
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*The mission of St. Paul's is to be a community of open arms, listening hearts, serving hands,
and diverse voices... because we believe that Love is a commitment not a sentiment.*



*The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 5, 2023*

WELCOME

Whatever your background and however you have come to be here, we are glad you are here. It is our prayer that you will encounter God's peace this morning.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

In the Episcopal Church, we often say that praying shapes believing, so how we worship in word and action shapes how we believe and respond to God. We are physical creatures made in God's image, and the physical nature of our worship helps us to connect more fully to God. This liturgy (*the work of the people in worship*) is enriched by the participation of everyone in the room. Regardless of what others are doing, how you physically worship is up to you and how you experience God. We invite you to read the **"About Our Worship"** card in the pew rack to learn more about our worship.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We are delighted to have children in our midst no matter how squiggly they may be. Worship bulletins for children are located on the table in the rear lobby. "New Friend" Activity bags and a small library of books can be found right outside of the left door next to the piano. We also have a play area/nursery upstairs with audio of the service for kids who need to expend a bit more energy.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located at the end of the hallway to the left of the church. Exit through the front or rear doors and walk 50 feet and turn left at the stairs.

THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

Epiphany ("manifestation" or "revelation") is the third season of the church year and lasts until Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Epiphany marks the manifestation of Jesus beyond the people of Israel (represented by the magi), reminding us that while Jesus was a Jew and spoke largely to Jewish crowds during his life on Earth, he came to bring peace and restoration to all people. If Christmas is about the birth of Jesus, then Epiphany is about the spread of this incredible news to the wider world. During this season we focus our lives on a world transformed by God's incarnational presence in Jesus. The liturgical color is green, representing the green things of God's earth and referring to growth of the spirit of God within us in response to God's coming at Christmas.

+ = You are invited to stand.
BCP = *Book of Common Prayer*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Welcome

+ Opening Greeting & Collect for Purity BCP 323

Hymn of Praise: The Gloria BCP 324

WE HEAR GOD'S STORY

The Prayer of the Day p. 5

The Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 58:1-9a* p. 5

The Psalm *Psalms 112:1-9* p. 6

+ The Holy Gospel *Matthew 5:13-20* p. 7

The Sermon The Rev. Maria Kane, Ph.D.

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Nicene Creed BCP 326

Prayers of the People BCP 328

Confession of Sin and Absolution BCP 330

The Peace

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

Offertory

+ Doxology All things come of thee O Lord:
and of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer II BCP 340

Post-Communion Prayer BCP 339

Announcements & Milestone Blessings

WE GO IN THE STRENGTH OF GOD

+ The Blessing

The Dismissal

+ = You are invited to stand.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Interlude 2

Colin Maybe

We begin our worship by observing a musical prelude during which we quiet our thoughts and voices and breathe in the peace of God.

RECTOR'S WELCOME

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Praise to the living God

Hymnal 372

vv. 1-4

OPENING ACCLAMATION & PRAYER FOR PURITY

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

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

Presider Let us pray.

People **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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God

Hymnal S-280

The hymn of praise is found at the front of the blue hymnal.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and wonders the greatness of your saving love; renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MOMENT

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 58:1-9a

In today's lesson the prophet Isaiah chastises the people of Israel for being half-hearted in how they practice their faith by ignoring the plight of the oppressed and the poor. By doing so they reveal that they do not grasp the heart of God. In turn, Isaiah redefines fasting as an expression of humility not as an exercise in legalistic perfectionism.

