



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Historic Key West’s Church”

February 14, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

The Episcopal Church &
We, here at St. Paul's, Welcome You!

Our Vision and Mission...

St. Paul's Church is a magnet drawing all people to the spiritual, cultural and re-creational heart of the community. We aspire to this vision by our mission to know that we are Christ's body in the world, revealing the love of God.

We remind ourselves of the words in scripture wherein God said,
“... my house shall be a house of prayer for all people.”

So today we pray that when you come through the doors of the sanctuary you will be greeted by love of God abiding in our hearts and minds. Your presence is a blessing to us today. Together let us bless the Lord in prayer, hymns, and dining with Christ at the Holy Table.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Organ Prelude

Prelude (*In the form of a Minuet*)

Charles Villiers Stanford

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Liturgy of the Word

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.

Kyrie

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

People : Christ have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Second Book of Kings

(2:1-12)

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-6

Deus deorum

BCP 654

- 1 *The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; **
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 *Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, **
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 *Our God will come and will not keep silence; **
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.

4 *He calls the heavens and the earth from above **
to witness the judgment of his people.

5 *"Gather before me my loyal followers, **
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."

6 *Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; **
for God himself is judge.

A Reading from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians

(4:3-6)

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn-#7 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky

Ratisbon

All standing

***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark**

(9:2-9)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Fr. Lenworth Haughton

All standing

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People, Form I

BCP 383

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

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

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, and for all the 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 this city, the lower keys, and for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, 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 those who travel on land, on water, or in the air [or through outer space], 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, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those celebrating birthdays, and anniversaries, 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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, 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.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St Peter, St Paul, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People:

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Priest 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.

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always be with you.
People: *And also with you.*

Let us share the Peace of Christ with one another. Reach out beyond yourselves and be encouraged and empowered by God's grace to perhaps share this Peace with someone that you've not met yet. Stay in place, smile and wave and let us delight in being children of God in the House of the Lord.

Please be seated

Announcements

Solo	Love Divine, All Love Excelling sung by Dean Warden	David C. Dickau
Love divine, all love excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down! Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; All Thy faithful mercies crown, Jesus, Thou art all compassion; Pure, unbounded love Thou art. Visit us with Thy salvation; Enter ev'ry trembling heart.	Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above, Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.	Finish then Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be. Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee: Changed from glory into glory, 'Till in heav'n we take our place, "Til we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love and praise.
Come, Almighty to deliver; Let us all Thy live receive. Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.	Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit, Into ev'ry troubled breast! Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find Thy promised rest. Take away out bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be. End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.	

Holy Communion

All standing

Eucharist Prayer B

BCP 367

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 him thanks and praise.

Then the Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing..... who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you...(the Celebrant continues)

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you...(the Celebrant continues)

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,

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Prayers when we cannot receive Holy Communion

In union, O Lord Jesus Christ, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I join in offering the sacrifice of my praise and thanksgiving to you. I present to you myself, my soul, and my body, with the earnest longing that I may ever be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you in this Holy Sacrament, come spiritually, I pray you, into my heart. I unite myself to you, and love you with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength. Let nothing ever separate me from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

All standing

Post-communion prayer

BCP 365

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.

Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Organ Postlude Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Paul Manz

Remember in Your Prayers Today: Brittany (Sherri Hodies' daughter), Beth and Jon Peterson (sister-in-law and brother of Tim), Al (Kitty Robert's partner), Zane Wruble (Daughter of Kathleen Bratton), Susanne Woods, Christian Swanson, Crystal Cates, Tom Bond, Chuck Hammond and Joseph Lyles, the Curry family

Remember those who have died:

We Celebrate these February Birthdays:

E.A. Jackson Morris	2/4	Susanne Schott	2/17
Donald R. Curry	2/6	Clare Keller	2/18
Niles Noblitt	2/6	Marisa Conaty	2/19
Steven Mungall	2/7	Bob Lamere	2/24
Brody McClaughlin	2/8	Anthony Sperling	2/24
Rena Mobley	2/11	Kathleen Zuiderveen	2/24
Liz Kern	2/13	Janette Chalmers	2/25
Ronald Acevedo	2/14	Sylvia Hicks	2/25
Robert Wilcox	2/16	Wendy Holifield	2/26
		Nancy Noblitt	2/27

