

# Sunday Notes January 28, 2023

#### WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!

Wherever you are in the world or on your life's journey, we are glad you chose to worship with us today. If you are new to St. Paul's, please fill out our welcome card in the pew rack in front of you or online: <a href="mailto:stpauls-church.org/visit">stpauls-church.org/visit</a>. A member of the clergy will reach out to get to know you and welcome you into our community. For more information, contact the Rev. Gabriel Lawrence: (216) 932-5815, or <a href="mailto:glawrence@stpauls-church.org">glawrence@stpauls-church.org</a>

#### FORMATION FOR ALL AGES

Children of all ages are welcome to join us for youth formation this Sunday on a modified schedule from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. If you need directions, an usher will be happy to help. Email Lauren Dockery with any questions: <a href="mailto:ldockery@stpauls-church.org">ldockery@stpauls-church.org</a>.

Preschool to Kindergarten | Art Room

1st to 3rd grade | Evans Room

4th to 6th grade | O'Hear Room

7th to 8th grade | Tower

**Highschoolers** | Tower for Bagels *or* attend the Annual Meeting.

#### **CHILDCARE**

**9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Infant & Toddler childcare in the Toddler Room.

**Books and Activity Bags** for children are available in both the Foyer and Narthex. Please return them to the tables after the service.

Check out our NEW soft-space! Families with young children are invited to a special section near St. Martin's Chapel with low seating and quiet activities.

#### **TODAY**

#### Annual Meeting 11 a.m., Tucker Hall

We will gather as a parish to reflect and look ahead to the coming year. We'll hear updates on current ministries and projects and learn about programming. In addition, the 2024 Budget will be presented, and we will give thanks to outgoing Vestry members and elect new members. Our 2024 Vestry nominees are Karen Carter, Barbara Driscol (1-year term), Bob Quartell, Susan Quill, and Timothy Wutrich.

#### Church School

During the Annual Meeting this Sunday, there will be activities for children and youth! Please have your child go to their usual classroom. Their teachers will meet them there and bring them to the O'Hear Room for a combined church school session with a movie, a snack, and quiet activities.

#### C.A.S.T Auditions 1-3 p.m., Evans Room

Are you ready to rock!? This year, C.A.S.T.'s spring musical is We Will Rock You! Featuring hit songs by the band Queen, *We Will Rock You* follows two revolutionaries as they try to save rock 'n' roll in a post-apocalyptic world. This is a musical for our time: a fist-pumping, foot-stomping anthem to individuality! Kids in 4th grade and up are invited to audition. For details and to sign up for a 1-hour audition block, use this link: <a href="www.stpauls-church.org/WWRY2024">www.stpauls-church.org/WWRY2024</a>. Reach out to Lauren with any questions: <a href="dockery@stpauls-church.org">ldockery@stpauls-church.org</a>.

# Take Note

GCC Action with Mayor Bibb Tuesday, January 30, 7 p.m.

Please join your St. Paul's GCC Core Team to attend the January

30 Action at 7 p.m. at Elizabeth Baptist Church (6114 Frances Avenue). They will host Cleveland Mayor Justin Bibb and kick-off their continuing work for Democracy focusing on gerrymandering and voter turnout for the primary and general elections. Those wishing to carpool can meet in the Coventry parking lot at 6 p.m. The Action will have a Zoom option. Sign up in the foyer on Sunday or contact Julie Micheletti at michelettijulie@gmail.com.

Winter Family Gathering Thursday, February 1, 6 p.m.

Families with children and youth are invited to a potluck gathering in the dining room on Thursday, February 1,

from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Formerly "The Choir Dinner," Kelsey and Lauren have teamed up to create casual post-holiday fellowship fun! Take this opportunity to slow down, connect, grow relationships, play games, and share a good meal. We encourage you to bring your favorite dish to share. Whether you are a long-time member of St. Paul's or a newcomer, you are welcome! Use the QR code or visit our website to RSVP and sign up to bring a dish: <a href="https://www.stpauls-church.org/cymgathering24">www.stpauls-church.org/cymgathering24</a>.

St. Paul's 101 Begins Sunday, February 4, 12:30 p.m.

All newcomers (those who've joined the parish in the past two years or so) are invited to attend a series of

interactive lunches on Sunday afternoons in February. These gatherings are specifically designed for those new to St. Paul's and wanting to learn more about its ministries and operations. Each week will focus on a different aspect of our church. Contact Rev. Gabriel Lawrence to RSVP: glawrence@stpauls-church.org.

