD, Eastern Shore, where she taught a Special Education Inclusion Course in the Educational Leadership Doctoral Program from 2010 until 2019. Pat has been active in the community, since her retirement, and is currently a member of the QAC Ethics Commission, on the board of the LWVQAC and a hospice volunteer. She is a Counter and is on the Flower Guild at St. Paul's. Pat has two children, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



Sherri Ward

Since coming to St. Paul's, Matt and I have always embraced the loving, kind spirit that exists here. I especially appreciate that everyone is welcome and that is why we became members. Five years ago, I decided to join the choir and have thoroughly enjoyed this ministry and I am looking forward to possibly expanding my ministry by serving on the Vestry.

Matt and I have been married for twenty-eight years and we have two sons, Jacob and his older brother, Ryan. The two passions in my life are children and singing. I have thoroughly enjoyed running my own family childcare business for the last twenty-eight years. I love my little ones and enjoy the special connections that I have with them as they grow older.

I grew up in the Seventh Day Adventist Church and I have been singing for as long as I can remember. Since I was three years old I would tell my parents whenever I would want to sing for the church service and they would never deny my requests. I still have that same love for singing and the desire to share the message of God's love through my voice. This is a gift that God has given me that I will always cherish.

I am looking forward to the chance of serving St. Paul's as a member of the Vestry.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, *Bishop*
 The Rev. Mary Friel, *Rector*
 The Rev. Peggy Samuels, *Deacon*
 Stefan Scaggiari, *Director of Music*
 Nancy Cook, *Bell Choir Director*
 Bob North, *Senior Warden*
 Charlie Ackermann, Jr. *Warden*
 Diane Freestate, *Treasurer*
 Michele Miller, *Parish Administrator/Assistant Treasurer*
 Carol Lorditch, *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 Thanksgiving for
 The Rev. Mary P. Friel*



The Vestry

'24 Sharon Burak
 Elsie Ozinga
 Carol Lorditch
 '25 Laura Bittinger
 Julia Eaton
 Kim Hazuda
 '26 Wendy Emerson
 Dan McCreary
 Bob Ozinga



*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>1/7 10:00am</i>	<i>1/14 10:00am</i>
<i>Lector-Lessons</i>	Eleanor Strietman	Judy Webster
<i>Lector - Prayers</i>	Eleanor Strietman	Mark Freestate
<i>LEM</i>	Tom Andrews	John Friel
<i>LEM</i>	Eleanor Strietman	Doug Kaufmann
<i>Ushers</i>	Steve Parkhurst Mark Emerson Bob North	Mark Freestate Sharon Burak Miranda Burak
<i>Acolytes</i>		
<i>Server</i>	John Friel	Doug Kaufmann
<i>Crucifer</i>	Mark Freestate	Stoney Duffey
<i>Acolyte</i>		
<i>Vestry Rep</i>	Kim Hazuda	Wendy Emerson
<i>Counters</i>	Tom Andrews	Char McClatchy
<i>Tuesdays</i>	Michele Miller	Susan Johnson
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Kathie Moore Chrissy Aull	Sharon North Dot Abbott
<i>Flower Guild</i>		Laura Roth

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