We Celebrate February Anniversaries:

Susan & Brad Hahn Gilman	2/1	Ruth & Bob Lamere	2/15
Betty & Edward Toppino	2/12	Larry & Brooke Myers	2/15
Bud & Sylvia Halldorson	2/14	8	

Celebrant:	Fr. Lenworth Haughton	St. Paul's Vestry
Organist:	Tim Peterson	Senior Warden , Ray Warren (Class of 2022)
Cantor:	Dean Warden	Junior Warden , Greta Philips-Ford (Class of 2023)
Reader:	Lilla Whiteside	Class of 2022 : Kim Grizzle-Malgrat, Samantha Hall
Ushers:	Brian Wagstaff Susanne Woods	Class of 2023 : Bruce Hagemann, Lilla Whiteside Class of 2024 : Holle Campbell, Perry Hodies, Dean Warden

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please consider buying a personalized brick for the brick paver portion of the Memorial Garden. The cost of a 4 x 8 brick is \$100. Each brick will accommodate up to 3 lines and up to 18 characters per line, including spaces. You may order a Donor Brick with an additional donation of \$35; this is a duplicate of the brick being placed in the garden. With an additional donation of \$12 you may purchase a Donor Certificate to frame or to present as a gift. You can order your brick(s) at <https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/stpaulskw>

SATURDAY MORNINGS, 9:00am– 11:00am. Help us beautify St Paul's with a list of projects that Jr. Warden Greta Ford has lined up. There is something for everyone to do, both inside and out. We wear our masks, social distance, and have a well-deserved time in fellowship with others.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER is being offered on Facebook Live at 7:30AM and 5:00PM on weekdays. Thanks to Bruce Hagemann, Lisa Laskow, Mary Simmons, Samantha Hall, and Sarah Hall for volunteering to officiate at these sacred moments.

To join in the prayers via Facebook, go to the church Facebook page at the appropriate time and look for the window showing that "St. Paul's Key West is now live." Then click on the window.

Please help us with a little housecleaning. As you leave worship this morning, please take your bulletin with you for recycling at home. There is also a small trash can at the end of the middle aisle in the narthex, as you leave the church.

February is Pledge Month at St. Paul's

This year St. Paul's is conducting its stewardship campaign online. We know that our members are loyal and self sacrificing. But it is important for several reasons that the ancient practice of memorializing our intentions via pledges be renewed.

Pledges help the Vestry and will help our new minister plan. Pledges help all of us stay on track with our own giving. And pledges are an integral parameter for measuring the health of an Episcopal parish.

Please consider filling out a pledge form and returning it this month as part of your personal commitment to help St. Paul's return to normal as conditions allow.

You will find a copy in this bulletin. You can return the form in one of several ways:

Forms can be filled out, scanned and emailed to info@stpaulskeywest.org, mail to the church office at 401 Duval Street, Key West, Florida, 33040, or, place them in the collection plate at a Sunday service.

Search Committee Update. We are overjoyed to report that the Bishop's office is scheduled to meet with the co-chairs of the Search Committee within the next few weeks and that a meeting with the full committee is expected to follow shortly after that. The process is moving forward.

Lent Begins this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, February 17 St. Paul's will mark the solemn beginning of the Lenten season with two services.

12:00PM. This service is designed for those who do not feel comfortable with worshiping indoors. For this service all windows in the church will be swung wide open to make the space similar to an outdoor space.

6:30PM. For this service windows will be slightly open (as they are at Sunday services). This service will be broadcast via Facebook Live for those who choose to attend virtually.

Both services will feature Holy Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Haughton. All of the normal safety protocols will apply. Masks will be required. Seating will be per social distancing guidelines and prior sign up is requested.

