

THE HOLY EUCHARIST WITH
HOLY BAPTISM
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 1, 2026 ✠ 10:15AM

I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

Isaiah 49:6

WELCOME! St. Paul's Church builds bridges — to God, to one another, to the city and beyond. We are glad you have joined us today.

As we continue through this season after the Epiphany, we continue to be reminded of the theme of the manifestation of Jesus as the Christ. We receive these reminders not just in the words of scripture that are read, but in the very act of gathering together to sing, listen, speak, and celebrate the Eucharist. Each time we gather together, we are both called and revealed to be the Body of Christ in the world.

This service booklet, *The Book of Common Prayer* (red), *The Hymnal 1982* (blue), and *Wonder, Love and Praise* (“WLP,” green paperbound) provide the resources needed for participation in our worship. Please silence your cell phones.

MUSIC NOTE

In our contemporary society, where Christians are challenged on every side by questions of profound moral complexity, the text of our opening hymn “What Does the Lord Require” speaks with particular relevance and strength.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

Readers: Erin Glanton, Nancy Curtis, Joan Flint

Eucharistic Ministers: Chari Krenis, Cynthia Miller

Crucifer: Daniel Wright

Healing Prayers: Diane Healy, Hilary Streever

Altar Guild: Lila Kennedy, Lindsay Korth, Carey Wilcox, Judy McGrath

Ushers: Abuk Mabut, Chari Krenis, Jennifer Bleecker, Lila Kennedy

ASL Interpreter: Luane Haggerty

Live-Stream Operator: Sonja Slother

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*Before worship, let God speak to you. During worship, speak to God.
After worship, speak to one another.*

VOLUNTARY

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

J. S. Bach
Sandra Eithun

✠ *indicates to stand as able.*

✠ HYMN 605

What Does the Lord Require

Sharpthorne

✠ OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God:

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

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit,

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Creator of all.**

✠ COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;

for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;

and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 15 (*Said responsively at 8:00; Sung by ALL at 10:15*)

St. Peter

- 1 Lord, who may dwell within your house or on your holy hill?*
- Those who do good and speak the truth, whose lives are blameless still;**
- 2 Who have no guile upon their tongues nor harm their neighbor’s life,*
but honor those who fear the Lord and turn away from strife;
- 3 Who do no wrong, but keep their word and seek no bribe or gain;*
- all those who do such things shall live and safe from harm remain.**

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us
who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this
age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom

of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

✠ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Sung twice before Gospel and once following Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Jay Burkardt

A brief period of quiet reflection follows the sermon.

HOLY BAPTISM

This morning we welcome

Jude Ellis Nicolosi

into the household of God through Holy Baptism.

✠ Hymn 490 (*stz 1*) I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Houston

The congregation may be seated.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

BCP p. 301

After the candidate has been presented, the congregation STANDS and the Presider addresses them, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

✠ THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BCP p. 304

✠ PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

p. 305

✠ THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

p. 306

✠ THE BAPTISM

p. 307

After the candidate has been baptized, the Presider says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People **We receive you in to the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

✠ EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please greet one another in Christ's Name. Words of welcome and announcements are then made.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Deacon says: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due God's Name; bring offerings and come into the courts with praise. (*Psalms 96:8*)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Witness

African American Spiritual
arr. Jack Halloran

Who'll be a witness for my Lord? Oh, I'll be a witness for my Lord. There was a man of the Pharisees, his name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe. The same came to Christ by night, wanted to be taught out of human sight. Nicodemus was a man who desired to know how a man can be born when he is old. Christ told Nicodemus as a friend, "Man, you must be born again." He said, "Marvel not, man if you want to be wise, repent, believe and be baptized." Then you'll be a witness for my Lord. You read about Samson, from his birth he was the strongest man that ever lived on earth. Way back yonder in ancient times he killed ten thousand of the Philistines. Then old Samson went wandering about. Samson's strength was never found out, 'till his wife sat upon his knee. She said, "Tell me where your strength lies, if you please!" Well, old Samson's wife, she talk so fair, Samson said, "Cut off my hair! Shave my head just as clean as your hand, and my strength will come like a natural man." Samson was a witness for my Lord. There's another witness for my Lord! My soul is a witness for my Lord!

