

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

One Body-One Service

January 21, 2024

9:30

In the Church

The Rev. Stephanie E. Parker
Rector

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The Gathering

Prelude

Air (from Water Music)

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are most comfortable

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #381 (stanzas 1 and 4)

Thy Strong Word did Cleave the Darkness



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy speak - ing
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as night and
3 Thy strong word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with thine own
4 God the Fa - ther, Light - Cre - a - tor, to thee laud and



it was done; for cre - at - ed light we thank thee,
deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,
ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo - ry,
hon - or be; to thee, Light of Light be - got - ten,



while thine or - dered sea - sons run: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
and our lives our hopes con - fess: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly; Ho - ly Spi - rit, Light - Re -



lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to thee; mor - tals, an - gels,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
now and ev - er praise the Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty.

The Alleluias in stanzas 1-3 may be sung antiphonally.

Words: Martin H. Franzmann (1907-1976). From *Worship Supplement*. Copyright © 1969, Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission. Music: *Ton-y Botel*, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944).

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider Let us pray:

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.

Hymn of Praise

Canticle 13, Benedictus es, Domine

(Spoken)

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.**

**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.**

**Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**

**Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

The Collect

Please remain standing as you are most comfortable

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Give 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.**

Liturgy of the Word

Please be seated

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 62:6-14

Nonne Deo?

For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
 truly, my hope is in him.
He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
 my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
In God is my safety and my honor; *
 God is my strong rock and my refuge.
Put your trust in him always, O people, *
 pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
 even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
 all of them together.
Put no trust in extortion;
 in robbery take no empty pride; *
 though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
 that power belongs to God.
Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
 for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Reader	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People	Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are most comfortable

Sequence Hymn #660

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system covers the first four lines of the hymn. The second system covers the next four lines. The third system covers the final four lines, including the concluding phrase.

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,
4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Words: Washington Gladden (1836-1918). Music: *Maryton*, Henry Percy Smith (1825-1898).

Please stand as you are most comfortable

The Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

Presider	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark
People	Glory to you, Lord Christ

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Presider	The Gospel of the Lord
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ

All are seated

The Sermon

The Rev. Stephanie E. Parker

A time silence following the sermon.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Please stand as you are most comfortable

Presider: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People : I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People : I will, with God's help.

Presider: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Leader Let us rejoice in the Epiphany of Christ
in the revelation of God, as love
in the Wonder of the light of the word

Leader *O Prince of Peace,*
People Shine in us today.

Leader Let us rejoice that God is with us,
a hidden silent presence,
transforming to gold the leaden rock of earth.

Leader *O Emmanuel,*
People Shine in us today.

Leader Let us rejoice that the best name of God is Love,
a Love that draws us like a magnet,
that nothing can defeat, neither evil nor pain nor death.

Leader *O Wonderful Counselor,*
People Shine in us today.

Leader Let us rejoice in God revealed to us as a baby,
whose weakness is stronger than our brittle pride,
whose light shines clearer than our willful blindness.

Leader *O Word made flesh,*
People Shine in us today.

Leader Let us rejoice that God has given us one another,
that we might learn to bear the demands of love.

Leader *O Wonderful counselor,*
People Shine in us today.

Leader Let us pray that we have courage to change our lives so that as nations and as
individuals we feed the hungry, give dignity to the poor, let the oppressed go
free, and welcome the stranger.

Leader *O living Christ,*
People Shine in us today.

Leader Let us pray for those in authority among us,
that they may work for justice and serve the common good.

Leader *O King of Peace,*

People **Shine in us today.**

Leader Let us pray for the peacemakers of the world,
and all who through their vision and struggle
seek to make us a unified human family.

Leader *O Son of Man,*

People **Shine in us today.**

Leader Let us remember the lonely and anxious among us,
the elderly, the unsheltered and the starving,
the foolish and the despairing,
the sick at heart and those in pain,
the dying and those who mourn,
and those whose hearts are hardened against the love of God.

Leader *O Lord of love,*

People **Shine in us today.**

Leader We pray for our sick in heart, body, or soul.

Leader *O God of healing,*

People **Shine in us today.**

Leader We pray for those who have died and those who grieve.

Leader *O God of Resurrection,*

People **Shine in us today.**

Leader We share our joy and thanksgivings.

Leader *O Lord of the Dance,*

People **Shine in us today.**

Presider Dear God, our Creator, beloved Companion and Guide upon the Way, Eternal Spirit within us and beyond us: May we honor your name by living lives of costly giving love; let us take action in creating justice and peace among the peoples of the world for the whole world is yours, and you invite us to be partners in the work of your creating.