Matching funds to benefit the TRUE fund

...how the TRUE fund works

After diligent investigation, the TRUE Fund manager is often able to provide crucial short-term support to locals in need. This is often coordinated with other community organizations. Many times the TRUE Fund is the first stop gap before other organizations can be utilized.

...the MATCH

A generous anonymous donor has offered to match donations to the TRUE Fund up to \$1,500. This is for new donations after True Fund Sunday, which was last week. The TRUE Fund is the primary outreach effort by St Paul's church.

...we need YOUR donation

If you would like to assist in this valuable effort in the next week or so, please send a check to the office marked as TRUE Fund or use the church giving page. If you donate electronically be sure to indicate the TRUE Fund in the field for "special instructions to the seller".

Although the sponsor of this initiative has chosen to remain anonymous, on behalf of the entire community in Key West we offer our thanks.

HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Paul's Church was formed by an official act of the City Council of Key West. In a petition to the bishop of New York, the City council requested a priest be sent and the Parish of St. Paul's be established. In 1831, the council gave notice of a public meeting to establish an Episcopal Church, and a committee was appointed.

The first rector was the Reverend Sanson K. Brunot, who arrived December 23, 1832. He held the first service on Christmas Day 1832 in the County Courthouse on Jackson Square. That same day the congregation signed an "Act of Association" of the Episcopal Congregation in Key West to be called St. Paul's Church. The first Vestry was elected April 8, 1833, and Rev. Brunot became a permanent house-guest of Vestryman William Whitehead, as there was no rectory or church building. Land for a church site was given by the widow of John William Charles Fleming in 1832 with the only stipulation that her husband's remains stay where they were. He is still buried on the grounds, but the actual site is unknown.

The original church made of coral rock, was built in 1838-39. The building, when completed, was 38 x 58 feet, and the total cost of construction was \$6,500. This first building was totally destroyed by a hurricane on October 11, 1846. The second church was a wooden structure measuring 28 x 66 feet. Services were held in this building on June 30, 1848, and the church was consecrated on January 4, 1851, by the Right Reverend C.E. Gadsden, Bishop of South Carolina.

In 1857 a Rectory was erected on the corner of Duval and Eaton Street, facing Eaton. The Rev. Osgood E. Herrick was the first in a long line of rectors to call it home. The church was growing steadily, and the seating capacity of 350 was becoming inadequate. This is when St. Peter's was established (1875), and the Spanish Mission of St. John's followed.

The second church was destroyed in the Great Fire of Key West in March 1886. By some good fortune the Rectory survived undamaged. Rebuilding the church began immediately, and the third church was completed in 1887. Constructed of wood, it stood in the center of the block facing Eaton Street. It measured approximately 58 x 98 feet.

In 1890, the Vestry voted to purchase a chime of bells. Once installed, the first chime of bells within Florida was inaugurated on Palm Sunday morning, March 22, 1891, at 10:00 a.m.

On October 11, 1909, another disaster struck, and the church was destroyed by a hurricane. The parish hall (completed in 1904) and the Rectory survived the storm and were used for services. Plans for a new church were approved in 1911, which would be constructed of concrete. The church would be located at the corner of Duval and Eaton Streets. This required the moving of the Rectory to its current location in 1914. The first service in the current building was held June 8, 1919. During this time, many of the beautiful stained glass windows were ordered, and installation began in 1920. The organ arrived in 1931 in time for Christmas services.

A major restoration of the church began in 1991 to save the building from collapse. The concrete used in the initial construction had been mixed with seawater and beach sand, causing the steel reinforcing within the walls and columns to split. Work was complete in 1993 at a cost of nearly one million dollars.

Today the church continues to stand as a beacon within the diverse cultural community of Key West. The church is open daily for prayer, meditation and visitation. Many concerts and other community events take place here, and St. Paul's plays a positive role in the community both artistically and spiritually. Thirty-four priests have served St. Paul's as rector and several others as interim priests. We have been without a full-time Rector or interim since July 2020. We are in the middle of a search for our new Rector, whom we hope that we can welcome into our community of faith in the very near future.

