

Isaiah continued

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.]

Psalm

Psalm 112:1-9, [10]

Beatus vir

- 1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
- [10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.]

Epistle

1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16]

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaim in the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within?

Pray for the Church and the Body of Christ

The Daughters of the King are dedicated to supporting the prayer needs of St. Paul's. They are available in the west corner of sanctuary every Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. worship service for private prayer. You can also submit intentions in the prayer box in the narthex.

To add names to the prayer list, please contact the church office.
Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise renewed.
Please pray for: Suzanne Taylor, Amber Droll, Linda Massey

6:00—7:00pm; Tues. Feb 17
Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage,
Syrup, Butter, Juice, Coffee
To volunteer see Frank

St. Joseph's Guild



Presents a
Shrove
Tuesday
Pancake
Supper!

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Noon & 6:00pm
Wed., Feb. 18



Let today be the
day you give up
who you've been
for you who can
become.

Blended Ash Wednesday

Epistle continued

So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

“For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.]

Gospel

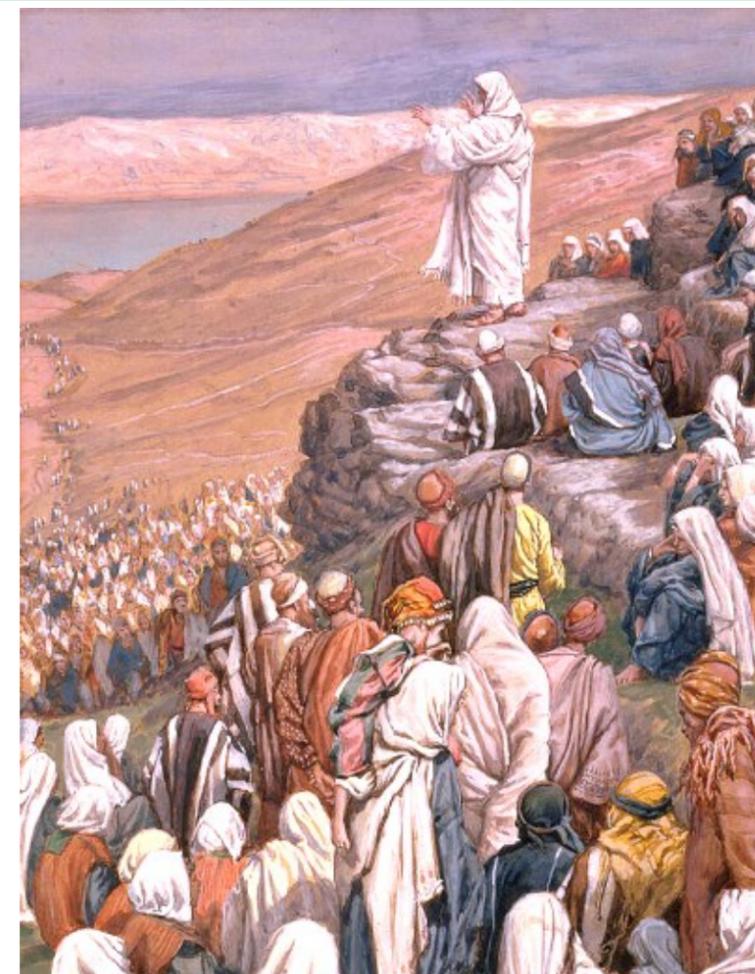
Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



The Sermon of the Beatitudes
James Tissot (Nantes, France, 1836–1902, Chenecey-Buillon, France)

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The Rev. Gordon Miltenberger, *Assisting Priest*
David Gish, *Music Director*
Cathy Hargrave, *Organist*

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026

Service Times at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

SUNDAY

10:30 am. HOLY EUCHARIST
11:45 am. FELLOWSHIP, CLARDY HALL

MONDAY

9:00 am. CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY

10:30 am. MORNING PRAYER II
6:00 pm. BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAY

8:00 p.m. COMPLINE SERVICE (access St. Paul's Facebook Page)

This Sunday, February 8th

Lector/LEM: Jim Pence
Acolyte: Karen Smith
Thurifer: Laurel Pence
Vestry Person of the Day: Matt Wolff, Nancy Wyant
Intercessory Prayer: Laurel Pence
Tech Team: Director-Jeff Faunce; Titles-Jennifer Faunce;
Audio-Brad Mathis; Cameras-Nick Stone
Social Media-Georgianna Harrison

Next Sunday, February 15th

Lector/LEM: Debbie Shaffer
Acolyte: Matt Wolff
Thurifer: Jim Pence
Vestry Person of the Day: Jeff Faunce, Elizabeth Porter
Intercessory Prayer: Nancy Wyant
Tech Team: Director-Jeff Faunce; Titles-Jennifer Faunce;
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Social Media-Georgianna Harrison
Altar Guild: Laurel Pence, Nancy Wyant,
Georgianna Harrison



Today's Stewardship Pearl

*"Taste and see that the Lord is good;
Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." Psalm 34:8*
*This verse invites us to experience the goodness of God
in a personal and good way!*

*Through prayer, worship, Scripture reading, and serving others, we
deepen our relationship with God, and open our hearts to the daily
blessings he offers!*

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Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Word of God

Processional Hymn **A mighty fortress is our God** **H #688**
Opening Sentence BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis H #S280
Collect BCP 215

The Lessons BCP 84
The First Reading Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12]
The Psalm Psalm 112:1-9, [10]
The Epistle 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16]

Gospel Hymn **At the name of Jesus** **H #435**
Gospel **Matthew 5:13-20**

Sermon **The Rev. Gary D. Hill**

The Nicene Creed BCP 358
Prayers of the People (Form I) BCP 387
The Confession BCP 360
The Peace BCP 360
Announcements

The Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Eucharist.

Offertory Hymn **Bind us together** **A3 #18**
Change my heart **A3 #23**

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A) BCP 361
Sanctus H #S129
The Lord's Prayer BCP 364
Agnus Dei H #S157
The Presentation BCP 364

Communion Hymn **Here I am** **A3 #59**
Know we are Christians **A3 #175**

Post Communion Prayer BCP 365
The Blessing & Dismissal BCP 366

Process to the World **Onward Christian soldiers** **H #562**

BCP = Book of Common Prayer
H = Hymnbook (red)
A3 = Alleluia III (yellow)



Sun., Feb. 15th
**Bring your palm crosses and fronds from
last year to be burned for Ash Wed. A
short service will take place at 5:40pm,
prior to Shrove Pancake Supper.**

The Collect

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12]

Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.
"Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?
Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.
[If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.