Celebrating Christ's Presence In a Changing World

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 23, 2022 10:30 am

Prelude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Kevin Hildebrand (1973-)

Opening Hymn Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #71

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Welcome by the Rev. Melissa Congleton

The people stand as they are able,

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant:

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.**

GLORIA

God is Love: let heav'n adore him; God is Love: let earth rejoice; let creation sing before him, and exalt him with one voice. He who laid the earth's foundation, he who spread the heav'ns above, he who breathes through all creation, he is Love, eternal Love.

-The Hymnal 1982 #379 (v. 1)

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with youPeople 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 people sit for the readings)

First Lesson Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

A Reading from the Prophet Nehemiah:

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People Thanks be to God

Remain seated.

PSALM 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, * and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, * and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, * and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, * and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; * nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
 O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of

you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People Thanks be to God

All stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #552

We All Are One in Mission

The Holy Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke 4:14-21

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was

his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Reverend Sarah Hurlbert

(All stand)

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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

(The people may continue to stand or kneel)

Intercessor Please respond to each petition with "Hear our prayer."

Intercessor As the prophet Isaiah proclaimed, "Arise, shine; for your light

has come"; empower your Church, O God, proclaim the Good News of the Light of your son Jesus, which pierces even the

deepest darkness. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor As a star rose high to draw the nations to the Christ-child; send

your blessing, O God, on this nation, and every nation, and

draw the whole world to your peace and truth.

Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor As John the Baptist guided people to the edge of the wilderness

and baptized Jesus in the River Jordan, we pray that you would guide our country and our leaders to the ways of

justice and righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Like the Magi who traveled from afar to bring gifts and

celebrate the Savior's birth; we pray for this church, the discernment of our own gifts and how best to use them.

Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor As Jesus climbed the mountaintop, and proclaimed blessings

upon all people; we pray for the sick, the distressed and the

poor in our community. Especially(_____);

and all residents of our local shelters. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Lord you blessed those who weep. We pray for all who

have died and all who mourn for them. (silence is kept)

Lord, in your mercy...

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor As Jesus called his disciples to leave their nets and boats and

follow him; we pray for those who have answered your call to

follow Jesus in ministry. Give them your peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Jesus Christ, Light of the World, hear our prayers, and make us

reflections of your Light, that the places of darkness in our world would be pierced by your Light, and that all nations would be drawn to you and be overwhelmed with joy. **Amen**.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

(silence is kept)

All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We

repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Celebrant But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am

bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.

-Luke 2:10

Meditation "We All Are One in Mission" Paul Bunjes. (1914-1998)

Doxology (all stand)

Praise God from whom all blessing flow, Praise God, all creatures here below, Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Holy Communion

(please kneel or stand as you are able)



Celebrant:

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth filled with your glory:
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

-Worship & Rejoice Hymnal # 738

The Celebrant continues,

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You

gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely

to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. +++

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues:

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

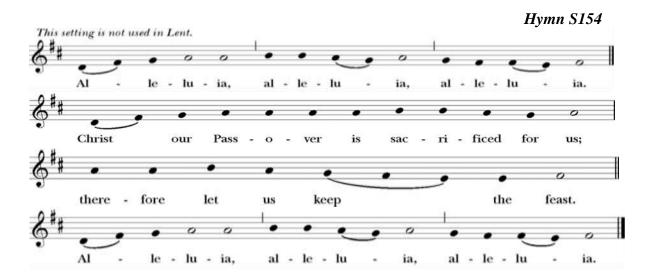
Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

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)



The Presider says,

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take Them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with Thanksgiving.

Communion Hymns:

Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #695 As We Gather at Your Table Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #403 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #359

Give Thanks

After Communion, the Celebrant says,

Let us pray.

We pray with those worshipping with us online and here with us:

Celebrant and People,

Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying,

Life is short, and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind.... and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen**

Closing Hymn: Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #235

Brightest and Best of the Stars

Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Kevin Hildebrand (1973-)

❖ ALTAR FLOWERS for today are GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and IN LOVING MEMORY of the Rev. Canon Fredrick & Carolyn Brownell by the Loren Swanson Family; And IN LOVING MEMORY of grandmother Lulu Cuiss, aunt Mary Lou Kellogg, uncle Vic Cuiss, brother Phil Seckinger and mother Grace Gaebelein by the Seckinger family.



Anouncements

- Please stay after the service today for our Annual Congregational Meeting.
- There will be no 12:15 pm Eucharist this Wednesday, January 26th.
- We will be having a parish wide talent show during coffee hour on February 27. All ages are welcome to participate and attend. Please contact Pastor Melissa if you would like to participate.

Worship Ministers:

The Rev. Sarah Hurlbert; The Rev. Melissa Congleton; Julie Baglien, Organist; Barney Rudolph, Reader; Sue Hammett, Intercessor, LEM & Acolyte; And special thanks as always, to our tech team - for their faithfulness & expertise!

St. Paul's Weekly Calendar 1/23/2022 – 1/30/2022

Day	Activity	Time	Location
SUNDAY	Holy Eucharist Adult Forum Church School Holy Eucharist/ Annual Meeting	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Sm. Dining Room Upstairs Classrooms Sanctuary
MONDAY			
TUESDAY	Clergy Meeting Cardio Drumming Toastmasters	4:30 pm 5:15 pm 6:00 pm	Holy Spirit Hall Library
WEDNESDAY	Bible Study FB Live Compline Service (No Holy Eucharist today)	10:30 am 8:00 pm	Sm. Dining Room Facebook
THURSDAY	Cardio Drumming Handbells	5:15 pm 6:00 pm	Holy Spirit Hall Chapel
FRIDAY			
SATURDAY			
SUNDAY	Holy Eucharist Adult Forum Church School Holy Eucharist	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Sm. Dining Room Upstairs Classrooms Sanctuary

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As We Gather at Your Table



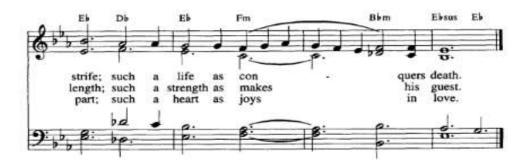
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Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life 403







WORDS: George Herbert (1593-1633) MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) THE CALL 7.7.7.7.

Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #359 Give Thanks

Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart
Give Thanks To The Holy One
Give Thanks Because He Has Given
Jesus Christ His Son
And Now Let The Weak Say I Am Strong
Let The Poor Say I Am Rich
Because Of What The Lord
Has Done For Us. And us. Give Thanks!

Words & Music: Henry Smith (1952-)



Brightest and Best of the Stars



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