**StPauls** 

101

Daniel Colaner, Organ Recital Sunday, February 4, 4 p.m.

Daniel Colaner, St. Paul's Organ

Scholar, will offer a recital on Sunday, February 4, at 4 p.m. He first captured international media attention at the age of 12 with his same-day performance on piano at Carnegie Hall and on organ at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Since then, his talents have been showcased on ABC, BBC, NPR and PBS. In 2021, he was chosen for *The Diapason's* "20 Under 30," a select group of young adults at the forefront of the organ field.

The Philadelphia Eleven Sunday, February 11, 4 p.m.

On July 29, 1974, eleven women were ordained as priests in Philadelphia, violating the constitution and canons of The Episcopal Church

at that time. These first female priests in The Episcopal Church were harassed, lost friends, and banned from stepping on church property. The Philadelphia Eleven documentary, released this year in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of their ordinations, showcases their courage to effect change and build a movement that is still transforming the Church today. Join us for a screening and discussion with a panel that includes Bishop Anne Jolly and the Rev. Nancy Wittig, one of the 11 women.

#### Parish Life In Memoriam

We ask your prayers for the family of Tom Horner, who died on Friday, January 19. A service in thanksgiving for his life will be held at St. Paul's on Saturday, February 3, at 3 p.m.

We ask your prayers for the family of Alexander Cook, who died on Tuesday, January 23. A private burial service will be held.

We ask your prayers for the family of Mary Krogness, who died on Wednesday, January 24.

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#### YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

For the week of January 28, 2024, we bid your prayers for the following:

**In our Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Please pray for the life of this parish, including the Vestry, and for our partnership in service with Habitat for Humanity. *May they be guided for faithful service.* 

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Please pray for the Central East Mission Area: St. Timothy's Church, Massillon; Trinity Church, New Philadelphia; Church of Our Saviour, Salem; and New Life Episcopal Church, Uniontown. *May they grow in their knowledge of the Lord*.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Please pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. *May we be united in Christ's mission.* 

**In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:** Please pray for our fellow Christians in Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara, and Tunisia. *May we all be one.* 

For those with birthdays this week, including Patrick Doherty, Nancy Freed, Kaitlyn Greppin, Grant LeMay, Jane Morris, Eric Nilson, Missy Owen, Claire Rossbach, Sam Spaller, Naleli Steer-Massaro, Iris von der Heydt, Jo Walter, Christine Weed, and Pat Cangelosi-Williams. *May they grow in wisdom and grace.* 

**For those with anniversaries this week**, including Mary & David Osburn. *May they grow in unity and love.* 

For parishioners and friends serving with the Armed Forces: Charles Bates, Ian Beckles, Adam Bush, Nelson Cancel, Zack Dalbom, Michael DeBoer, Joseph Dokken, D'Angelo Hanley, Kate Heflin, Kurt Huxel, Isabelle King, Robert King, Lauren Levy, Charles LoPresti, Brendan Mackin, Jess Smith Olena, Jonah Petrinovic, Neil Princic, Eric Schmidt, KJ Schopp, Ross Skilling, Ryan Skilling, Bennett Smith, Eric Super, Sam Ubersax, Dylan Underwood, Scott Waizmann, Daniel Webster, Evan Wieczorek, James Zoebisch; and for their families here at home. *May they serve in safety and with honor.* 

For those who are ill or are experiencing difficult circumstances: Joyce, Giulia, Bonnie, John, T.M., David, Weezie, David, Margaret, Mary Ann, David, John, Artt, Beatriz, Nancy, Ed, James, Hank, Monika, Christopher, Claire, Teddy, Era, Jim, Kristen, Jess, Krys, Bill, Franz, Steve, Zoe, Bill, Ruthie, Debbie, Nancy, Jennifer, Trig, Amber, Karen, Ivy, Kimberly & family, Jim, Campbell, Karel, Linda, David, Mary, and Ted. *May they be relieved from their distress*.

**For those who have died**, including Alexander Cook and Mary Krogness. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.* 

You are encouraged to take Sunday Notes home and use this prayer sheet in your personal prayers.

If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary this week and do not see your name listed, please contact Jenni Thomas at (216) 932-5815 or jthomas@stpauls-church.org.

