

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

7843 Park Place Blvd. Houston, TX 77087

## Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 9 A.M-2 P.M

Friday. Closed

(713)645-5031



First Sunday  
After Christmas

Holy Eucharist Rite II  
December 28, 2025

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Rev. Edward Gomez | Rev. Misael Pacheco Guevara, Curate

Choir Director- Kari Zimmerman | Organist – Phil Scoles

## *Liturgy of the Word*

|                                |   |                          |
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| Processional                   | <b><i>“How bright appears the Morning Star”</i></b> | Hymn 497                 |
| Salutation Eucharist Rite II   |   | BCP 355                  |
| Gloria                         | <b><i>“Angels we have heard on high VI”</i></b>     | Hymn 96                  |
| Collect of the Day             |   | BCP 213                  |
| First Reading                  |   | Isaiah 61:10-62:3        |
| Psalm 147                      |   | BCP 804-805              |
| Second Reading                 |   | Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7 |
| Sequence                       | <b><i>“Word of God, come down on earth”</i></b>     | Hymn 633                 |
| The Holy Gospel                |   | John 1:1-18              |
| Sermon                         | The Reverend Edward Gomez                           |                          |
| The Nicene Creed               |   | BCP 358                  |
| Prayers of the People Form III |   | BCP 387                  |
| Confession of Sin              |   | BCP 360                  |
| The Peace                      |   | BCP 360                  |

## *The Holy Communion*

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| Offertory                        | <b><i>“Let all mortal flesh keep silence”</i></b> | Hymn 324 |
| The Doxology                     |   | Hymn 380 |
| Eucharist Prayer A               |   | BCP 361  |
| Sanctus                          |   | S-125    |
| The Lord's Prayer (kneel or sit) |   | BCP 364  |
| Communion                        | <b><i>“Of the Father's love begotten”</i></b>     | Hymn 82  |
| Post-Communion Prayer            |   | BCP 365  |
| Recessional                      | <b><i>“Father eternal, Ruler of creation”</i></b> | Hymn 573 |

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion in this church.  
Please maintain devotional silence during the administration of the Elements*

## **First Sunday After Christmas Day: Year A**

### **The Collect**

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; 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.*

### **First Reading**

#### **Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.

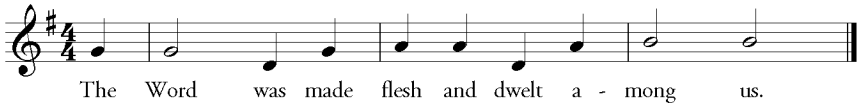
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 147



### [1 Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.]

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.

- 15 He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

## **Second Reading**

**Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

## **The Gospel**

### **John 1:1-18**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord

**People: Praise to you Lord Christ!**

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**To those worshipping with us for the first time: Welcome to St. Paul's! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us today and hope that your experience is rewarding. If there is anything we can do for you, feel free to contact us. We would like to get acquainted with you!**

**OPEN DOORS – OPEN HEARTS**  
**WE ARE A FAMILY OF LOVE IN CHRIST**

Mission Statement of St Paul's/San Pablo:

**Our doors and our hearts are open  
to *everyone* who seeks to know God.**

**In our prayer this week, let us lift up...**

- **The Archbishop of Canterbury** – Sarah
- **Our Presiding Bishop** – Sean
- **Our Bishops** – Andy, Kay, Jeff, Hector, & Brian
- **Our Clergy** – Ed, Misael
- **Our Senior Warden** – Yeni
- **Our Junior Warden** – Julio
- **The leaders of our nation** – especially Donald, the Congress of the United States, the Supreme Court, Greg, John, and all in authority, that by their leadership we may lead a quiet and peaceful life in the service of God and to His honor and glory.
- **Our Church Family** – for those in leadership and for every member of St. Paul's, both present and absent
- **Those who are sick**
- **Those who have died**

