



Scroll of Isaiah from Qumran

## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

In the Heart of Key West

January 23, 2022

7:30am and 10:00am

## 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Whoever you are and  
wherever you are on your journey,  
you are welcome in this place  
and at this table.

"Restoring all people to unity with God and each other in Christ" (BCP, 855)

✠ sung at 10am  
† spoken at 7:30am, sung at 10am  
✠ sign of the cross (optional)

### THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

**Organ Voluntary**

**God's Time Is The Best**

J. S. Bach

**Chiming of the Angelus**    *(remain seated)*

**Processional Hymn #616 Hail to the Lord's Anointed**    *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*  
✠ sung at 10am

### Liturgy of the Word

#### Opening Acclamation

*The people standing, the celebrant says*

**Celebrant:** ✠ Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

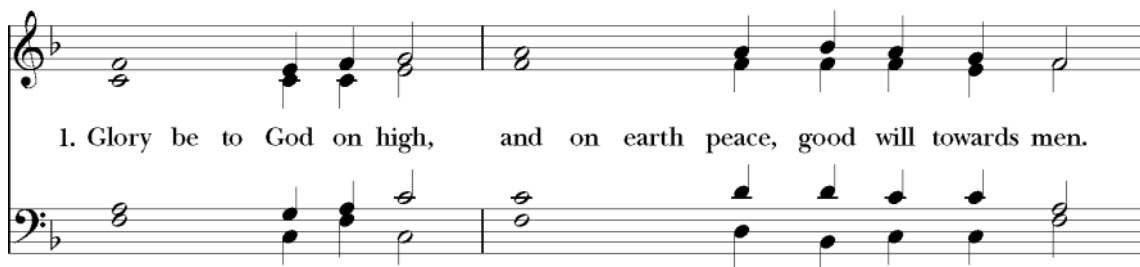
**People:**    *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

#### Collect for Purity

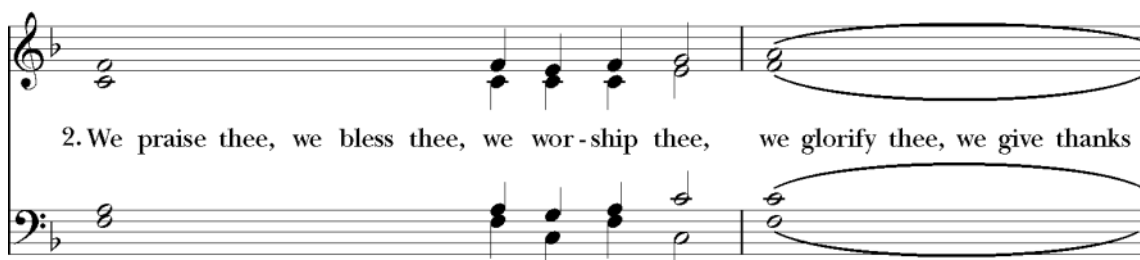
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Gloria**    † spoken at 7:30am, sung at 10am

*Old Scottish Chant*



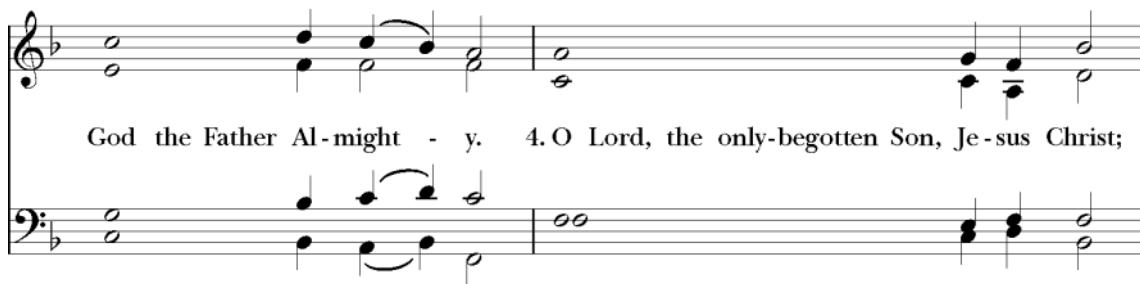
1. Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.



2. We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks



to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly King,



God the Father Al-might - y. 4. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

5. that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up - on us.

6. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

7. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mercy up - on us.

