



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons*

**The Third Sunday After Epiphany  
January 21, 2024 • 10:30 AM  
Holy Eucharist Rite II**

*We welcome Rev. Canon Rick Callaway as our Celebrant.*

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

**The Opening Voluntary**

*Trio*  
Josef Rheinberger

**The Processional Hymn**

*Christ for the world we sing!*  
Hymnal 537

**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

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The First Reading ~ Jonah 3:1 - 5, 10**

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **The Psalm ~ 62:6 - 14**

*Sung by the choir*

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
truly, my hope is in him.

7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; \*  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in him always, O people, \*  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

- 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, \*  
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
- 11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, \*  
all of them together.
- 12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; \*  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, \*  
that power belongs to God.
- 14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, \*  
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

### **The Second Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 7:29 - 31**

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

### **The Sequence Hymn**

*They cast their nets in Galilee*  
Hymnal 661

### **The Holy Gospel ~ Mark 1:14 - 20**

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

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will

make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon**

Nicole Walters, Seminarian

*A period of silent prayer.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*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.

## **The Prayers of the People — Form VI**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Leader* For all people in their daily life and work;

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

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;  
People *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;  
People *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

Leader 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.*

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
People *For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

Leader For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Rob, our Bishop; and John,  
our priest; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
People *For all who serve God in his Church.*

For our Nominating Committee, Philip, Lisa, Kasey, Brother, Katie, J.J., and Bill, and for our Vestry, Marianne, Mark, Marge, Frankey, Mary Frances, Polly, Tony, Roy, and Virginia that they may be guided by your Holy Spirit. For those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially Michael, Aileen, Claire, and Sally.

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

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

Leader 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.*

Leader 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.*

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

## **The Prayer In Times of Conflict** [*prayed by all*]

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*  
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Leader        We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*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 says*

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 Announcements**

## **The Blessings and Thanksgivings**

## **The Offertory Sentence**

## **The Holy Communion**

## **The Offertory Anthem**

*I Will Arise and Go To Jesus*  
arr. by Alice Parker

## **The Presentation Hymn**

*Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult*  
Hymnal 550

## 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 him 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

*The Celebrant continues*

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 he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 and for many 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 St. Paul and 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

S 146



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

### *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.*

### The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

### The Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S 154

*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. A mobility impaired individual can receive communion at your seat by raising your hand.*

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.

### The Communion Anthem

*O Taste and See*  
*Kievan Chant*



## **The Communion Hymn**

*Please stand at the last verse*

*O Master, let me walk with thee*

Hymnal 660

## **The Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Prayer for those Not Receiving the Blessed Sacrament**

*[Adapted from Saint Augustine's Prayer Book. For those not present in the Nave.]*

Blessed Jesus, in union with the faithful of every place and people and nation, I join in offering the sacrifice of my praise and thanksgiving to you. I believe that you are truly present in the Bread that has been blessed, broken and given. Since I cannot now receive this holy sacrament, I pray that you will come spiritually into my heart. Abide with me, that I may embrace you entirely, and submit myself to your love and mercy. Let me never be separated from you, that in my waking and in my sleeping I may know the comfort of your presence. I ask this for the sake of your love. *Amen.*

## **The Blessing**

## **The Closing Hymn**

*Sing praise to God who reigns above*

Hymnal 408

## **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* *Thanks be to God.*

## **The Closing Voluntary**

*Postlude in G Minor*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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## ***Remember in your Prayers***

A Prayer to Start My Day (From The Daughters of the King): Lord, You have given me another day of life; let me celebrate this day, and let me use it according to Your plan. I

praise You, Father, for my life and for the friends and family members who make it rich. Enable me to live each moment to the fullest as I give thanks for Your creation, for Your love, and for Your Son. Amen.

We pray for those with timely concerns: Roger Hines, Elisabeth Stubbs, Bo Warren, Annie McDorman, Gloria Crook, Ernie Williams, Courtney McCulley, Andrew Davis, Frankey Henderson, Saralyn Singletary, Magnolia McCulley.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Greg Parsons, Annie Bulford, Kelsey Crow, Anne Murphy, Glenn L. Eaton, David Waldron, Larry Sams, Jim Myrick, Candy Waldron, Ashton Hughes, Lanie Mae Henderson, Lamar Toole, Elizabeth Briscoe, William ‘Parker’ Johnson, Christian Llosa.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Marianne, Mark, Frankey, Marge, Mary Frances, Polly, Tony, Roy, Virginia and for the Staff: Canon John, Nicole, Rhett, Dawn, Geoff, Cole, Nicole, Kimberly.