Shout loudly; don't hold back;
raise your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their crime,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
They seek me day after day,
desiring knowledge of my ways
like a nation that acted righteously,
that didn't abandon their God.
They ask me for righteous judgments,
wanting to be close to God.
"Why do we fast and you don't see;
why afflict ourselves and you don't notice?"
Yet on your fast day you do whatever you want,
and oppress all your workers.
You quarrel and brawl, and then you fast;
you hit each other violently with your fists.
You shouldn't fast as you are doing today
if you want to make your voice heard on high.
Is this the kind of fast I choose,
a day of self-affliction,
of bending one's head like a reed
and of lying down in mourning clothing and ashes?
Is this what you call a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?
Isn't this the fast I choose:
releasing wicked restraints, untying the ropes of a yoke,
setting free the mistreated,
and breaking every yoke?
Isn't it sharing your bread with the hungry

and bringing the homeless poor into your house,
covering the naked when you see them,
and not hiding from your own family?
Then your light will break out like the dawn,
and you will be healed quickly.
Your own righteousness will walk before you,
and the LORD's glory will be your rear guard.
Then you will call, and the LORD will answer;
you will cry for help, and God will say, "I'm here."
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the finger-pointing, the wicked speech;

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 112:1-9

The psalmist asserts that faithfulness is not the same as perfection; it's about being steadfast and generous.

- ¹ Alleluia! Happy are they who fear God *
and have great delight in the commandments!
- ² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; ***
the generation of the upright will be blest.
- ³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- ⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; ***
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- ⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- ⁶ **For they will never be shaken; ***
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- ⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in God.

⁸ Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

+GOSPEL HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

Piney Song Book 111
vv. 1, 2

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus tells his followers that living faith is show by bringing flavor and light to the world. Being salt and light is not merely about good deeds; it entails taking risks to uplift others.

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

“You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? It’s good for nothing except to be thrown away and trampled under people’s feet. You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can’t be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.

“Don’t even begin to think that I have come to do away with the Law and the Prophets. I haven’t come to do away with them but to fulfill them. I say to you very seriously that as long as heaven and earth exist, neither the smallest letter nor even the smallest stroke of a pen will be erased from the Law until everything there becomes a reality. Therefore, whoever ignores one of the least of these commands and teaches others to do the same will be called the lowest in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever keeps these commands and teaches people to keep them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. I say to you that unless your righteousness is greater than the righteousness of the legal experts and the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Maria Kane, Ph.D.

Following the sermon, we observe a period of silence to rest in God's peace and to reflect on what we have heard, read, and sung thus far in worship.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Following each petition, you are invited to add your own prayers, silently or aloud.

Intercessor

Beloveds, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to God. Let us pray, "Lord, hear our call, and answer us."

Establish your Church, O God, as a light to the world. Shine your Holy Spirit through us, and all for your glory and the welfare of your people. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Theological Education Sunday and all seminaries, seminarians, and seminary professors; and those in the ordination process to become deacons and priests.

Lord, hear our call, **and answer us.**

Righteous God, you delight in justice and mercy; Loose the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Raise up leaders who care for the poor, including us.

Lord, hear our call, **and answer us.**

On this first Sunday we pray for our first responders: **Jimmy, Janet, Butch, James, Kenny, Pat, Alvaro, Connor, and Luke.** Strengthen, uphold, and guard them through the changes and chances of this life.

Lord, hear our call, **and answer us.**

We thank you, O God, for the gift of light. By it you cause plants to grow; by it you generate warmth; by it you open our eyes to see the beauty of all you have made.

Show us how to be faithful nurturers of this planet.

Lord, hear our call, **and answer us.**

In our own community, Great God, be the restorer of streets. Rebuild our ruined places. May all the people of this community live in security and peace. Make us agents of justice for all.

Lord, hear our call, **and answer us.**

Be present to all those who cry for help, O Holy One. We pray your healing will spring up quickly for those in need, including those on our prayer list: **Debbie, Mary Anne, Sallie, Colleen, Dorothy, Georgia, Thelma, Wendy, Diane, Jack, Joyce, Maudie, Barbara, Ed, Rodgers, Dick, Tom, Vera, Betty, Joan, Barbara, Ray, Karen, Sandi, Tom, Lyn, Woody, David, Bridget, Larry, and Sandie.**

Lord, hear our call, **and answer us.**

The human heart fails to conceive all the good you have been prepared for your beloved ones, Heavenly One. We trust to you our dying and our dead, including Jim Mills, believing that you are good and faithful.

Lord, hear our call, **and answer us.**

The presider will add a concluding prayer.

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Please kneel and allow a moment of silence for reflection.