8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. Thou only, O Christ,

with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## The Salutation

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People** : *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

## Collect of the Day

**G**ive 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. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## A Reading from Nehemiah

(8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10)

**A**ll 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."

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 19

*Caeli enarrant*

BCP606

### Psalm 19



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- 1 **T**he 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. *Refrain*
- 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. *Refrain*
- 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. *Refrain*

- 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. *Refrain*
- 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. *Refrain*
- 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. *Refrain*
- 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. *Refrain*

## **A Reading from First Corinthians**

*(12:12-31a)*

**J**ust 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.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**Sequence Hymn #533 How Wondrous and Great Thy Works**

*Lyons*

 *sung at 10am*

*All standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

**The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke**

*(4:14-21)*

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

**J**esus, 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**The Reverend Donna S Mote, PhD**

**Rector, St Paul's Church**

*Silence follows the sermon.*



## 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

BCP388

*Deacon or other leader*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

Give wisdom to Michael our presiding bishop, Peter our bishop, the clergy and people of our diocese, and the clergy and people of all dioceses, especially Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui .

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially \_\_\_\_\_; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially \_\_\_\_\_, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister 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*

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.*

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*Please be seated*

## **Announcements**

### **Anthem**

### **For the Beauty of the Earth** Parish Choir

Mark Schweizer

For the beauty of the earth ,  
For the glory of the skies ,  
For the love which from our birth,  
Over and around us lies.

Chorus: Lord of all to Thee we raise,  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour,  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of light.


For the joy of human love,  
Brother sister parent child,  
Friends on earth and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild.

For your church that evermore,  
Lifts holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore,  
Her pure sacrifice of love.

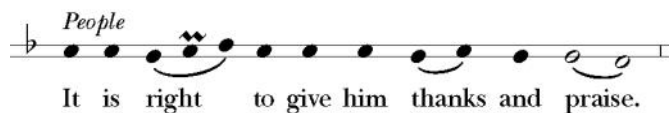
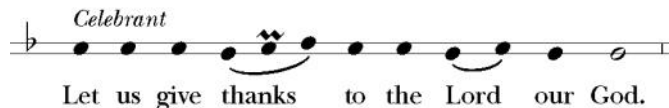
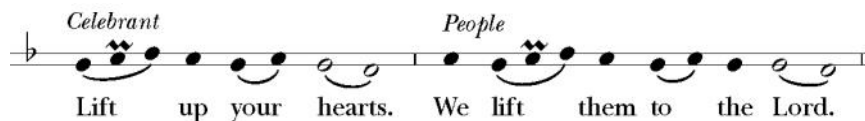
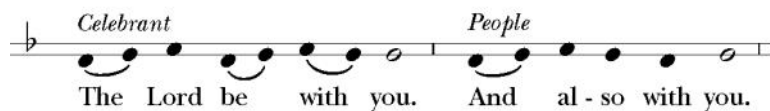
## **Holy Communion**

*All standing*

**Offertory Hymn #632 O Christ, the Word Incarnate**

 *sung at 10am*

*Munich*



*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.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

*All sing the Sanctus*

**Sanctus S-125** † spoken at 7:30am, sung at 10am





*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then 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.***

*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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**S-149 The Lord's Prayer**    † spoken at 7:30am, sung at 10am

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in

hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

For - give us our sins as we for - give those who

sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,

and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be sung or said*

**S-374 Lamb of God** † spoken at 7:30am, sung at 10am

*Sva bassa* ----- Lamb of God, \_\_\_ you take a -  
way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, \_\_\_ you take a - way the sins of the  
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, \_\_\_



*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are welcome to receive the consecrated bread of the Eucharist. At this time in the Diocese of Southeast Florida, the consecrated wine is reserved to the Celebrant alone because of COVID concerns.*


*The bread is received on the open palm and is given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. *The response is Amen.*

*If you do not wish to receive communion, you are still invited to come forward to receive a blessing rather than the sacrament. Cross your arms over your chest to indicate you wish to receive a blessing.*

### **Communion Hymn WLP#763 As We Gather At Your Table**

*Raquel*

 *sung at 10am*

1. As we gath - er at your  
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to



Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your Word, help us  
wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life; send us

know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be  
forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is

stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we  
strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for -

claim it as our own; teach us through this ho - ly  
give as you for - gave; may we still be - hold your

ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
im - age in the world you died to save. *to verse 3*

*Optional Descant*

3. Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us  
3. Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us

sum - mon oth - er guests to share that Feast where tri -

sum - mon oth - er guests to share that Feast where tri -

um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and

um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and

least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will

least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will

(Ped.)

pride our peace des - troy, as we join with saints and

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an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

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*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*All standing*

**BCP365**

***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.***

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.*

**Blessing ✠**

**Dismissal**

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

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

## Recessional Hymn #530 Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word

*Gott sei Dank*

*♫ sung at 10am*

### Postlude

**Remember in Your Prayers Today:** Brittany (Sherri Hodies' daughter), Beth and Jon Peterson (sister-in-law and brother of Tim), Carlos, Wendy Tucker, Mac Thigpen, Carole Fauth, Jim Swanson, Ben Pegg

