



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

St. Paul's Sunday

February 1, 2026 • 10am

Welcome to St. Paul's! We are grateful for your presence in worship and look forward to welcoming you into this life we share through the love of Jesus Christ! Please don't forget to silence your devices as our worship service begins.

Families are welcome to sit anywhere they would like, including our dedicated children's area in the Chapel, which features self-directed activities and books.

Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall on the Occidental Avenue side of the church campus. Our worship service is live-streamed on St. Paul's YouTube Channel, where we welcome online friends to pray with us.

All are warmly invited to participate in Holy Communion at St. Paul's. If you prefer not to receive the wine, simply cross your arms over your chest as the Eucharistic Minister greets you saying, "the Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation." Thank you for sharing the light of your presence with our community! May God's presence be very near to you in this sacred season.

Prelude

3. Siciliano, 4. Allegro assai
from *Sonata for Flute in E Major, BWV 1035*, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Sydney Kropf, flute

All stand to sing stanzas 1 - 3

Processional Hymn 51

"We the Lord's people," Decatur Place

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit

People **And blessed be God's reign of love now and forever. Amen.**

Gloria *sung in Tongan by the choir*

Kololia, Penisimani Latu

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth may there be peace and love for all people.

We are grateful for you, We bless you, We adore you,

We glorify you, We praise you, We give you thanks for your great glory.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.

After the reading, the reader says

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

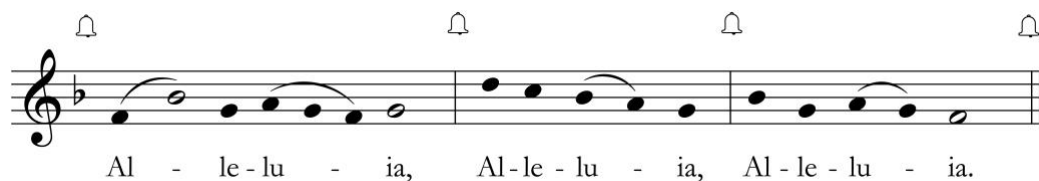
People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

Alleluia Verse

Chant, based on the *O Antiphons*

Cantor sings ALLELUIA. All sing ALLELUIA.



Cantor Mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles.

All sing ALLELUIA

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

Lord, you now have set your servant free,
to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.*

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

After the Gospel, the reader says

**Translation from the Book of Common Prayer*

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated.

All stand with the Celebrant
The Nicene Creed

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.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who 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

As we dedicate our gifts to God and give thanks for the graces of our life at St. Paul's this morning,
let us join Simeon & Anna, rejoicing in Jesus' coming among us!

Surprise us, O Lord, with joy at your sudden arrivals in our community, our lives, and our world.

Purify our hearts. Help us share the message of your Good News.

O Lord of Hosts,

We put our trust in You.

Be near to all who present themselves to lead in the halls of government around the world.

Fill their hearts and minds with your wisdom, justice, and mercy.

O Lord of Hosts,

We put our trust in You.

We ask your healing for all who are sick, frightened, or tired. Please be with all who help to take care of their needs. We pray especially for Edward & Joan Anders, Ants Astesano, Virginia & Jack Corcoran, Daiva Gaputis, Rodney Gehrke, Michael Kimball, Jen Norman, and Jim Prescott.

O Lord of Hosts,

We put our trust in You.

Open our eyes to your comfort and relief in times of grief.

Help us know that the ones we mourn now rest in peace, set free for eternal life in the fullness of Your glory. We pray especially for the repose of the souls of John F. Borgeson (father of John Borgeson), Renee Good, and Alex Pretti.

O Lord of Hosts,

We put our trust in You.

Give discernment and prophetic wisdom to all who guide your church and those who come to worship you within it. Help us nurture this faith we share, from the youngest to the oldest, that we might grow and thrive together in this new year.

O Lord of Hosts,

We put our trust in You.

