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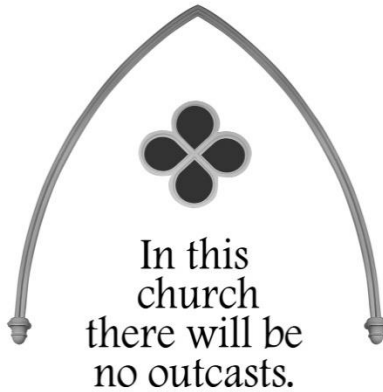
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Welcome



St. Paul's
Episcopal Church

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
January 28, 2024

HOLY EUCHARIST
9:30 AM COMBINED SERVICE
Followed By Annual Meeting

**In the name of Christ,
we are truly delighted to worship together.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Gathering

Whether worshipping in person, online or tv, we are One in Christ.

We invite you to support God's mission in and through this parish community by placing your gift in the offering basket at each entrance, or [online](#). Thank you.

Hymn 493 O for a thousand tongues to sing Azmon

Opening Acclamation **BCP, p. 355**

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, 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.*

Gloria S 280 Robert Powell

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Proclaiming the Word

THE COLLECT

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak - that prophet shall die.'"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 111 *Sung by the cantor*

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

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- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth - as in fact there are many gods and many lords - yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO Mark 1:21-28

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching - with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Dr. Linda Spiers

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 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 St. Paul's Prayer List Bulletin page 11

Epiphany 4B Litany

Brothers and sisters, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Let us appeal to the Lord, saying: "You are gracious and full of compassion, O Lord; *hear our prayer.*"

O Lord, you have made the Church a family through the waters of baptism; let us not sin against each other but instead build each other up in love.

Silence

You are gracious and full of compassion, O Lord;
Hear our prayer.

O Lord, the works of your hands are faithfulness and justice: may the nations of the world be ruled by truth and equity. Give us a vision for peace.

Silence

You are gracious and full of compassion, O Lord;
Hear our prayer.

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O Lord, all things are from you and exist for you: give us ears to heed the words spoken on behalf of our planet; and give us the will to be faithful stewards.

Silence

You are gracious and full of compassion, O Lord;

Hear our prayer.

O Lord, you sent your son to set us free from the unclean spirits that harass your people: set us free from the violence in our land, especially gun violence. In your compassion, cast out hatred and anger.

Silence

You are gracious and full of compassion, O Lord;

Hear our prayer.

O Lord, you know those who love you: show all the sick and suffering your marvelous works. Fill their hearts with songs of praise.

Silence

You are gracious and full of compassion, O Lord;

Hear our prayer.

O Lord, you have redeemed your people: remember your covenant and care for your children forever; even beyond death and the grave.

Silence

You are gracious and full of compassion, O Lord;

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

The Peace

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Life's Milestones

The Offertory *Please place your offering in the basket as it is passed, or give [online](#).*

Please STAND as you are able as the gifts are brought forward in procession to the altar.

Offertory Hymn WLP 778

We all are one in mission

Nyland

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP, p. 361

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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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 him thanks and praise.

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.

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:

Sanctus

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Calvin Hampton

Celebrant and 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.

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 to 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

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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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

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Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

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,

forever and ever. Amen.

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The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

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David Hurd

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

We will be offering communion in both kinds (including wine). Although communion in one kind (bread only) is full and sufficient, those who wish to receive wine as well are invited to do so. You may request gluten-free wafers by turning your palms downward at the altar rail. Grape juice is also available and may be requested in the same way. If you do not wish to receive communion, please come to the altar for a blessing; this is indicated by crossing one's arms over the chest.

Communion Anthem

Locus Iste

Anton Bruckner

Text: Gradual for the Dedication of a Church

Latin

Locus iste a Deo factus est,
inaestimabile sacramentum,
irreprehensibilis est.

English

This place was made by God,
a priceless sacrament;
it is without reproach.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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Celebrant and People

**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 your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Hymn WLP 780 Lord, you give the great commission *Abbot's Leigh*

The Dismissal

Postlude Fanfare Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

*Potluck brunch and Annual Parish Meeting
after the single 9:30AM service downstairs in Wilkinson Hall.*



THE ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

For the Church: Epiphany, Durham; St. Gabriel's, East Berlin; St. Stephen's, East Haddam; All Saint's, East Harford; Ministries to, with, and for the deaf; The Anglican Church of Southern Africa; and for our parish of St. Paul's during this time of transition....