**Those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries**

*St. Paul's Episcopal Church*  
*Sunday Worship Ministry Schedule*

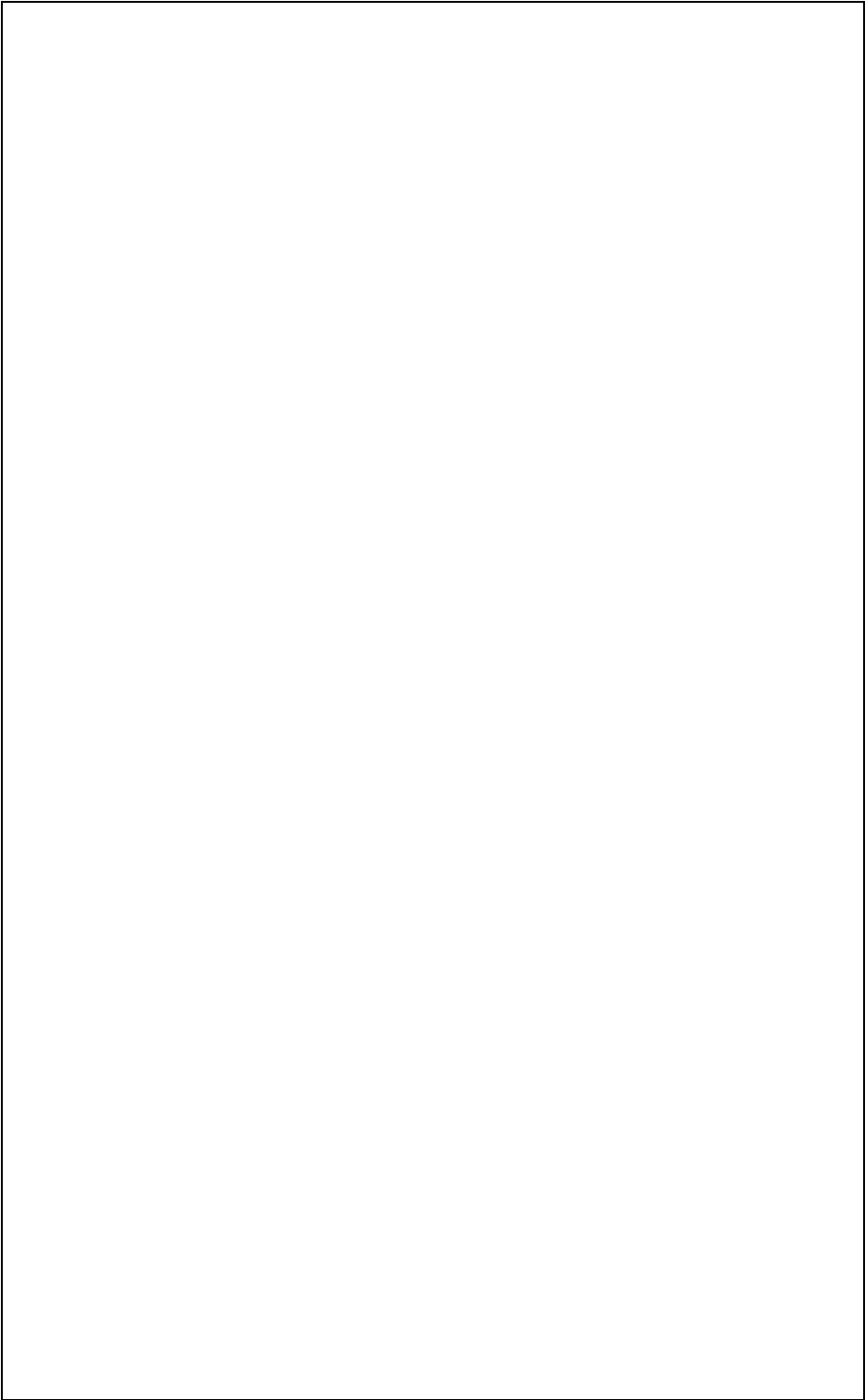
*Today's Servers*

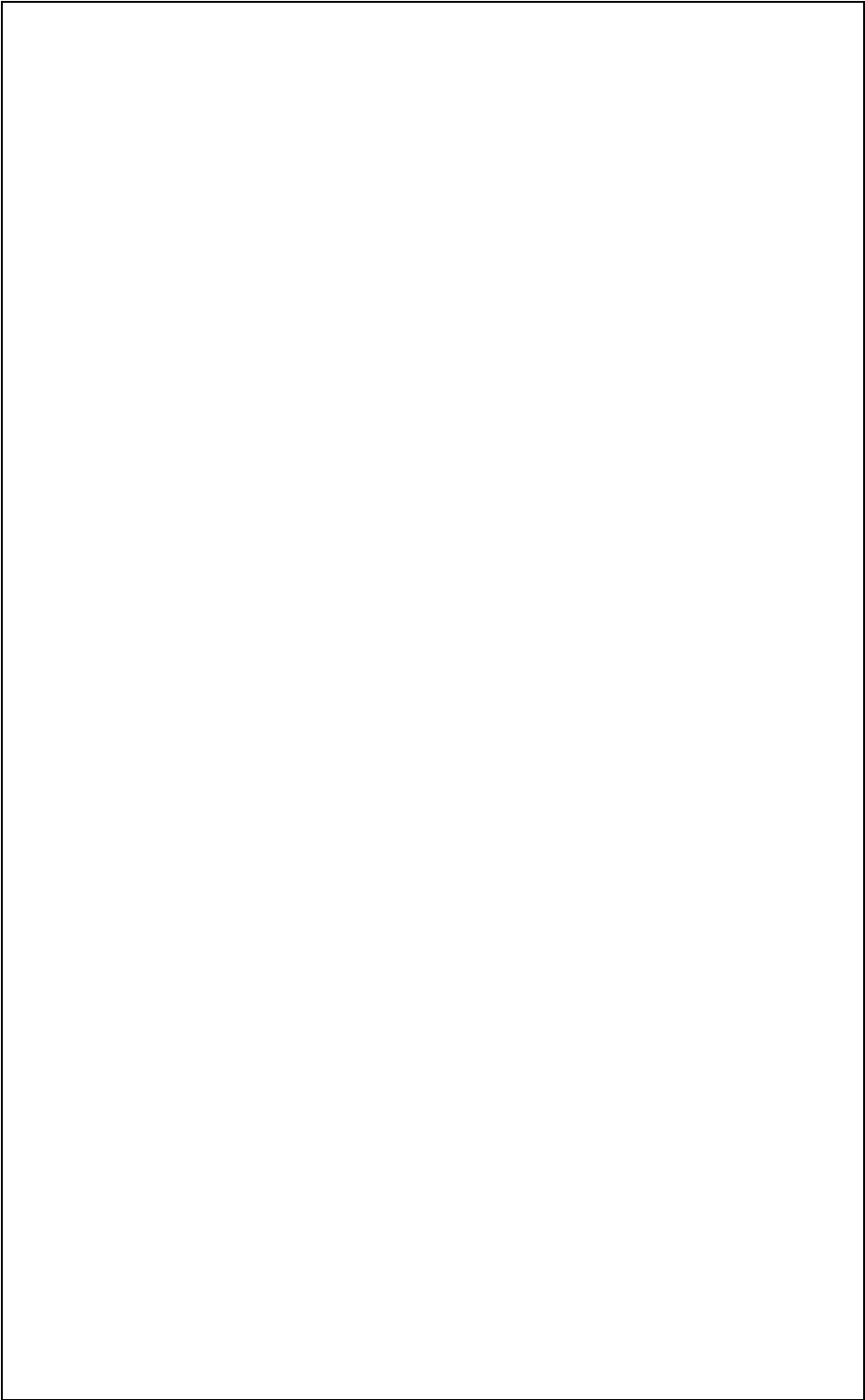
| Role               | Names                      |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>L.E.M.</b>      | Shannon                    |
| <b>Lectors</b>     | Shannon & Ms. Mary         |
| <b>Ushers</b>      | Lamar                      |
| <b>Oblationers</b> | Carl & Pam                 |
| <b>Altar Guild</b> | Linda, Rachel & Bernadette |

*Clergy and Staff Serving St. Paul's*

| Position                    | Name                        |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Vicar</b>                | Rev. Ed Gómez               |
| <b>Curate</b>               | Rev. Misael Pacheco Guevara |
| <b>Organist</b>             | Phil Scoles                 |
| <b>Choir Director</b>       | Kari Zimmerman              |
| <b>Music</b>                | Marco Gutiérrez             |
| <b>Senior Warden</b>        | Yeni Cabrera                |
| <b>Junior Warden</b>        | Julio Olvera                |
| <b>Office Administrator</b> | Irene Aguirre González      |









**Urgent prayers for the sick**

**Heavenly Father, we ask you to watch over and give strength to your flock in their time of need.**

**Clint**

**Tom C.**

**Florian J.**

**Betty J.**

**Don E.**

**Greg W.**

**Denise G.**

**Melissa B.**

**Gigi K.**

**Lou F.**

**Scott A.**

**Norma M.**

**Peggy H.**

**Valentín B.**

**Peggy F.**

**Peggy C.**

**Aaron C.**

**Maury F.**

**Ray R.**

**Jenny G.**

**Carrie L.**

**Eva Marie V.**

**Roy R. III**

**Laura H.**

**Joey**

**Christopher M.**

**Lidia B.**

**All people suffering from natural disasters.**

**For all who suffer from acts of Violence.**



## **Worship service**

### **Holy Eucharist**

**Sunday (English) 9:30 AM**

**Sunday (Spanish) 12:00 PM**

**Wednesday (Spanish) 7:00 PM**



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