Amen.

So be it.

Confession of Sin

Please stand or kneel as you are most comfortable

Presider God has promised forgiveness
 as a gift of freedom and grace.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Moment of silence observed.

God of all mercy,
**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Absolution

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

✧ *“The Peace” is a Christian tradition deriving its roots from Jesus himself
who greeted people saying, “Peace be with you.” “The Peace” may feel awkward if you
are new or an introvert or trying not to be noticed. We take this portion of our worship
seriously as we live in a deeply divided world full of violence. These actions in God’s
house model what we are called to do in the world.*



Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

Offertory

Offertory Anthem Awake, My Heart

Jane Marshall (1924-2019)

Awake, my heart, and render,
To God thy sure defender,
Thy maker, thy preserver,
A song of love and fervor.

Confirm my deeds and guide me:
My day, with thee beside me,
Beginning, middle, ending,
Will all be upward tending.

My heart shall be thy dwelling,
With joy and gladness swelling;
Thy word my nurture giv'n
To bring me on toward heaven.

(words by the seventeenth-century Lutheran pastor Paulus Gerhardt)

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as you are able

Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord
People **And of thine own have we given thee**

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.**

Presider 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God 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**

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from his Mother Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 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 all 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 his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all peoples to your grace and love, and bring us to that heavenly country where with our Patron, Paul, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Fraction

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia.

The Invitation to Communion

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

People: God's holy food for God's holy people

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

This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you have little, you who have been here often and you have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, for it is the Lord who invites you.

You will now have three ways to receive communion:

In one kind--this means you receive only the bread or only the wine. Receive the bread by extending your hands, palm upward, when the presider comes to you and then leaving the rail or crossing your hands over your chest when the chalice comes to you.

To receive the wine only, cross your hands when the bread is presented and then drink from the chalice by gently assisting the chalice bearer by grasping the base of the chalice lightly to help guide it to your lips.

Intinction (having the bread dipped in the wine and placed in your hand) is only done by the presider from the intinction tray. To receive communion by intinction simply keep your hands down by your sides as we have been doing.

In two kinds--this is where you consume both the bread and the wine either by receiving the bread and then drinking from the chalice or by Intinction.

There is no intinction by multiple individuals from the chalice.

Gluten free wafers available upon request.

Communion Music
Gymnopedie

Erik Satie (1866-1925)

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand or kneel as you are most comfortable

Presider Let us pray,
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 Blessing

Recessional Hymn #550

Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult

Unison or harmony

The musical score is written for five voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time and the key of B-flat major (two flats). The score is divided into three systems. Each system has a vocal line and a piano line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn. The second system covers the next two lines. The third system covers the final line and ends with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in the right and left hands.

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult
2 as, of old, Saint An - drew heard it
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows,
5 Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies,

1 of our life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his
2 by the Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and
3 of the vain world's gold - en store; from each i - dol
4 days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in
5 Sa - vior, make us hear thy call, give our hearts to

1 clear voice sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me;"
2 toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.
3 that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
4 cares and plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
5 thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Restoration*, melody from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. *Hymnal* 1982, after *The Southern Harmony*, 1985; alt. harm. Margart W. Mealy (b. 1922).

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in C Major

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



January 21-Rosamond Racy

January 22-Ruth Harris

January 24-Jeanne Loflin

January 24-Andrew Scroggs

January 24-Laura Gentry

January 25-Rebecca Caudill

January 26-John Willardson

January 25-Michael & Elizabeth Graf

January 25-Patrick Zander & Teri Canter



PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers: All who are ill or unemployed and those who are on our prayer list.

Short-term

Carl Elledge, Liz Broyhill, Bill Hurd, Bev Cook

Long-term

Dennis Johnson, Jacqui Quick, Craig Freas, Emily Asel, Hannah Gray, Mary Iva Gray, Don Dorsten, Aletha Johnson, Hannah Johnson, Mike Orlando, Steve Jackson, Ryan Marlow, Dot Beamon, Ken Asel, Julius Parks & Family

Armed Forces

Let us pray for the safety of **all our troops**, especially John Craine, Micha Duerk, Faith Lankford, Cole Griffith, Zach Necessary, Jason Westmeyer, and all others who serve throughout the world.

Please send the addresses of troops with connections to St Paul's to the church office office@stpaulwilkesboro.org, especially those abroad.

Prayer requests can be submitted through the prayer request form by scanning the QR code, or by contacting the office



Serving Today

Altar Guild: Mike & Mary Southwell

Reader: Mary Southwell

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Usher: Bob Houghton



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