For the world, nation, and community: For Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's continued healing and all others dealing with sickness or injury; for the peoples of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, and all who live in the depths of war; for all who suffer and all who die from gun violence. Let us pray for continued racial reconciliation and justice in our nation; and for other concerns mentioned now silently or aloud.....

In Thanksgiving: For our common life together at St. Paul's and all that we've accomplished together in 2023; and for other thanks offered now silently or aloud.....

For those in any need or trouble, mentioning by name today: Gavin Tormollan, Sue Butler, Tom T., Karl Swenson, Nancy & Jim Jermine, Sean Schenk, Linda Gervais, Nancy Hall, Dave Falasco, Richard Chevalier, Ottilie Bulakites, Ken Berry, Kylie, Maria Rosa, Ava Mae, Richard Lammlin, Stephanie Leone and her family, Richard Libassi, Sandra Hanson, Kaley, Velta Inglis, Sophia and Benny, Donna Calvi, Garth Singer, Beverly Chevalier, William Voigt, Phil, Joyce Boisvert, Laura Moran, Donna Banatoski. Colleen Rommel, Eli Pattberg, David Clarke, William, Jane, Charles Parker, Aksel Kohn, Madison "little bird" Barbieri, James Padgett, Sue Esposito, Dorothy Adams, Bruce Corriveau, June Casso, Antoinette Camera, Barbara Busque, Deborah Rice, Cooper Anthony, Christine Pollnow, Ellen Shea, Nancy Benhart, Catherine Awsumb Nelson, Anthony Gagliardi, Donna Smith, Jessica M., Linda Coleman, Louise Ferrando, Gail and George Blicharz, The Charles Family, Madison Oquendo, Matt, Remmy & Shannon Sullivan, Shirley, Stan Rogalski, Caley, John Ferrara, Lydia Scott, June Lape, Todd Hlavac, Chuck Guglielmino, Bob Bartosiak, Josh Oquendo, Anthony Russo, Chuck Johns, Mary Tondalo, The Torres Family, Cole Geib, **Michele M., Lauren Dorio, Maria Feola, Sharon Lentine, Jennifer Oquendo, Jacob Thieringer, Ann P., Karen Burgess,** Terri Flynn, Jackie Iversen, Shirley J. Thomson, Walter Gordon, Moe Hanson, Mark Kohn, Lucy Smith, Ethan Tidd, Ann Winberg, Claire Mills, James Guimond, Hayley Martini, Jeanne Cohen, Patrick Leveille, Beverly Jean Martin, Christopher Bean, Steven Eddy, Allen Gervais, Zack Bernier, Mark Gervais, Roger Haynes, Sarah, Michael Lentine, Karen Doonan, Lui Nobrega, Gail Hart, Cheryl Schmidt, The Baxter family, Mac Sjovall, Liz Stokes, Eileen Grady, Rene Moran, Angie G., Carmen Brown, Marilee Reitman, Kate Johnson, Dee Roselle, Pat Martini, Kristine Mullin, Tom Rice, Ralph Cuomo, Courtney Nicole Masie, Gino Castillo, Scott C., Wayne Jones, Sam Jones, Cynthia Ayers, Rob & Melanie Tanner & family, Catherine Rose Hall, Kara Boettger, Brittany Landers, Kenneth, David Barr, Jr., Roger Campbell, Pete Weisner, Judith Terrill, Donna Z., Lara Luppi, Julia Gwynn, Bea White, Andrew Speyer, Judi Petro, Crystal Gordon; and others named silently or aloud.....

For the departed: For those named now silently or aloud.....

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Way of Love: Following Jesus & Changing the World – This week's word is: LEARN. In Mark's gospel we hear that Jesus entered the synagogue and taught the people, astonishing them with his words. He spoke with authority, and then he cast out demons with authority. What have we to LEARN from the peoples' reaction to Jesus' words and his actions? What have we to LEARN from the surprising ways that Jesus enters our lives today?