✠ OFFERTORY VERSE: HYMN 705 (*stz 3*)

Forest Green

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to thee
to serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity.
O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy Son,
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

✠ SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

From A Mass for a Soulful People

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.

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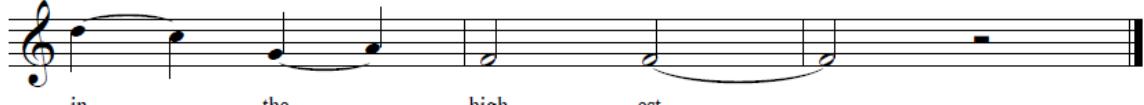
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The congregation may remain standing or kneel, as the Presider continues.

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.**

The Presider continues

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 whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are 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.**

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Presider The gifts of God, for the people of God.

All are welcome at God's table.

PRAYER LIST

We entrust into your unfailing care, Merciful God...

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Kara Wagner Sherer, our Bishop; and, the Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leaders of St. Paul's Church

In Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia The Church of England

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church, Hornell

Jack Worboys, Mara Hazzard-Wallingford, Edward Scott, Eric Beach, Shelia Eiss, Cheri Potter, Jean Rodman, Luke Humphry, Bill & Diane Bailey, Lois, Matthew, Donna Grear, Gwen Cheney, Hans Thurston, Nathan, Noreen, Scott, Bertha Simpkins, Jeff, Tom, Amelia Smith, Ella Richard-Dyson, and Bill Dewart

Those who have died.

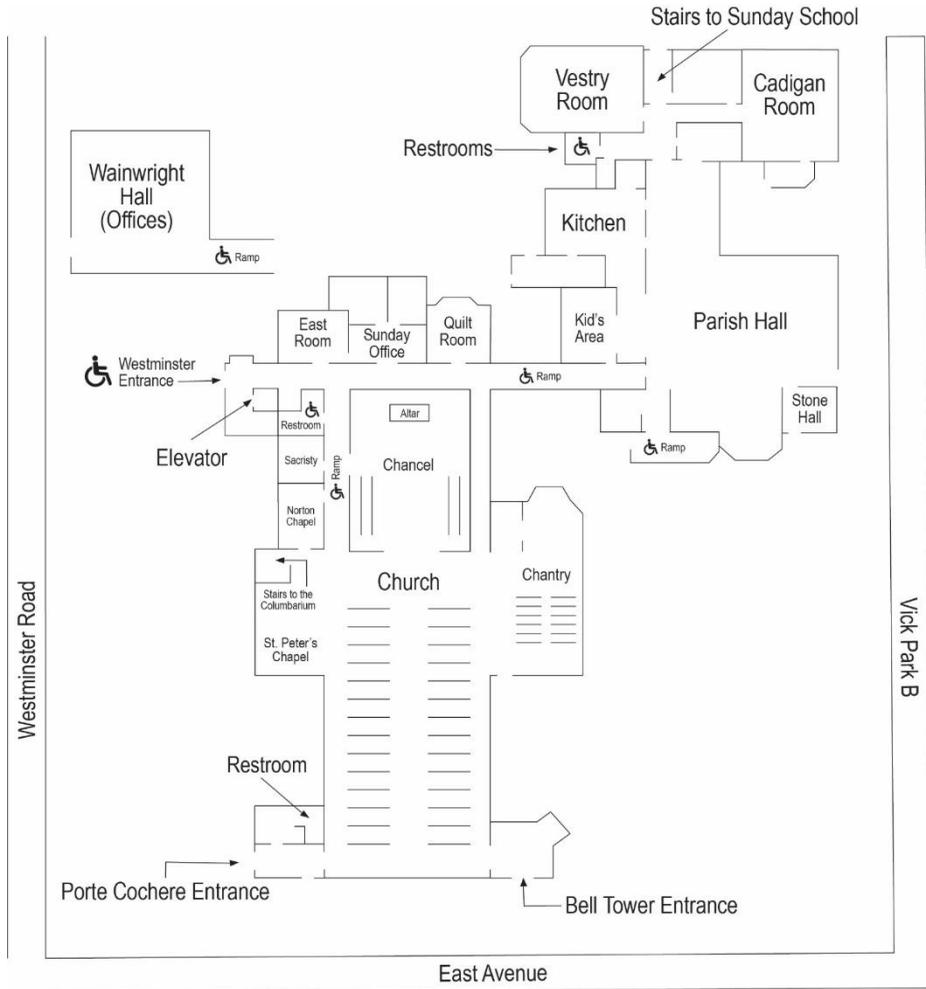
*Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

