

# **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

7843 Park Place Blvd. Houston, TX 77087



## **Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**The Presentation of Our Lord**

**February 02, 2025**

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Rev. Edward Gómez | Rev. Misael Pacheco Guevara, Curate  
Choir Director- Kari Zimmerman | Organist – Phil Scoles

## *Liturgy of the Word*

Processional	<b><i>“God the omnipotent! King, who ordainest ”</i></b>	Hymn 569
Salutation Eucharist Rite II		BCP 299
Gloria		S-280
Collect of the Day		BCP 215
First Lesson		Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 84		BCP 707-708
Second Lesson		Hebrews 2:14-18
Sequence(stand)	<b><i>“Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost”</i></b>	Hymn 612
Holy Gospel		Luke 2:22-40
Sermon		The Rev. Edward Gómez
Presentation of Candidates		BCP 301
Baptism Covenant		BCP 304
Prayers of the Candidates		BCP 305
Welcome		BCP 308
Post Baptism	<b><i>“Come away to the Skies”</i></b>	Hymn 213

## *The Holy Communion*

Offertory	<b><i>“O love, how deep, how broad, how high”</i></b>	Hymn 448
The Doxology		Hymn 380
Eucharist Prayer A		BCP 361
Sanctus		S-125
Communion	<b><i>“Ubi caritas et amor”</i></b>	Hymn 831
Post-Communion Prayer		BCP 365
Recessional	<b><i>“Spread, O spread, thou mighty word”</i></b>	Hymn 530

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

## Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany: Year C

### The Collect

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### First Reading

#### *Malachi 3:1-4*

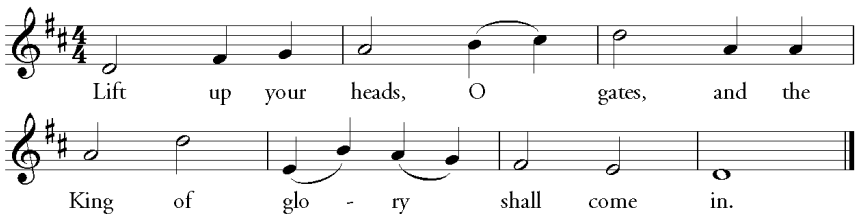
Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 24:7-10



Musical notation for Psalm 24:7-10, set in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is written on two staves. The lyrics are: Lift up your heads, O gates, and the King of glory shall come in.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" \*  
"The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" \*  
"The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory."

## **The Epistle**

### ***Hebrews 2:14-18***

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Word of Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

## **The Gospel**

### ***Luke 2:22-40***

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all  
peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but

worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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** – Justin
- **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 anniversary**

**Today's Servers**

<b>L.E.M.</b>	Carl
<b>LECTORS:</b>	Matt & Kari
<b>USHERS:</b>	David
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Iris, Mo, & Shannon

## Clergy and Staff Serving St. Paul's

Vicar	Rev. Ed Gómez
Curate	Rev. Misael Pacheco Guevara
Organist	Phil Scoles
Choir Director	Kari Zimmerman
Music	Jose Sanchez
Senior Warden	Yeni Cabrera
Junior Warden	Julio Olvera
Office Administrator	Irene Aguirre González

## EVENTS AND SERVICES

<b>February 7-8:</b>	176th Diocesan Council in Fort Worth, Texas
<b>February 9:</b>	Misa de Alabanza
<b>February 15:</b>	Couples Retreat
<b>February 16:</b>	The Blessing of Couples
<b>February 18:</b>	The Ordination of Rev. Misael
<b>March 5:</b>	Ash Wednesday
<b>March 8:</b>	Fish Fry Fundraiser
<b>March 9:</b>	Misa de Alabanza
<b>March 12:</b>	Bible Study in the Parish Hall
<b>March 16:</b>	St. Patrick's Day
<b>March 29:</b>	Walk with God Retreat-Parish Hall
<b>April 16:</b>	Confirmations

We have created a QR code through **Zelle** to facilitate your contributions to the church. **Saint Paul's Episcopal Church of Houston**  
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*Church Service*

SUNDAY (ENGLISH) 9:30 AM  
SUNDAY (SPANISH) NOON  
WEDNESDAY (SPANISH) 7:00 PM

OFFICE HOURS  
MONDAY-THURSDAY  
9:00 AM-2:00 PM  
FRIDAYS CLOSED

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**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.**

**Lee Ann M.**

**Terry M.**

**Suzette P.**

**Jenny G.**

**Martha**

**Irene G.**

**Elvia**

**Peggy F.**

**Peggy C.**

**Brandon**

**Maury F.**

**Hubert W.**

**Julia G.**

**Lauren H.**

**Gerry T.**

**All people suffering from natural disasters.**

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