



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 5, 2023 • 10:30 AM

Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer. The service is printed here in its entirety. The title of the service when there is no priest to consecrate the bread and wine is "The Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion" - sometimes called a Deacon's Mass. The first portion, the Liturgy of the Word, is unchanged from that of Holy Eucharist. However, communion will be served using reserved sacraments. The liturgy after the Offertory is shortened substantially and will begin with the Lord's Prayer followed by Holy Communion.

The Opening Hymn

Earth has many a noble city
Hymnal 127

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People 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 280

Children ages 4-10 are invited to follow the Children's Cross to attend the Children's Chapel, returning during the Peace.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson — Isaiah 58:1-9(a)

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,

to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,

they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,

and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight

and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,

a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,

and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,

a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,

and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,

and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you,

the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;

you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm — 112:1-9

The psalm is sung by the choir.

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
 their heart is right;
 they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
 until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
 and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
 they will hold up their head with honor.

The Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

The Sequence Hymn

Be thou my vision
Hymnal 488

The Holy Gospel — Matthew 5:13-20

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Mark S. Johnson

The Nicene Creed

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.*

The Prayers of the People — Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Lector For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Lector For this community, the nation, and the world;

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Lector For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Lector For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Lector For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Lector For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Rob, our Bishop; and for Hazel, our priest, and for all bishops and other ministers;

People For all who serve God in his Church.

For those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Geoff, Daly, Alice, Carolyn, Gwen, and Robert.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Ruth and all those on our prayer list.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lector Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Lector We will exalt you, O God our King;
People *And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lector Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People *Who put their trust in you.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Absolution

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

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

The Holy Communion
From the Reserved Sacrament

The Offertory Anthem

Jordan
William Billings

The Presentation Hymn

O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God
Hymnal 505

Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ hath taught us.

People and Celebrant

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.

Holy Communion is offered via the common cup for sipping or intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine). Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

The Communion Anthem

Shine, Jesus Shine

St. Cecilia Choir

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze Spirit, blaze, set out hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.

Shine on me, shine on me. [Refrain]

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.

Shine on me, shine on me. [Refrain]

The Communion Hymn

The people who in darkness sat
Hymnal 126

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

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

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. *Amen.*

The Closing Hymn

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness
Hymnal 381

The Dismissal

Remember in your prayers:

A Prayer for Love (From The Daughters of the King): Bless us with Love, O Merciful God; That we may love as you love. That we may show patience, tolerance, kindness, caring, and love to all. Bless us with your love.

We pray for those with timely concerns: Alice Jakubiak, Elisabeth Stubbs, Bo Warren, Debra Bull, George Robinson, Ronnie Peoples, Mike Maus, Gordon Salisbury, Rev. Joe Pennington, Anne Petrey, Debbie Brown, Damar Hamlin, Amaya Wills, Frankey Henderson, Ramsey Hopkins, Ruth Edwards.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Brink Howard, Wendy Llosa, William Partridge, David Bottoms, Greg Parsons, Melody Wegienka, Robin Carroll, Melanie Patton, Father Bruno, Ed Sergent, Michael Brown, Ernie Williams, David Sandlin, Sharmona Moultrie, Mark Starr.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Marianne, Mark, Frankey, Marge, Mary Frances, Polly, Roy, Tony, Virginia and for the Rector and Staff: Hazel, Mark, Mason, Dawn, Cynthia, Geoff, Cole, Nicole, Kimberly.

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, Cameron Everett, Lanier Sealy, Beau Massenburg, Ryan Whitfield, Stephen Malcom.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Geoff Mattera, Daly Lee, Alice Jakubiak, Carolyn Groover, Gwen Wieda, and Robert Jarrell.

We pray for those who have died. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.*

Service Participants

Vestry Person of the Week	Philip Hand (10:30 services)
Vergers	Daryl Jones & David Martin
Eucharistic Ministers	Heather Heaberlin, Jeff Lawhead, & Brother Massenburg
Acolytes	Lanie Mae Henderson (1st); Jude Henderson (2nd); Sydney Pape & India Camp (Torchbearers)
Reader	Nicole Walters
Healing Intercessors	Anne & Lou Graner
Ushers	Hadley Heindel, Brian Lewis, Rusty Martin, Tammy Martin, Roy Reynolds, Cathy Sandlin, Steve Umberger

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Marie Miller in thanksgiving for her sister Judy on her 80th birthday and in memory of her husband Ford Miller. The flowers in the Narthex are given by Greg and Barbara Parsons to commemorate their 51st Wedding Anniversary. The Health & Healing chapel flowers are given by Fred Wagner in memory of Theresa Tamburo.