# Today's Readings

#### Acts 26:9-21

Paul said to King Agrippa, "Indeed, I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things against the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And that is what I did in Jerusalem; with authority received from the chief priests, I not only locked up many of the saints in prison, but I also cast my vote against them when they were being condemned to death. By punishing them often in all the synagogues I tried to force them to blaspheme; and since I was so furiously enraged at them, I pursued them even to foreign cities. With this in mind, I was traveling to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, when at midday along the road, your Excellency, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and my companions. When we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.' I asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The Lord answered, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But get up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you. I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles-- to whom I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' After that, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do deeds consistent with repentance. For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me."

#### Galatians 1:11-24

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human

origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, "The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy." And they glorified God because of me.

#### Matthew 10:16-22

Jesus said to the twelve, "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

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# The Holy Eucharist

The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle January 28, 2024 • 10 a.m.

The People's responses are in bold.

Prelude

Variations on "Come, Christians Join To Sing"

Madrid, arr. Michael Helman

#### The Word of God

Hymn 255 Stand

We sing the glorious conquest

Munich

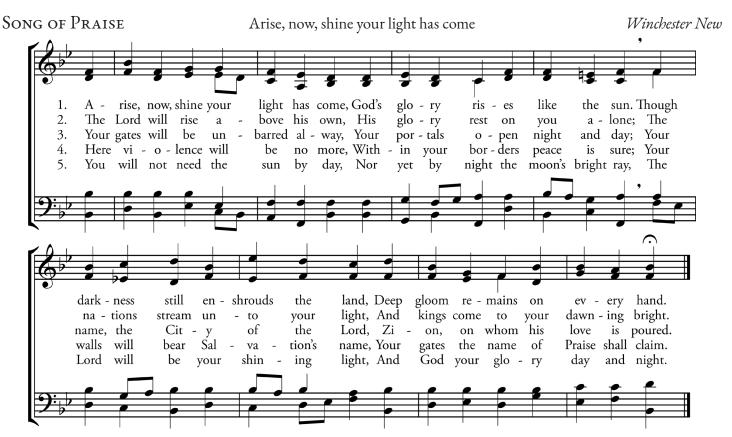
#### OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

#### THE LESSONS Sit

The Lessons may be found on the back of Sunday Notes.

First Lesson Acts 26:9–21

...The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM Psalm 67

The Antiphon is first sung once by the Choir and then repeated by all



- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \* show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \* your saving health among all nations.

#### Repeat Antiphon

- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \* for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* let all the peoples praise you.

#### Repeat Antiphon

- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \* may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \* and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

#### Repeat Antiphon

Second Lesson Galatians 1:11–24

...The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL Matthew 10:16–22

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

...The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### THE SERMON Sit

The Rev. Gabriel Lawrence

### THE NICENE CREED Stand

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 Pi

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 Remain standing or kneel

Inspired by the faith of our patron saint, the Apostle Paul, let us pray to God for the needs of the Church and the world saying, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the Church, that having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, we may be joined together in unity of spirit.

Lord, in your mercy.

#### Hear our prayer.

For this parish, that as we celebrate the marvelous conversion of our patron, we may follow him in bearing witness to the truth of the gospel.

Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the nations, that they might follow Paul's call to put on the mind of Christ, and find strength in humility and might in compassion.

Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

For the human family torn asunder by war, hatred, and strife, that the power of Christ Crucified might reconcile us to each other and to the God who created us for love.

Lord, in your mercy.

#### Hear our prayer.

For all who suffer, and those commended to our prayers, that they might know the love of God whose grace is all sufficient, and whose power is made perfect in weakness.

Lord in your mercy.

#### Hear our prayer.

For those who have died, that they might share in Christ's victory over death and rise to new life on the last day.

Lord in your mercy.

#### Hear our prayer.

The Presider then prays the following Collect

Almighty God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses: Grant that we, encouraged by the good example of your servant Paul the Apostle, may persevere in running the race that is set before us, until at last we may with him attain to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

### CONFESSION OF SIN Kneel or remain standing

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 our Savior 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.

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

THE PEACE All stand

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Welcome Sit

## The Holy Communion

#### THE OFFERTORY

In the Offertory, the People's gifts of bread, wine and money are offered at the Altar. We give back to God from the abundance of God's blessings in recognition that all we have is a gift from God. An offering is received to support the mission of St. Paul's to provide a spiritual home for all to seek, serve, and love God together. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, at www.stpauls-church.org/give/, or by texting "STPAULSCLE" followed by an amount to 73256.

#### ANTHEM

Surge, illuminare, Jerusalem

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Surge illuminare, Jerusalem, quia venit lumen tuum, et gloria Domini super te orta est.

Quia ecce tenebræ operient terram et caligo populos.