**Remember those who have died:** John Evans (brother-in-law of Dean Warden), Ken Reed

### We Celebrate these Anniversaries during January:

Dave and Irene Eyer, 62 years!	1/02	George and Julie Wallace	1/14
Wendy Niven and Anthony Sperling	1/05	Percy and Betty Curry	1/20
Charles & Debbie Bradford	1/10	Mary and Dexter Simmons	1/25
Jerry and Barbara Poole	1/10	Denise and Keith Graham	1/30
Jeff and Janet Carr	1/12	Susanne and Dean Schott	1/31

### We Celebrate these Birthdays during January:

Lonnie Gordon	1/01	Kenneth Helgeson	1/19
Faye Graniela	1/01	Barbara Poole	1/19
Mark Whiteside	1/03	Elizabeth Curry	1/22
PK Lynch	1/09	Ruth Lamere	1/22
Phyllis Sweeting	1/09	Juliette Hamilton	1/24
Nancy Campbell	1/11	Samantha Langdale	1/24
Perry Hodies	1/11	Jeffrey Burnham	1/27
Brittany Mariscal	1/14	Jeff Minalga	1/28
Virginia Butler	1/15	Julie Waters	1/28
Bob Hicks	1/16	Joshua McCloud	1/29
Sue Decker	1/17	Carolyn Sangston	1/30
Lew Ann Cahill	1/18	Lorraine Zimmerman	1/31

**Rector & Celebrant:** The Rev. Donna S. Mote, PhD

**Organist:** Tim Peterson

**Cantor:** Dean Warden

**Acolytes:** Mickey Malgrat

Phyllis Pita

**Thurifer:** Effie Ford

**Crucifer:** Greta Ford

**Reader: 7:30** Tom Keller

10:00 Mary Simmons

**Ushers:** Don Curry

John Sangston

#### St. Paul's Vestry

**Senior Warden,** Ray Warren (Class of 2022)

**Junior Warden,** Greta Philips-Ford (Class of 2023)

**Class of 2022:** Kim Grizzle-Malgrat, Samantha Hall

**Class of 2023:** Bruce Hagemann, Lilla Whiteside

**Class of 2024:** Holle Campbell, Perry Hodies, Dean Warden

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The annual parish meeting of the membership of St Paul's, Key West will take place on Sunday, January 30 after the 10 AM Eucharist. Because of COVID concerns, the meeting will be held in the nave with parishioners socially distanced. Masks are encouraged. Everyone is welcome. A quorum of thirty (30) persons whose letters of membership are recorded

at St Paul's is required to conduct the business of the annual meeting, so please make every effort to attend either in person or via Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84923763204> (meeting ID: 849 2376 3204). Passcode: 860817.

Bishop Eaton's annual visit to the Keys Deanery, originally scheduled for January 20-23, has been postponed because of the high number of COVID cases. The Eucharist celebrating the reception into the Episcopal Church of BJ, Jeremy, and Charity scheduled for January 22 as part of the bishop's visit will also be rescheduled. Please stay tuned for the updated dates and schedule.

### *From the Calendar of Commemorations*

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January            23 Phillips Brooks, Bishop of Massachusetts, 1893  
                      24 Ordination of Florence Li Tim-Oi, First Woman Priest in the  
                             Anglican Communion, 1944  
                      26 Timothy, Titus, and Silas, Companions of Saint Paul  
                      27 Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, Witnesses to the Faith  
                      28 Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Theologian, 1274

Thomas Aquinas is the greatest theologian of the high Middle Ages, and, next to Augustine, perhaps the greatest theologian in the history of Western Christianity. Born into a noble Italian family, probably in 1225, he entered the new Dominican Order of Preachers and soon became an outstanding teacher in an age of intellectual ferment.