Parish Notices

New Vestry Members and Senior Warden: Please join us in welcoming Marge Bass, Mary Frances Honea, and Roy Reynolds as members of the Vestry. Also, welcome Marianne Lawhead as the new Senior Warden.

Stewardship Campaign 2023: It is not too late to make a pledge for the 2023 Stewardship Campaign! It is vital to the health of our parish that we receive enough pledges to ensure both the continuation of our current ministries as well as the launch of potential new ministries. Pledge cards are available in the narthex.

Adult Formation: Please join us for Adult Formation this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room off of the parish hall. We will finalize our discussion of the book of Esther and will be led by the amazing mind of Joshua Vida as he shares ways to interpret Esther with a 21st century life.

Safeguarding God's Children and People: The Diocese of Atlanta has guidelines for ensuring that we keep all our parishioners safe while participating in church sponsored activities. The Vestry has revised and customized the guidelines for St. Paul's. In order for the parish to be in compliance, some of you will be asked to engage in training. The *Safeguarding God's Children* training seeks to protect children and the *Safeguarding God's People* training seeks to protect adults who participate in every and all ministry settings sponsored by St. Paul's. If you are required to go through either or both of these trainings or to review the guidelines, you will be contacted directly. Any questions can be directed to Tony King at king0625@bellsouth.net or to Nicole Edwards at admin@stpaulsnewnan.org.

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour will be available after the 10:30 a.m. service in the Parish Hall. For anyone who is interested in joining the Coffee Hour ministry please contact Nikki Henderson via email at Nikki.Henderson@cowetaschools.net for more information about how to get involved. Come for further fellowship with the St. Paul's family.

Wednesday Night Supper: Come and spend time with the St. Paul's family for Wednesday Night Supper! The cost is *free* for children under 3, \$3 for children 3-10, \$6 for children 11 and older, and adults. Families pay a maximum of \$20. A signup sheet is available on the bulletin board outside the Parish Hall, email admin@stpaulsnewnan.org, or register and pay via Realm. Please sign up before *Tuesdays at 12 p.m.* so that we can make sure to order enough food.

Prayer Requests: Prayer requests for the parish prayer list or the confidential Daughters of the King prayer list may be submitted online, via admin@stpaulsnewnan.org, or you may also contact Hazel+ directly.

Save the Date: Day 1 is celebrating more than 75 years! Join them for an evening of dynamic inspiration with The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 6 p.m.

Save the Date: Men's Retreat will be held at Camp Mikell, August 18-20, 2023. The Rev. Mark S. Johnson will be facilitating. Any questions, please contact Frank West, at 262.501.7547.

Altar Flower Dedications: A lovely way to remember a loved one or celebrate an anniversary or birthday is to donate altar flowers for that special day. The cost of the arrangements is \$60 per Sunday. Sign up for a particular Sunday at the bulletin board outside the Parish Hall or email admin@stpaulsnewnan.org. Please remember to submit payment via the collection plate or Realm and complete the “Flowers for the Altar” form by Wednesday at 12 p.m. to ensure that the commemorating announcement is placed in the bulletin.

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CLERGY AND Staff

The Rev. Hazel Smith Glover, Rector; **The Rev. Mark S. Johnson**, Deacon; **Mason Copeland**, Organist and Choirmaster; **Dawn Harrison**, Music Associate; **Cynthia Meisinger**, Children and Youth Director; **Geoff Mattera**, Communications Director; **Cole Hankins**, Multimedia Associate; **Nicole Edwards**, Parish Assistant; **Kimberly Stokes**, Financial Assistant.

VESTRY

Marianne Lawhead, Senior Warden; **Mark LeVan**, Junior Warden; Frankey Henderson, Marge Bass, Mary Frances Honea, Polly Hopkins, Roy Reynolds, Tony King, Virginia Williams.