We pray for members of the Rector Nominating Committee: Philip Hand, Lisa Beerman, Kasey Bulford, Brother Massenburg, Katie McBride-Newman, J.J. Thomasson, and Bill Tudor.

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, Victoria Eversoll, Trey Bland.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Michael Gruber, Aileen McCullough, Claire Turner, and Sally Hensley.

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

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### *Service Participants*

<b>Vestry Person of the Week</b>	Mark LeVan
<b>Vergers</b>	Katie McBride-Newman & David Waldron
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Lauren Gallagher & Mary Frances Honea
<b>Acolytes</b>	Adele Bulford (1st); Liam Bulford (2nd); Jack Bulford (Banner); Wade & Matthew Hand (Torchbearers)
<b>Reader(s)</b>	Dean Eelman & James Edwards

**Prayer Intercessors**

Anne Graner & Frank West

**Ushers**

Hadley Heindel, Brian Lewis, David Martin,  
Rusty Martin, Tammy Martin, Roy Reynolds, &  
Cathy Sandlin

**Altar Guild**

Dawn Harrison & Renee Powell

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### *Parish Notices*

**2024 Stewardship Campaign:** There are 2024 Stewardship Campaign brochures and response cards available in the Narthex. To make sure that we receive your pledge and contributions, please drop off your pledge and contributions in the offering plate or drop off at Nicole's office. There is the QR code to go directly to the pledge campaign page in Realm.



**2023 Giving:** Please review your Realm profile to make sure your contact information and giving information are correct.

**Adult Formation:** Want to go deeper in your prayer life in 2024? Ready to explore some new ideas about and practices of talking to and listening to God? Join Nicole Walters, Seminarian, for Adult Formation at 9:30 am each Sunday for the next 6 weeks of an exploration of Contemplative Prayer. We will discuss concepts from *Armchair Mystic (no book necessary)*.

**Everybody Dance:** Join in at the Parish Hall once every month on the third Tuesday from 9:00 - 9:45 am, experiencing a joyful dance-centered time facilitated by Anne Graner. For more details, visit Realm or review the Friday newsletter. The next session is **Tuesday, January 23rd**.

**A Case for Love:** Our society is more divided than ever. Many have moved into tribal corners, seeing the world from an “us versus them” point of view. The teachings and writings of Bishop Michael Curry, most well-known for his passionate sermon about “The Power of Love” at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, inspire **A CASE FOR LOVE**. This feature-length documentary examines the question of whether or not love, specifically—unselfish—love, is the solution to the extreme societal and political divide facing the world.

All are welcome to attend a screening at **AMC Phipps Plaza at 7p ET on January 23rd**, the only scheduled day *A Case for Love* will be in theaters. Reservations can be made using the QR code. Join Bishop Wright and others and let's pack the theater booked for the people and friends of The Diocese of Atlanta!



**Dominoes:** Join the Women's Ministry on Thursday, January 25th for Mexican Train Dominoes. They will meet in the Parish Hall at 11 am. Pack a lunch and come for some fun. All are welcome!

**Annual Meeting:** The Parish Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28th at 9:30 am. The meeting will be held in the Parish Hall. During the meeting, the Diocesan representative, Sally Ulrey, Canon for Congregational Vitality and Ministry Development will share the results of our parish Holy Cow survey results. We encourage all to attend!

**Vestry Retreat:** The St. Paul's Vestry will be away on February 2 - 4 at Camp Mikell for their annual retreat.

**The Daughters of the King:** Information pamphlets are available on the bulletin board outside of the parish hall for anyone interested in learning more about The Daughters of the King. We welcome any prospective members!

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**VESTRY**

**Marianne Lawhead**, Senior Warden; **Mark LeVan**, Junior Warden; **Marge Bass**, Outreach; **Frankey Henderson**, Parish Life; **Mary Frances Honea**, Health & Healing; **Polly Hopkins**, Formation; **Tony King**, Worship; **Roy Reynolds**, Communications; **Virginia Williams**, Stewardship.

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