We pray especially for The Church of England in the Anglican prayer cycle, and the Strategic Vision Plan for the diocese, Bishop Austin Rios, the diocesan staff, the diocesan chancellor, the Executive Council and the Standing Committee of the diocese.

O Lord of Hosts,

We put our trust in You.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers

Holy One whose glory revealed itself in the tenderness of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who grew in faith as a child presented in your temple, we rejoice with Simeon and Anna, Mary and Joseph, even as we prepare ourselves for the many risings and fallings yet to unfold in our own lives. We re-dedicate ourselves to you on this day and ask you to deepen our strength, courage, and faith as we walk with Jesus and one another. We are grateful for your gift of the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, and with whom you live and reign as one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and then are seated.

Announcements

Blessing of Acolytes

Offertory Anthem *sung in Swahili*

Baba Yetu, Christopher Tin (b. 1976)
Anmol Gupta, tenor soloist

*Baba yetu, yetu uliye
 Mbinguni yetu, yetu amina!
 Baba yetu, yetu uliye
 Jina lako litukuzwe.*

Our Father, who art
 In heaven, Amen!
 Our Father,
 Hallowed be thy Name.

*Utupe leo chakula chetu
 Tunachobitaji utusamehe
 Makosa yetu, hey!
 Kama nasi tunavyowasamehe
 Waliotukosea usitutie
 Katika majaribu, lakini
 Utuokoe, na yule, muovu e milele!*

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, forever.

*Ufalme wako ufike utakalo
 Lifanyike duniani kama mbinguni.
 Amina.*

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
 On earth as it is in heaven.
 Amen.

All stand to sing stanzas 1 & 3
 Presentation Hymn 657

“Love divine, all love’s excelling,” *Hyfrydol*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A
The Book of Common Prayer, p. 361

The musical notation is presented in four systems, each with a staff for the Celebrant and a staff for the People. The lyrics are in English.

System 1:
 Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
 People: And also with you.

System 2:
 Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
 People: We lift them to the Lord.

System 3:
 Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

System 4:
 People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues,

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry, Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless'd is the one 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 the Eucharistic Prayer, giving thanks for God's work of redemption through Jesus Christ and consecrating the bread and wine for Holy Communion. The people join in sacramental witness, speaking to the mystery of God's saving grace.

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues with prayers of thanksgiving and concludes with this phrase of invitation to the Great Amen.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Most Blessed One, now and forever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer *All are invited to sing*

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Our Fa - ther who art in heav'n, hal-low'd be — thy name. Thy king-dom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is — in — heav'n. Give us this day our

dai - ly — bread. And for - give us our tres-pas-ses, As we for - give those who tres-pass a-

gainst us. And lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion, But de-liv-er us from e - vil.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the Bread. A period of silence is kept.

All are invited to sing

Agnus Dei

Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant lifts the bread and wine saying,

The gifts of God for the people of God. If you feel drawn to this table, let nothing keep you away.

All who are drawn to Christ are welcome to receive communion at St. Paul's. Please follow the usher's invitation to receive the bread (gluten free wafers available upon request) and wine at the altar rails. If you would like a blessing instead of the Eucharist, please cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Anthem

Nunc dimittis, Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

Dmitri Nezvigin, soloist

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
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.*

~ Luke 2: 29-32

Postcommunion Prayer

All stand as the Celebrant invites,

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

The Blessing

May the loving presence of the Living Lord be revealed in you now and always. And the blessing of the Eternal One, Creator and Sustainer, risen and ascended Savior, and Spirit who sanctifies in Christ's love, be with you evermore. **Amen.**

Hymn 671

"Amazing Grace," *New Britain*

All are invited to sing as follows

1- young trebles; 4 – all in harmony; 5 – all in unison

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

At the direction of the ushers, all follow the candles in procession to Foote Hall.

Candle Procession to Foote Hall for the Annual Meeting

Sydney Kropf, flute

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