

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Holy Eucharist Rite II
January 28, 2024

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Liturgy of the Word

Processional	<i>“Thou, whose almighty word”</i>	Hymn 371
Salutation Eucharist Rite II		BCP 355
Gloria		S-279
Collect of the Day		BCP 164
First Reading	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	
Psalms 111		BCP 754-755
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	
Sequence	<i>“Where charity and love prevail”</i>	Hymn 581
Holy Gospel		Mark 1:21-28
Sermon	Rev. Edward Gomez	
The Nicene Creed		BCP 358
Prayers of the People VI		BCP 392
Confession of Sin		BCP 393
The Peace		BCP 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory	<i>“Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old”</i>	Hymn 567
The Doxology		Hymn 380
Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP 361
Sanctus		S-127
Communion	<i>“Lord, make us servants of your peace”</i>	Hymn 593
Post-Communion Prayer		BCP 365
Recessional	<i>“Ye servants of God, your</i>	Hymn 535

Master proclaim”

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

The Collect

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.

First Reading

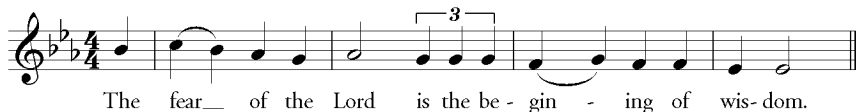
Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: 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 Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 111



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.

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 forever.

The 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 Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

The Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

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

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** – Michael
- **Our Bishops** – Andy, Kay, Jeff and Hector
- **Our Clergy** – Ed, Alyssa
- **Our Senior Warden** – Mauricio
- **The leaders of our nation** – especially Joseph, the Congress of the United States, the Supreme Court, Greg, Sylvester 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

EVENTS AND SERVICES

- **Youth and Young Adult Weekend at Camp Allen-** February 23-25 for ages 17-22. **Registration deadline is January 31st**
- **Service of the presentation of the Lord-** **February 2nd** at 7 pm in the church.
- **Couples Retreat. How's your relationship with your partner?** – **Saturday, February 3rd**. It will be with the Episcopal church of St. Stephens here in the parish hall of St. Paul's from 9AM-3PM. \$7 per person is requested for food costs.
- **Baptisms-** **Sunday, February 4th**. Registration will be in the office.
- **Ash Wednesday-** **February 14th**. Services in English will be at noon. Services in Spanish will be at 7 pm.
- **Senior Trip-** **Friday, February 16th**. We will be going to a cooking class called Urban Chef. We will leave at 10AM from church. It will be from 11AM-2PM and we will be back between 2:30 PM and 2:45 PM.

Today's Servers

L.E.M.	Carl
LECTORS:	Matt, Mo
USHERS:	Johnny
ALTAR GUILD:	Liz, Sue, Olga

CLERGY AND STAFF SERVING ST. PAUL'S

Vicar	The Rev. Ed Gomez
Organist	Phil Scoles
Music	Jorge Rodriguez
Senior Warden	Mauricio Umana
Office Assistant	Cindy Moses

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