

*Celebrating Christ's Presence
In a Changing World*

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 5, 2023

10:30 am

Welcome to St. Paul's! We are so happy you are with us today. If you are new or visiting, please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate.

Prelude *O Day of God, Draw Nigh*

Jacob B. Weber (1988-), Paul Manz (1919-2009)

The Hymnal 1982 #601

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

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.**

Song of Praise

The Hymnal 1982 #S-236

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit for the readings.

First Lesson

Isaiah 58:1-12

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call,

and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 112:1-6

The Cantor sings the verses, and the People sing the refrain.



Psalter for Worship Year A

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last for ever. **Refrain**

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance. **Refrain**

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians:

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able.

The Hymnal 1982 #703

Lead Us, O Father

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

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

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

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

All stand as they are able.

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

Intercessor Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly
serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.**

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of
the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or
trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest.
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The people may add their own petitions...

The Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
(*silence is kept*)

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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

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

Announcements – Birthdays & Anniversaries

The Offertory “**Just A Closer Walk**” *(arr. Jack Shrader)*
St. Paul’s Choir

Doxology *all stand & sing*

The Hymnal 1982 #380 v. 3

**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.**

Sanctus, The Hymnal 1982 #S -125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues,

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. 🔔

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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." 

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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.



A - men. A - men. A - men.

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

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

Agnus Dei, The Hymnal 1982 #S -171

Antiphon: Cantor; then All



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Celebrant: 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.

Everyone is invited to Holy Communion. Gluten free bread is available. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of bread and wine, please cross your hands over your chest.

The Hymnal 1982 #343

Shepherd of Souls

After Communion, the Celebrant prays,

O Lord Jesus Christ, in this wonderful Sacrament you have given us a memorial of your Passion: be with those who are worshipping with us online, that as they meditate upon the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood they may perceive within themselves the fruit of your redemption and be nourished by your holy presence in their lives. **Amen.**

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.

Sending of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

The Celebrant blesses the people.

The Hymnal 1982 #707

Take My Life, And Let It Be

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in B-flat*
George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

Dedications

- ❖ ALTAR FLOWERS for today are GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN LOVING MEMORY of my grandparents Nancy & Ray Hartsuff and IN COMMEMORATION of their wedding at St Paul's, on February 3, 1951, by Rev. Jadon Hartsuff.
- ❖ THE AUMBRY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK to the Glory of God and IN LOVING MEMORY of Judith Merie Spafford, her father Burt D. Spafford & her grandmother L. Merie Spafford by their family.

Announcements

- **Birthdays:** Joyce Grace, Roger Hanson, Marianne Kincaid, Cassandra Lagow, Loren Swanson, Evelyn McCann, Valerie Rowley, Chris Scheele, Harry Strait, Lillie Wells, Mishele Wilkins. **Anniversaries:** Elaine & Benjamin Themm
- **12:15 pm Holy Eucharist service is back on for this Wednesday February 8th.**
- **The next ECW Meeting will be on Saturday, February 11th,** with social time at 10:30 am and the business meeting at 11 am with guest speaker Joyce Grace showing photos from Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands. Suggested donation for food is \$5. Please sign-up on the bulletin board.
- **The St. Paul's knitting group** would like to start up again. If you are interested in helping, please contact Melissa Velandra at (517) 581-0805.
- **There will be a Boating Safety Class on Feb 18th from 10 am to 5 pm,** in the Small Dining Room, taught by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. It is open to all ages and no prior experience with boats or paddlecraft is required. Please contact Jan Osborn at 517-414-3466 for more information.

Worship Ministers:

The Rev. Jadon Hartsuff, Celebrant;

Julie Baglien, Director of Music and Organist; Jeff Wilkinson, Choir Director;

Loren Swanson, 1st Reader & LEM; Jennifer Yocum, 2nd Reader; Joe Lathrop, LEM & Acolyte;

Christopher Lock, Intercessor; Barb Duke, Laura Orr & Christie Swanson, Ushers

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