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 Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider Christ is our peace. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new. The peace of Christ be always with you

People **And also with you.**

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

THE OFFERTORY

At the offertory we offer back to God the first fruits of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money given. You may place your offering in the offering tray or scan the QR code to give securely online. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting



OFFERTORY

Songs of thankfulness and praise

+THE DOXOLOGY

Mary Luti

**Praise God, the source of breath and birth,
who formed us from the dust of earth,
and made us kin in unity
to love and set each other free.
Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Eucharist (from the Greek word eucharisteo, meaning “thanksgiving”) begins as we lift our hearts with thanksgiving and continues as we remember the story of creation, redemption, and renewal. In the act of remembering and in the Spirit’s blessing upon the bread and wine and the gathered assembly, Christ is made present to us now, giving us strength for the journey.

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the God of Light.


People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We praise you, God of many names, whose Spirit runs free through all the earth, whose image lies deep in every mortal soul. In your grace your Word is made known to every people, calling forth the best we have to offer; your Beloved is immersed in the waters of creation healing the chaos that floods our world; your Son is the guest who offers new wine changing hearts grown withered and cold.

Therefore, we celebrate the rays of morning light that bathe the world in glory and kindle a new song:

THE SANCTUS

Sanctus is the Latin word for "holy." When we sing the Sanctus we are rejoicing in the holiness of God.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. _____

The Presider continues,

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, we come to him in whom all is created in heaven and on earth, whose cross and resurrection make all things new. We offer this to you, asking you to smile upon the gift we bring, for you alone are the Giver and Christ the gift through which we live once and for all. Through him who is emptied to bear your fullness we make our prayer with all created life to the glory of the God who fills all in all now and for ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, as our Savior taught us, so we pray:

People **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**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

After the invitation and upon the presentation of the consecrated elements,

Presider Behold who you are.

People **May we become what we receive.**

You may be seated.

THE COMMUNION

*Although it is customary to be baptized before receiving communion, we know that Jesus ate with everyone to show the breadth and depth of God's love; thus, **our table is open to all who hunger**. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of communion, cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing. If you would like more information on baptism, the official rite of initiation into the household of God, please see the priest. We would be honored to receive you.*

Gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the priest know if you need a gluten-free wafer.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Will You Come and Follow Me

Piney Song Book 127

O God of Every Nation

Piney Song Book 83

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider

Let us pray.

All

God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

MILESTONE BLESSINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

+THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN *We are Marching in the Light of God* Piney Song Book 120

WE GO IN THE STRENGTH OF GOD

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Go forth in the light of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

Fugue

Dietrich Buxtehude

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Parishioners, Family, and Friends: Debbie Chaney, Mary Anne Gebler, Sallie Lyons, Colleen Meadows, Dorothy Moore, Georgia Norman, Thelma Northrup, Wendy Van Hoozier, Joan S., Barbara D., Ray D., Karen R., Sandi M., Tom P., Lyn W., Woody W., David A., Bridget A., Larry S., Sandie B.

Homebound: Diane Coon, Jack & Joyce Ferguson, Maudie Holt, Barbara Huiras, Ed Jaffe, Rodgers Johnson, Dick Leman, Vera Otto, Betty Wilson

Armed Forces: Cameron Chase, Zach Kettner, Malachi Lakey, Megan Laurine, Michael Montes, Nate Ochsner, Garrett Roberson, Jr.

First Responders: Jimmy Cox, Butch and Janice Keirse, James Laurine, Kenny Levy, Pat Lyon, Alvaro Paz Hicho, Connor Runser, Luke Smith

Thanksgiving for: the birth of Josiah Eze to Kayleigh Eze. Proud grandparents Tracy and Meg Monroe

Dearly Departed: Jim Mills, cousin to Wayne and Phil Hamilton and the Berry sisters

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Theological Education Sunday; All Seminaries, Seminarians, and Seminary Professors; Postulants and Candidates

Community and World: Those suffering with Covid/flu/RSV, the people of Ukraine and Puerto Rico

In order to keep the list current and to facilitate the intentionality with which we pray, names remain on the prayer list for one month (but can be renewed at any time). To submit a prayer request: email Joyce Scofield: rjscfield@comcast.net or Mother Maria: mkane@stpaulswaldorf.org

DAILY PRAYERS

Questions for Reflection

What does it mean to have the mind of Christ, and how do I live with the mind of Christ in my daily activities? If I let my light shine, what will others see in me? Will others see Jesus? Will they give glory to God?

