



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons*

**The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**  
**January 28, 2024 • 10:30 AM**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

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

**The Opening Voluntary**

*Air*  
Johann Sebastian Bach

**The Processional Hymn**

*O for a thousand tongues to sing*  
Hymnal 493

**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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **The First Reading ~ Deuteronomy 18:15 - 20**

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

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

**The Psalm ~ 111** *Frazier*        (See page 12 of the bulletin.)  
*Sung by the choir and congregation*

### **The Second Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 8:1 - 13**

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since

their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

### **The Sequence Hymn**

*Spread, O spread, thy mighty word*  
Hymnal 530

### **The Holy Gospel ~ Mark 1:21 - 28**

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

*People*        *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### **The Homily**

The Rev. Canon C. John Thompson-Quartey

*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 Kate and Anne.

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

*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**

*Cantate Domino*  
Giuseppe Pitoni

*Cantate Domino canticum novum, laus eius in ecclesia sanctorum.  
Laetetur Israel in eo, qui fecit eum, et filio Sion, exultant in rege suo.*

*Sing to the Lord a new song, praise him in his holy sanctuary. Let Israel rejoice in him, who made them.  
And children of Zion, rejoice and be glad in your king.*

#### **The Presentation Hymn**

*From all that dwell below the skies*  
Hymnal 380

#### **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

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*  
Sung by the St. Cecilia Choir

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit blaze, set our 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 our story. Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain:

## The Communion Hymn

*Deck thyself, my soul with gladness*  
Hymnal 339

*Please stand at the last verse*



## **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**

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*  
Hymnal 616

### **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**

*Trumpet Tune*  
Tomaso Albinoni

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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, Gloria Crook, Ernie Williams, Courtney McCulley, Andrew Davis, Frankey Henderson, Saralyn Singletary, Magnolia McCulley, Bella Pacini.

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: Kate Howell and Anne Kelleher.

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>	Roy Reynolds
<b>Vergers</b>	Frankey Henderson & Tony King
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sarah Huxford & Brother Massenberg
<b>Acolytes</b>	Mary Scott Fabrizi (1st); Adele Bulford (2nd); Jaden Reynolds (Banner); Pearl Borders & Zach Reynolds (Torchbearers)
<b>Reader(s)</b>	Jane Murdock
<b>Prayer Intercessors</b>	Anne Graner & Mary Frances Honea
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Tudor, John Crow, Dwight Ellison, Nick Eversoll, Christian Llosa, Tom Mathews,

**Altar Guild**  
**Flower Guild**

Linda Tudor, Frank West, & Ron Wilson  
Kathy Ellison & Juliane Reynolds  
Louise Howard

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### *Parish Notices*

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

**Foyer Group:** The French meaning of the word Foyer is hearth or hearthside and evokes an image of warmth and comfort. St. Paul's has for many years encouraged the formation of small informal Parish gatherings called Foyer Groups; small, close-knit groups of parishioners sharing a common bond of Christian love and concern for one another. For more details about a foyer group and to sign up to participate in a foyer group, please use the QR code.



**Adult Formation:** Adult formation classes will not be held Sunday, January 28th or Sunday, February 4th. Classes will resume Sunday, February 11th.

**Commemorative Service:** A service commemorating the life and witness of Absalom Jones, the first black to be ordained in The Episcopal Church, will be held Saturday, February 10th at 3 pm. The service will be held at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross. See Friday's newsletter or the bulletin board outside of the parish hall for more details.

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

**2024 Stewardship Campaign:** There are 2024 Stewardship Campaign brochures and response cards available in the Narthex. You can 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.



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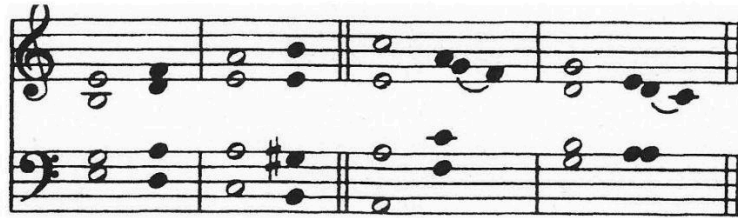
#### **CLERGY AND Staff**

**Rev. Canon C. John Thompson-Quartey**, Interim Rector; **Nicole Walters**, Seminarian; **Rhett Barnwell**, Organist/Choirmaster; **Dawn Harrison**, Music Associate; **Geoff Mattera**, Communications Director; **Cole Hankins**, Multimedia Associate; **Nicole Edwards**, Parish Administrator; **Kimberly Stokes**, Financial Administrator.

#### **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.

## Psalm 111 (Frazier)



- CHOIR** 1 Hallelujah! ' I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole /heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, ' in the congre/gation.
- CHOIR** 2 Great are the deeds of the /LORD! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in /them.
- ALL** 3 His work is full of majesty and /splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for /ever.
- ALL** 4 He makes his marvelous works to be re /membered; \*  
the LORD is gracious and full of com /passion.
- CHOIR** 5 He gives food to those who /fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his /covenant.
- CHOIR** 6 He has shown his people the power of his /works \*  
in giving them the lands of the /nations.
- ALL** 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and /justice; \*  
all his commandments are /sure.
- ALL** 8 They stand fast forever and /ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and /equity.
- CHOIR** 9 He sent redemption to his people; ' he commanded his covenant for /ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his /Name.
- CHOIR** 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of /wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; ' his praise endures for /ever.