



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons*

## **The Last Sunday after the Epiphany February 14, 2021**

*The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer. The service is printed here in its entirety.*

### **The Opening Hymn**

*Songs of thankfulness and praise  
Hymnal 135*

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

*The Celebrant says*

*People* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
*Amen.*

*The people say together*

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.

### **The Gloria**

Hymnal S 278

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The First Lesson — 2 Kings 2:1-12**

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

## **Psalm 50:1-6**

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
    he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
    God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
    before him there is a consuming flame,  
    and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
    to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
    those who have made a covenant with me  
    and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
    for God himself is judge.

## **The Second Reading — 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim

Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**The Sequence Hymn**

*Christ upon the mountain peak*  
Hymnal 129

**The Holy Gospel — Mark 9:2-9**

*Celebrant*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People*         Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*         Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Hazel Smith Glover

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

*All say together,*

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.*

*Intercessor* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People* *That we all may be one.*

*Intercessor* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*People* *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

*Intercessor* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People* *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

*Intercessor* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*People* *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

*Intercessor* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People* *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

*Intercessor* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*People* *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

*Intercessor* Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Sally Keyse.  
*People* *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

*Intercessor* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*People* *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

*Intercessor* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for those on our prayer list, especially: Jim.

We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially: Richard, Merilee, Jeff, Kevin, Irene, Greg, Shannon.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Celebrant and People*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.*

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*         And also with you.

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **The Offertory**

*Arise, shine, for your light has come*  
Healey Willan

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer B*  
BCP 367

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.  
*People*         And also with you.  
*Celebrant*     Lift up your hearts.  
*People*         We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant*     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*         It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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:

#### **The Sanctus**

Hymnal S 128

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 the Virgin 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 for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

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, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with 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.

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

**The Fraction Anthem**

Hymnal S 154

**The Communion Anthem**

*Hallelujah, Amen*  
G.F. Handel

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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**

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**The Dismissal**

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If you are not receiving emails from the church, please contact Lesley Williams at  
parishadmin@stpaulsnewnan.org.

The church website is [www.stpaulsnewnan.org](http://www.stpaulsnewnan.org).

The Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/StPaulsNewnan](https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsNewnan)

***Remember in your prayers:***

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Roxanne Wallis, Malcolm Velasca, Kiran Force, Alice Magnan, Annie Bulford, Margaret Crary, Trina Hall, Tyler Chapman, Anna Endres, Kimberly Leitch, Candy Waldron, Peter Funnell, Kirk Goodell, Bo Warren, Brittany Jones, Ralph Hajosy, Judy Causey, Amanda Howell Eber, Jeff Lawhead, Billy Newman, Phil Watkiss.

We pray for those with timely concerns: Don Doggrell, Brink Howard, Adam Harrison, Linda Waskan, the Ravenell family, Nancy Croy, Jim Sejvar.

We pray for those who are sick and those who love them, and for those who have died because of the coronavirus; for those who are oppressed by fear and for those who are losing the income that sustains them. Let us also pray for those in the medical, scientific, research and pharmaceutical communities devoting their time and talent to the cause of global health. And, let us pray for all our elected officials and all those who hold the common trust that their wisdom and compassion for all people will increase.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Jennifer, Nicole, Philip, Frankey, Mark, Geoff, Renee, Heather, Virginia, Jennifer; the Clergy and Staff: Hazel, Mason, Lesley, Dawn, Elisabeth, Mary Margaret, Britney, Mary, Kimberly, Cole.

We pray for members of our armed services and their families: Phil Kearney, Kevin Bradley, Joe Clay, Tom Choate, Linda Boyce, Dariel Johnson, Sean McGraw, Steven Puckett, Bill Tudor, Jr., Scott Woodward, Luke White, Tommy White, Zach Simkins, Jacob Britt, Morgen Davis, Luke Eason, Michael Rafferty, David Norwood, Arron Essex, Adam Harrison, Sam Vermilyea, Charles Mathews, Nick Watts, Cameron Everett, Lanier Sealy, Beau Massenburg.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Richard Pahucki, Merilee Denner, Jeff Janas, Kevin Wendelburg, Irene Ferris, Greg Widdowson, Shannon Richey.

We pray for those who have died: Sally Keyse, parishioner of St. Paul's. *Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her. Amen*

## ***Lent 2021 Worship, Practices, and Programs***

**Ash Wednesday: In-Person Worship Service** -- Join us on February 17 at 12:00 p.m. for an outdoor service with Imposition of Ashes. This service is limited to 50 people in attendance and **pre-registration is required**. [Click here](#) to register. Attendees must bring their own chairs and observe COVID-19 safety precautions such as social distancing and wearing masks.

**Ash Wednesday: Drive-By Imposition of Ashes** -- The Rev Hazel Smith Glover will administer the imposition of ashes at the Forest Lawn Memorial Park across the street from St. Paul's, beginning at 12:45 p.m. Enter the memorial garden via the Roscoe Road entrance, turn right and proceed in line to the back of the lot. All individuals are to remain in their vehicles, and masks are required.

**Sunday Evenings Virtual Compline** -- Led by parishioners, compline will be held virtually on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. The service of Compline may be found beginning on page 127 of the Book of Common Prayer. [Click here](#) for an online version. Details will be shared prior to the services via email and Facebook.