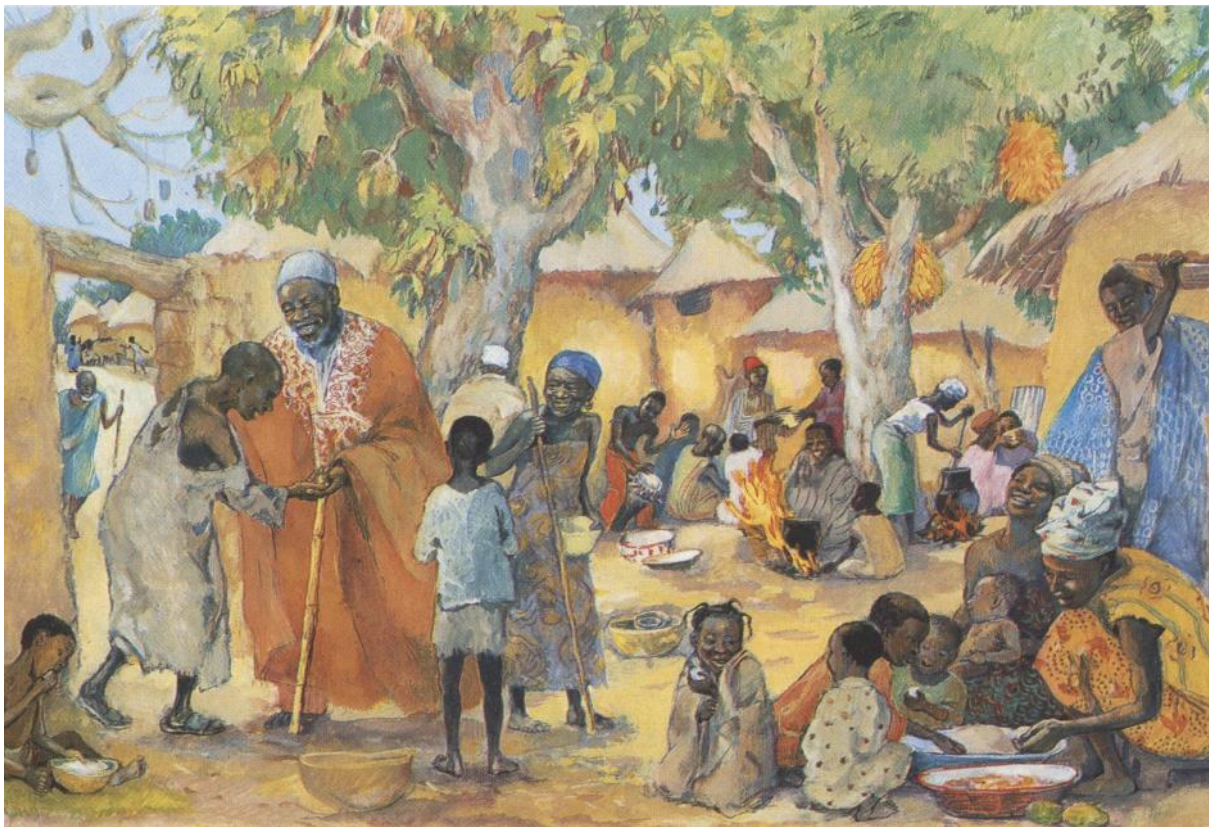
Perceiving the challenges that the recent rediscovery of Aristotle's works might entail for traditional catholic doctrine, especially in its emphasis upon empirical knowledge derived from reason and sense perception, independent of faith and revelation, Thomas asserted that reason and revelation are in basic harmony. "Grace" (revelation), he said, "is not the denial of nature" (reason), "but the perfection of it." This synthesis Thomas accomplished in his greatest works, the *Summa Theologica* and the *Summa Contra Gentiles*, which even today continue to exercise profound influence on Christian thought and philosophy. He was considered a bold thinker, even a "radical," and certain aspects of his thought were condemned by the ecclesiastical authorities. His canonization on July 18, 1323, vindicated him.

Thomas understood God's disclosure of his Name, in Exodus 3:14, "I Am Who I Am," to mean that God is Being, the Ultimate Reality from which everything else derives its being. The difference between God and the world is that God's essence is to exist, whereas all other beings derive their being from him by the act of creation. Although, for Thomas, God and the world are distinct, there is, nevertheless, an analogy of being between God and the world, since the Creator is reflected in his creation. It is possible, therefore, to have a limited knowledge of God, by analogy from the created world. On this basis, human reason can demonstrate that God exists; that he created the world; and that he contains in himself, as their cause, all the perfections which exist in his creation. The distinctive truths of Christian faith, however, such as the Trinity and the Incarnation, are known only by revelation.

Thomas died in 1274, just under fifty years of age. In 1369, on January 28, his remains were transferred to Toulouse. In addition to his many theological writings, he composed several eucharistic hymns.

*Almighty God, you have enriched your Church with the singular learning and holiness of your servant Thomas Aquinas: Enlighten us more and more, we pray, by the disciplined thinking and teaching of Christian scholars, and deepen our devotion by the example of saintly lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

29 Andrei Rublev, Monk and Iconographer, 1430



The poor invited to the feast  
Jesus Mafa, 1973

# 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 houseguest 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. The thirty-fourth rector of St Paul's is the Reverend Donna S. Mote, PhD who was installed on June 5, 2021.

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