Household Prayer: Morning

God, open my eyes to see the world through your compassion. Open my mind to understand the world through your wisdom. Open my heart to receive the world through your love. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord, if I have lived this day in the knowledge that perishes, correct my thoughts, rectify my judgments, and mend my foolish ways. Give me the mind of Christ that I may see the world rightly and discern the blessings you bestow. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARDI GRAS PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 21, 5-7 p.m. Tickets: Adults - \$8; Kids 4-11 years - \$5; 3 & under - free; Family Cap - \$20. Volunteers are needed to help with prep, serving, and clean-up. You may sign up on the white board in the parish hall. The whole community is welcome, so spread the word and bring your friends. Register and pre-pay on Realm. *Pancakes are associated with the day preceding Ash Wednesday as a way of using up eggs, milk, and sugar (which were considered to be foods of indulgence in the Middle Ages) before the start of Lent.



SUNDAY WINTER FORUM: HOLY LIVING, HOLY DYING

During the month of February, Sundays, 9:15 a.m., Mother Maria will lead a 4-week forum on end-of-life decisions, funeral planning, having tough conversations, and facing life's end with dignity, grace, and agency.

FEBRUARY WEEKEND BACKPACKS

For the month of February, we are collecting Pop Tarts. If you are interested in serving on the rotation of volunteers who help pack the backpacks each week, please email Joyce Scofield at rjscofield@comcast.net.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 5, Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:15 a.m. Holy Living, Holy Dying: An End-of-Life Series
- 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 11:30 a.m. Fish Fry Planning Meeting

Wednesday, February 8

- 8:00 p.m. AA

Thursday, February 9

- 7:00 p.m. Sacred Ground

Saturday, February 11

- 8:00 p.m. AA

Sunday, February 12, Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:15 a.m. Soul School for Kids
- 9:15 a.m. Holy Living, Holy Dying: An End-of-Life Series
- 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

MINISTERS IN WORSHIP

	February 5, 2023, 8:00	February 5, 2023 10:15
VPOD	Buddy Weaver	
Acolytes	N/A	Samantha Keirse, Seth Keirse, Emily Lopez
Lector	Fern Brown	Charlie Gaumond
Chalice	Joyce Scofield	N/A
Chalice & Psalm	N/A	Debbie Brown
Prayers of the People	Jeannie Paz Hicho	Laurie Jaffe
Ushers	Joe & Darlene Guy	Michael & Catherine Montes
Live Stream	N/A	Sewell Truitte
Coffee Hour	Freddie Jewell	Joanne Moodie, Milsa Anglin
Altar Guild	Jane Fruh, Donna Pettersen	
Backpacks	2/9 - Fern Brown, Yvonne Mattison	
Counters	Mike Fritz, Becky Hackley, Deanna Gerhart	
	February 12, 2023, 8:00	February 12, 2023 10:15
VPOD	Greg Ferguson	
Acolytes	N/A	Benjamin Berkowitz, Jackson Berkowitz, Jovero Forrest
Lector	Fred Ritter	Sewell Truitte
Chalice	Vicky Mumford	N/A
Chalice & Psalm	N/A	Paula Truitte
Prayers of the People	Fern Brown	Greg Ferguson
Ushers	Jim & Jan Waters	Anita Wilson, Michelle Wilson
Live Stream	N/A	Laurie Jaffe
Coffee Hour	Joyce Scofield	Janet Sargent, Jennifer Kettner, the Gaumonds
Altar Guild	Vicky Mumford, Jeannie Paz Hicho	
Backpacks	2/16 - Donna Dillon, Sallie Lyons	
Counters	Beth Berkowitz, Joe Guy, Phil Hamilton	
Recycling	2/15 - Joe Guy	

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