StarWords! – All are invited to receive a StarWord as you exit the church. A StarWord is simply a word written on a star to take home and let it speak to you in the year ahead. The fun of it is that we don't choose our StarWord – our StarWord chooses us! May we all be encouraged and challenged to grow spiritually this year.

WELCOME – and thank you for your presence and prayers today. We are pleased to welcome Rev. Dr. Linda Spiers as our supply priest today. Thank you to Patti Cullen (crucifer), Carol Gervais (1st reading/Minister of Communion), Claire Minneman (2nd reading), Sharon Turlis (intercessor/Minister of Communion), Gene Gervais (usher) and Samantha Martinez (cantor). Thank you to the Tech team for tech support.

Parish communication – Recent weather issues have reminded us of how important it is to be able to communicate with members of the parish, especially when we have to make changes to our plans. If you are not receiving weekly church emails and/or texts and would like to do so, please fill out the Newcomers and Neighbors form available in the sanctuary or contact the church office by phone (203-269-5050) or email (office@stpaulswallingford.org) so that we have your up-to-date contact information.

"Souper" Bowl Sunday – February 11, 2024 – What could be more comforting than a hot bowl of soup on a cold winter day? On Sunday, February 11th (Super Bowl Sunday) we will be collecting cans of soup and stew for Master's Manna. Please take advantage of the sales during the next few weeks and help feed those in need in our community. Donations can be left at the church office on Wednesdays from 11:00-2:00 or placed in the boxes at the back of the church on Sundays. Last year we collected 208 cans of soup – let's try to top that this year!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 13th 5-7pm –

Drop in anytime from 5:00-7:00pm on 2/13. Pancake themed games will take place @ 5:30pm. Price is \$8 for adults, and kids over 12. \$4 for kids 5-12 and under 5 is free! All proceeds will go towards Parish outreach. On the menu this year will be pancakes with all the toppings, bacon, sausage, fruit salad and other surprises. All are welcome. To donate items towards this fun Lenten kickoff event, check the easel in the back of the church. For more information or to volunteer in the kitchen, contact Curt Griesing by text/phone @ 203-213-9120

Ash Wednesday – February 14 -We'll offer the Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist in church at 12 noon (with music) and 7:00PM (with music and choir), plus Ashes-To-Go 8:00-9:00AM (Main Street) and Ashes-to-Go (Drive-thru in rear parking lot) 5:00-6:00PM.

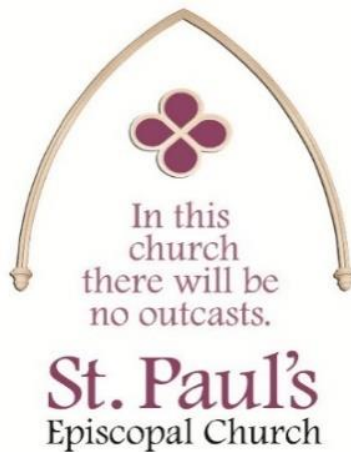
Columbus House Volunteers needed – This year Columbus House is reopening the Wallingford Emergency Shelter for 10 weeks. Each week a different faith community/organization is in charge of cooking and serving dinner for 10 clients and leaving bag lunches for the next day. First Baptist Church has signed up for Feb. 12 – 18 and is looking for help. If you would like to volunteer to assist in this effort, please contact Amy Foster (foster9092@gmail.com).



The church is open Wednesdays from 10:00am to 1:00pm for prayer & reflection, with healing prayers offered noon-1:00.

The Parish Office Hours – The parish office is open to the public on Wednesdays and Fridays from 11AM-2:00PM. Please email or call the office at (203) 269-5050 to arrange any additional times to meet during the week. Calls, emails and other matters will generally be addressed during business hours of 9:00-3:00 Tuesday-Friday.

Annual Parish Meeting



TODAY Sunday, January 28, 2024
single service at 9:30
and a potluck brunch

Child care provided during the meeting.

Snow date: Sunday, February 4, 2024

*For the election of parish officers
and other important business of our life together.*

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