FLOWER MEMORIALS

The flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Van Allen Nichols & Thomas Munro Nichols

When immigrants live in your land with you, you must not cheat them. Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.

Leviticus 19:33-34 (CEB)



All are invited to make a gift to support our mission:
 As the plate is passed. • By scanning the QR code at the left. • Online at stpaulsec.org/donate. • By texting PAUL to 73256 and following the prompts.
 Thank you for your generosity!

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S

8:00 am: Holy Eucharist (Chantry)

10:00 am: Sunday School

10:15 am: Holy Eucharist (Church)

11:30 am: Search Process: Five Marks of Mission Conversations (Parish Hall)

11:30 am: Chorister Rehearsal (Church)

4:30 pm: Youth Group (Stone Hall)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Monday, February 2nd

7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

Tuesday, February 3rd

10:00 am: HLAA Meeting (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, February 4th

9:00 am: Wednesday Women AA (Stone Hall)

Noon: Holy Eucharist (St. Peter's Chapel)

6:00 pm: Monthly Potluck Supper (Parish Hall)

6:00 pm: Handbell Rehearsal (Church)

7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal (Church)

8:15 pm: Young & Restless AA (Stone Hall)

Thursday, February 5th

6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Stone Hall)

8:30 pm: Academy Group AA (Stone Hall)

Saturday, February 7th

10:30 am: Debtors' Anonymous (Quilt Room)

8:00 pm: AA Saturday Group (Stone Hall)

NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ We will be having the first of our **Search Committee Conversations** today at **11:30 in the Parish Hall**. Please join us for this first opportunity to participate in creating a vision for St. Paul's and our search process for a new rector.
- ❖ **St. Joe's Sandwich Making** - Due to St. Joseph's House of Hospitality's February schedule, St. Joe's Sandwich Making will be held on the second Saturday in February at 9:30 am in the Parish Kitchen. Starting in March, it will resume on the first Saturday of the month. For more information, please contact Meredith Halter at meredith5@myyahoo.com.
- ❖ **Live Stream Ministry:** Our Live Stream Ministry is currently in need of additional live stream members to operate our user-friendly livestream equipment. Once trained, your commitment would involve dedicating one Sunday morning per month. *Our youth 14+ are encouraged to apply, also!* Please reach out to Sonja at sonja@stpaulsec.org.
- ❖ **Altar Flowers:** There are opportunities to donate altar flowers on the Sundays listed below, "In memory of" or in "celebration of" an event. Please call Nancy Andrus at 406-8545 or email nancyandrus308@gmail.com. The following Sundays are available for the Chantry Altar: February 8, 15, and the High Altar on February 22nd.
- ❖ **Third Sundays @3pm*:** The next St. Paul's concert series will be on February 15th at 3:00 pm with Afro-Cuban soprano, Isabel Randall, in collaboration with the Rochester Oratorio Society, Arts Connexions. **Tickets will be available at the door; \$30 general admission; \$25 students and seniors.*
- ❖ **Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras Meal** on February 17th at 6:00 pm. In addition to pancakes and sausage, we have sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall if you would like to bring something. Whether you bring something or not, come to the meal for a great time!

LENT at ST. PAUL'S

Ash Wednesday, February 18th: 7:30 am, Noon (w/ hymns), 5:30 pm (w/ hymns)
Third Sundays @3pm: Lenten Choral Meditation on March 15th

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