Super te autem orietur Dominus et gloria eius in te videbitur.

Arise, shine, Jerusalem; 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.

—Isaiah 60:1-3

Children and families may come forward during the hymn and kneel around the Altar rail.



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

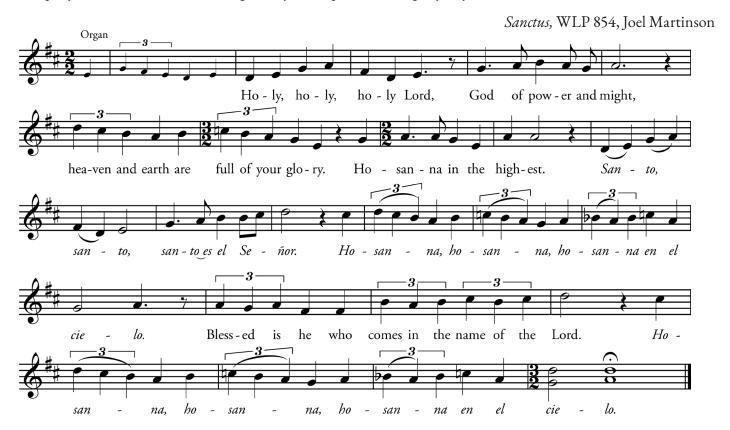
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after the resurrection sent forth the apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

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:



Remain standing or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, 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

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem, WLP 869, Martinson



#### THE PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. The Celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by those viewing the service online.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive Communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

#### The Invitation to Communion

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

#### THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION Sit

Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table.

In the interest of public health, St. Paul's does not practice intinction, that is, the dipping of the Bread into the Wine. Gluten-free wafers are available at the Altar rail. If you do not wish to receive Communion but would like to receive a blessing, you can indicate this to the priest by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are mobility impaired, and would like Communion brought to your pew, simply notify an usher.

#### ANTHEM

#### Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring, BWV 147

J.S. Bach

Jesus bleibet meine Freude,
Meines Herzens Trost und Saft,
Jesus wehret allem Leide,
Er ist meines Lebens Kraft,
Meiner Augen Lust und Sonne,
Meiner Seele Schatz und Wonne;
Darum lass ich Jesum nicht
Aus dem Herzen und Gesicht.
—Martin Jahn, 1661

Jesu, joy of our desiring,
Holy wisdom, Love most bright,
Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring
Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned
With the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to truth unknown,
Soaring, dying round thy throne.
—trans. Robert Bridges

#### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER Stand

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

#### BLESSING

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation, to know the hope to which he has called you. **Amen.** 

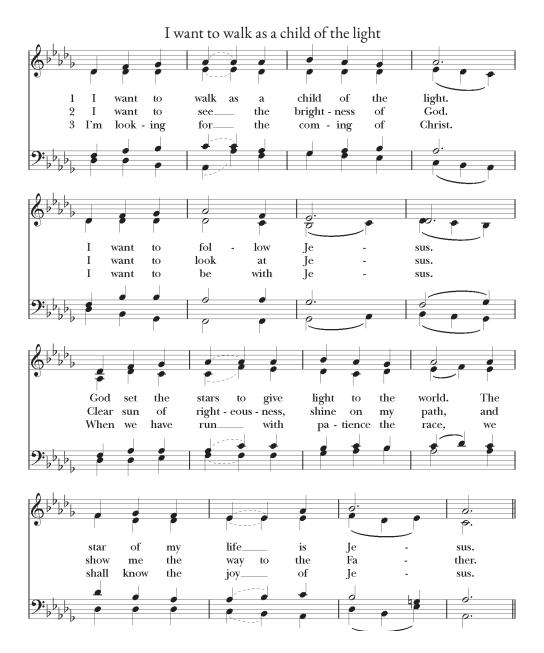
God, who has given you an example of holy living and holy dying in the witness of the saints, bring you to share their glorious inheritance. **Amen.** 

God, who calls you friends and fellow citizens with the saints, give you grace to walk in the way of Christ. **Amen.** 

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

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### Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Moto ostinato (Sunday Music)

Petr Eben

You are invited to remain for the Postlude. If you do not wish to stay, please be respectful of those who are listening.

Participants in Today's Service			
Presider	The Rev. Brandon Ashcraft	Head Usher	Jim Ptacek
Preacher	The Rev. Gabriel Lawrence	Ushers	Cliff Bennett, Jeff and Carol
Gospeller	The Rev. Patricia Rose		Spero, Robin Weaver, Tom Wise
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