



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 12, 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

I come with joy to meet my Lord
Hymnal 304

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.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 — Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said, “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm — 119:1-8

The psalm is sung by the choir.

1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, *

 who walk in the law of the Lord!

2 Happy are they who observe his decrees *

 and seek him with all their hearts!

3 Who never do any wrong, *

 but always walk in his ways.

4 You laid down your commandments, *

 that we should fully keep them.

5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
that I might keep your statutes!

6 Then I should not be put to shame, *
when I regard all your commandments.

7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

8 I will keep your statutes; *
do not utterly forsake me.

The Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

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

The Sequence Hymn

If thou but trust in God to guide thee
Hymnal 635

The Holy Gospel — Matthew 5:21-37

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

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Hazel Smith Glover

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 Ralph, Kathy, Eric, Richard, Richard, Merilee, April, Kevin, Irene, and Lee.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially The Walker Family, 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, especially Richard and Ruth, 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 you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

Lord in thy mercy
Felix Mendelssohn

The Presentation Hymn

Lord make us servants of your peace
Hymnal 593

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 129

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

Ave verum corpus
W. A. Mozart

The Communion Hymn

Lord dismiss us with thy blessing
Hymnal 344

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

Go forth for God: go to the world in peace
Hymnal 347

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.

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, 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 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: Ralph Hajosy, Kathy Brown, Eric Mitchell, Richard Candler, Richard Pahucki, Merilee Denner, April Smith, Kevin Wendelburg, Irene Ferris, and Lee Walters.

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

Service Participants

Vestry Person of the Week	Frankey Henderson
Vergers	Frankey Henderson & Tony King
Eucharistic Ministers	Daryl Jones, Marianne Lawhead, & Carolyn Masters

Acolytes

Adele Bulford (1st); Lily Mattera (2nd)

Healing Intercessors

Betsy Candler & Ernie Williams

Ushers

Bill Tudor, John Crow, Dwight Ellison,
Nick Eversoll, Christian Llosa, Linda Tudor,
Frank West, & Ron Wilson

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Bob & Heather Heaberlin in honor of all those who serve St. Paul's as Vestry members and
those who will serve on the Rector Search Committee.*

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 parishadmin@stpaulsnewnan.org.

Episcopal 101: Episcopal 101 will be offered over a 5-week period, starting February 12th at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 1 of the Parish Hall. In the 5 sessions, 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 p.m.

Wednesday Night Supper: There will be no Wednesday Night Supper on February 15th or February 22nd.

Spiritual Retreats: The Diocese has two wonderful retreats for youth this semester. Both retreats are led by youth for youth at Camp Mikell. Happening 77 will be held February 17-19th for High Schoolers and New Beginnings 45 will be March 3-5th for Middle Schoolers. Contact Cynthia for more information at cynthia@stpaulsnewnan.org.

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.

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.

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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The Rev. Hazel Smith Glover, Rector; **The Rev. Mark S. Johnson**, Deacon; **David Kinrade**, Interim 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.

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