



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 19, 2023 • 10:30 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite II

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

The Opening Hymn

When morning gilds the skies
Hymnal 427

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 278

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.

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 — Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm — 99

The psalm is sung by the choir.

1 The Lord is King;

 let the people tremble; *

 he is enthroned upon the cherubim;

 let the earth shake.

2 The Lord is great in Zion; *

 he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *

 he is the Holy One.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,

 you have established equity; *

 you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

The Second Reading — 2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

The Sequence Hymn

Christ upon the mountain peak
Hymnal 129

The Holy Gospel — Matthew 17:1-9

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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 Greg, Olivia, Cora, Shannon, Robyn, Daniel, Zach, Ava, Matthew, John, Sally, Chris, Lucas, Lauren, Catherine, Matthew, Adele, and Julia.

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

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.*

The Concluding Collect

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Peace

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

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

Christ whose glory fills the skies
T. Frederick Candlyn

The Presentation Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
Hymnal 460

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

The Great Amen

Hymnal S 146



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

A period of silence is kept.

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 Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S 154

The Communion Anthem

Star of the East, Bethlehem's Star

Greg Gilpin

St. Cecilia Choir

Star of the East, Bethlehem's star, guiding each one of us from afar.
Your rays are peace and joy and love, Star of the East shining above.
Star of the East, lulled by your light, giving us hope on this lonely night.
Lead us to joy and love, Star of the East shining above.
Watch over us, safe and secure, lead us as we travel on.
Heavenly light, faithful; and pure, we have been searching so long.
Star of the East, Bethlehem's star, guiding each one of us from afar.
Your rays are peace and joy and love, Star of the East shining above.

The Communion Hymn

Lord enthroned in heavenly splendor
Hymnal 307

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

The Closing Hymn

Songs of thankfulness and praise
Hymnal 135

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, Ramsey Hopkins, The Walker Family, Vincent Cardinalli.

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, Tony, Roy, Virginia and for the Rector and Staff: Hazel, Mark, David, 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
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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: Greg Widdowson, Olivia Edwards, Cora Borders, Shannon Richey, Robyn Clarke, Daniel Martin, Zach Reynolds, Ava Beerman, Matthew Paschal, John Crow, Sally Janas, Chris Pape, Lucas Crider, Lauren Gallagher, Catherine Cage, Matthew Crow, Adele Bulford, and Julia Watkiss.

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	Virginia Williams
Vergers	Daryl Jones & David Martin
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Heaberlin, Heather Heaberlin, & Wendy LeVan
Acolytes	Adele Bulford (1st); Mary Huskison (2nd)
Reader	Nina Watts
Healing Intercessors	Bill Harrison & Mary Frances Honea
Ushers	Virginia Williams, Mike Colpoys, Taylor Josey, Mark LeVan, & John Tucker

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Lauren & Stanford Jones in memory of Bill Jones.*

Parish Notices

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.

Pledge Envelopes Booklet: If you would like a booklet of envelopes to submit your pledges, please contact Nicole at parishadmin@stpaulsnewnan.org.

Episcopal 101: Episcopal 101 will be offered at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 1 in the Parish Hall. We'll explore the faith, history, structure, and practices of the Episcopal Church. This course will be taught by the Rev. Hazel Glover and is a requirement if you wish to be confirmed, received, or reaffirmed. Confirmation will take place at the Cathedral of St. Phillip on March 19th at 4 pm.

Let's Dance: The Rutledge Center, a nearby non-profit providing person-centered services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Rutledge clients and staff will be in the Parish Hall on the third Tuesday of every month from 9:00 - 9:45 a.m., experiencing a joyful dance-centered time facilitated by Anne Graner. If you are available to assist Anne in setting up the space, interacting with our Rutledge friends, and dancing your heart out, please contact her at 404.444.6015 or anne.graner@gmail.com. The first gathering is Tuesday, February 21st.

Shrove Tuesday: A Pancake Supper will be held on February 21st from 6-8pm in the Parish Hall. This event is our feast before Lent and is a great way to join in fellowship as we enter the new season. Our feast will include pancakes and toppings as well as various breakfast meats, and will be accompanied by live jazz music. Registration is open on realm or you may email Cynthia at cynthia@stpaulsnewnan.org to sign up.

Healing Service: There will be no Healing Service, Wednesday, February 22nd. Healing Services for March 1 - March 22 will be at 10:30 a.m. instead of 11 a.m.

Ash Wednesday: Join us for Ash Wednesday and the kickoff of our annual Ecumenical Lenten Wednesday Series. On February 22, at 12 pm St. Paul's will host and Rev. David Jones of Newnan Presbyterian will be preaching. A lunch will be provided and the cost of the meal is \$5 cash. The loose offering collected during the service will benefit Coweta FORCE, www.cowetaforce.org. A 7 p.m. service also will be held, the Imposition of Ashes with Holy Eucharist.

Wednesday Night Supper: There will be no Wednesday Night Supper on February 22nd.

Spiritual Retreat: The Diocese has a wonderful retreat for youth this semester. The retreat is led by youth for youth at Camp Mikell. *New Beginnings 45* will be March 3-5th for Middle Schoolers. Contact Cynthia for more information at cynthia@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.

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, the voice of the historic Protestant churches, is celebrating more than 75 years! Join them for an evening of dynamic inspiration with The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry on Tuesday, March 21st at 6 p.m at the Cathedral of St. Philip, Child Hall.

Save the Date: Men's Retreat will be held at Camp Mikell, August 18-20. 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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