**Self-Directed Practice: Exploring the Gospel of Mark** -- Most scholars believe The Gospel According to Mark was the first gospel to have been written. Some date it as early as A.D.55, within twenty five years of Jesus' ministry. Mark acted as Peter's assistant and translator, and on many occasions and would have heard Peter telling the story of Jesus. Peter's first hand accounts were likely the source of Mark's Gospel. We encourage you to watch a theatrical reading of Mark by Max McLean presented in 16 videos. Access all 16 videos [HERE](#). Or watch this full length version by David Suchet at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JjOgcMOXvSc>

**Self-Directed Practice: 40 Days and 40 Miles** -- If you enjoy a morning walk or an evening stroll, this is an offering for you! We invite you to set a goal of walking 40 miles during the 40 days of Lent. This is a spiritual discipline that engages our full body. The 40 days does not include Sundays and concludes on Holy Saturday, the day immediately prior to Easter Sunday. The 40-day time frame represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. For those who wish to participate and track their progress via an app, one will be posted on the St. Paul's Facebook page and website prior to the beginning of Lent.

**Wednesday Night Bible Stories for Children**-- Starting Ash Wednesday, the Children's Ministry will be offering "Wednesday Night Bible Stories" via ZOOM at 6:00 p.m. Come gather around, hear Bible stories, and participate in an optional craft or activity to go along with the story. Craft bags will be distributed at a to-be-determined date, along with the weekly schedule. Offerings will alternate weeks based on Children's ages. Reach out to [Elisabeth Copeland](#) or [Whitney Lowe](#) for more information.

**Lenten Bible Study for Youth** -- The youth are invited to participate in a virtual Bible Study for the duration of Lent. The course is six weeks, and focuses on John, chapters 4-6. Through the free app [WordGo](#), you'll spend about 10 minutes of your own time, reading passages, asking questions and taking notes to share with the group each week. Download the app today to get set up and ready to begin on Feb. 22. Email [Mary Margaret Stewart](#) if you have any questions.

**Lenten Family Devotional Calendar and Activities** -- The Children's Ministry will be hosting a ZOOM meeting on Monday, February 15 at 6 p.m. to discuss the Lenten Family Devotional that we are rolling out during this season of Lent. If you are looking for ways to talk to your children about Lent, activities you can do as a family, or are looking for daily devotionals for this Holy season, please stop into the meeting. Email [Elisabeth Copeland](mailto:elisabeth@stpaulsnewnan.org) for the ZOOM link and printable calendar.

### *Parish Announcements*

**Virtual Coffee Hour** -- Thanks to host volunteers, we have resumed our virtual coffee hours via Zoom, beginning at approximately 11:15 a.m., following the morning service. Simply grab your own coffee and go to <https://tinyurl.com/stpcoffeehour>. We ask you to put yourself on mute when not speaking to help cut down on feedback. If you would like to host a coffee hour, please contact [Lesley Williams](mailto:lesley@stpaulsnewnan.org). This Sunday's Coffee Hour host is Mindy Friesen.

**Godly Play: Sundays at 9:30 a.m.** -- Godly Play is a Montessori-based curriculum that includes storytelling, interaction, exploration, and creativity to teach and enliven Bible stories. In Godly Play, for ages 4 through 5th grade, marvelous things happen as children "work, play and wonder together at the awesomeness of God." Email Elisabeth Copeland at [elisabeth@stpaulsnewnan.org](mailto:elisabeth@stpaulsnewnan.org) for the Zoom meeting link.

**Adult Formation: Sundays at 9:00 a.m.** -- Join us for a study of Matthew Kelly's book, Rediscover Jesus, on Sunday mornings from 9:00 until 9:40. If you've never tried Adult Formation at St. Paul's, please make us your New Year's resolution for 2021! We have a very congenial group and thoughtful, prayerful discussions of various topics related to how we can better live the way Jesus came to earth to teach us. The 2021 code and password are as follows: 745 1980 5848 with password 4SYWAY. Email Lauren Gallagher at [laurengallagher77@gmail.com](mailto:laurengallagher77@gmail.com) with any questions.

**EYC: Sundays at 5:00 p.m.** -- EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) meets online or in person weekly during the school year for fun, fellowship with other youth, and learning more about God's love. Friends from other churches are always welcome! Email Mary Margaret Stewart at [marymargaret@stpaulsnewnan.org](mailto:marymargaret@stpaulsnewnan.org) for the details.

**Virtual Children's Choir: Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.** -- Children in grades 2 and up are invited to join our St. Paul's Virtual Children's Choir for the coming year. There is no upper grade/age limit. To register your child if you have not already done so, email Dawn Harrison at [dawnie.harrison@gmail.com](mailto:dawnie.harrison@gmail.com).

**Prayer Requests** -- Prayer requests for the parish prayer list or the confidential Daughters of the King prayer list may be submitted online at <https://tinyurl.com/stpprayers> or you may also contact Hazel+ directly.

**Other Financial Gifts** -- Many of you have asked how you can continue to give financially to St. Paul's as well as contribute to the rector's discretionary fund or our Peace and Purpose campaign during this time. You may mail a check to the church, set up one-time or regular payments via your bank, or make an online payment via credit card. Please visit <http://www.stpaulsnewnan.org/give/> for detailed instructions.

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