

*Celebrating Christ's Presence
In a Changing World*

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



Morning Prayer

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 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 *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Procession Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #635

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

Opening Acclamation and Invitatory

Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from
the Lord Jesus Christ. *- Philippians 1:2*

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen. Alleluia.**

Officiant The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:
People **Come let us adore him.**

The People say, **Venite, Psalm 95: 1-7**

**Come, let us sing to the Lord;
Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

The People remain standing to sing the appointed Psalm.

Psalm 119:1-8



Hap - py are they who fol - low the teach - ing of the LORD.

Psalter for Worship Year A

- 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. **Refrain**
- 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. **Refrain**

The people sit.

The First Reading

Deuteronomy:15-20

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy:

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.”

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand to sing,

The Hymnal 1982 #679

Canticle 9

1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust-ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed
fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his
help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi-on, lift your voice in sing-ing; for with
va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the
liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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The people sit.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

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

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.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

Natalie Magnusson

The People stand to sing,

The Hymnal 1982 #S-236

Canticle 13

1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord
God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____
— for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
ween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

<i>Officiant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Officiant</i>	Let us 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.**

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your name for ever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Officiant prays the collects,

The Collect of the Day

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.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Offertory

Ushers come forward now to collect offerings as the choir sings

“Dearest Jesus at Your Word”

S. Drummond Wolff (1916-2004)

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.**

The People remain standing and pray,

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

The Grace

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.
Amen. *-2 Corinthians 13:14*

Retiring Hymn and Dismissal

The Hymnal 1982 #594

God of Grace and God of Glory

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

Dedications

- ❖ ALTAR FLOWERS for today are GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and IN LOVING MEMORY of Victor E. Fox, his wife Joanne Chabut Fox
and her sister Jeanne Chabut Hanna by Sharon Fox.
- ❖ THE AUMBRY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK to the Glory of God and
IN LOVING MEMORY of my niece Andrea Messimer-Henley by Janet
Wesch.

Worship Ministers:

Natalie Magnusson Officiant;

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

Christopher Lock, Reader

Dennis Marsh, Luke & Natalie Kember, Ushers

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Announcements

- **There will be no Noisy Offering today**, but please bring your change back next week for it on Sunday, Feb. 19th!
- **Parish Administrator Alice will be out of the office on vacation beginning Friday, February 17th, returning on Friday, February 24th.**
- **This year we will not have an all-parish gathering on Shrove Tuesday.** Instead we will celebrate Mardi Gras with pancakes at coffee hour on Sunday, February 19th. Please plan to stay and wear your purple, green, and gold!
- **Ash Wednesday services will be on February 22nd at 12:15pm and 7pm.**
- **The St. Paul's knitting group** is starting up again. If you are interested in joining, please contact Melissa Velandra at (517) 581-0805 for details.

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