



THE HOLY EUCHARIST
The Baptism of Jesus
January 11, 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

Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie, Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

All stand to sing stanzas 1, 2, 6, 7

Processional Hymn 370

"I bind unto myself today," *St. Patrick's Breastplate & Deirdre*

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

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

First Lesson

Isaiah 42: 1-9

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

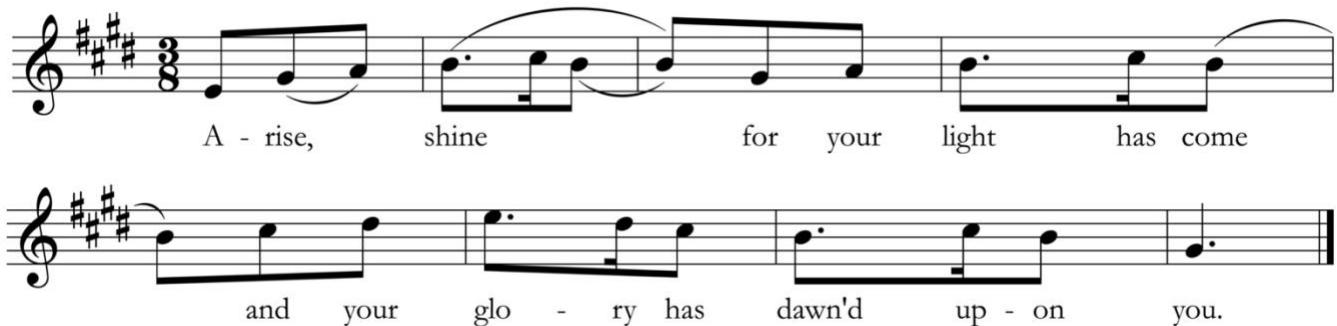
After the reading, the reader says

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29: 1-2, 4, 6, 9, 11 *Refrain*, Donald Pearson; *Anglican Chant*, Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

Cantor sings REFRAIN. All sing REFRAIN. Choir sings verses.



- 1 Ascribe to God, you heavenly beings, *
 ascribe to God glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name; *
 worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.

All sing REFRAIN.

4 The voice of God is a powerful voice; *
 the voice of God is a voice of splendor.
 6 God makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

All sing REFRAIN.

9 And in the temple of the Holy One *
 all are crying, "Glory!"
 11 God shall give strength to the people; *
 God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

All sing REFRAIN.

The Second Lesson

Acts 10: 34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did

both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

After the reading, the reader says

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.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor All of you who were baptized into Christ, have clothed yourselves with Christ.

All sing ALLELUIA.

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

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

After the Gospel, the reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

Children's Sermon

Jocelyn A. Sideco, MTS

All stand with the Celebrant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **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.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

Celebrant	How will you remain faithful to these things you believe?
People	With God's help, by continuing in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.
Celebrant	How will you respond to temptation and sin in your own life?
People	With God's help, by persevering in resisting evil, and whenever falling into sin, repenting and returning to the Lord.
Celebrant	How will you share Christ with the world?
People	With God's help, by proclaiming by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.
Celebrant	How will you follow Christ in your daily life?
People	With God's help, by seeking and serving Christ in all persons, loving my neighbor as myself.
Celebrant	How will you participate in God's redemptive work?
People	With God's help, by striving for justice and peace among all people, and by respecting the dignity of every human being.
Celebrant	How will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of the Earth and every human being?
People	With God's help, by working for the just and proper stewardship of God's creation, caring for all creatures and living things in this world.
Celebrant	How will you cherish these wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?
People	With God's help and the support of community, by nurturing wonder and joy as we partner in Christ's redeeming work for the sake of all that live.

The Prayers of the People

Hear Our Prayer

Heavenly Father, in gratitude for the message of love you sent to us in the word made flesh, Jesus, your Son, we offer you the longings of our hearts as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for your church, for all who find you there, for those who love you and for those who long to love you more. Give us a spirit of invitation, and the courage to find new ways to be good news to all your people. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America. We also pray for True Sunshine, San Francisco in the Diocese of California.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nation and for all who govern. We pray for our future and the future of all nations and peoples, that we may be united in the desire for peace and life for everyone.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world and its needs, for the state of our oceans and soil; the survival of your creatures and the safety of all people and that those who are able will work diligently for liberation and sustenance.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the needs of the communities we call home and our neighbors, for those we know and those who are strangers to us. We give you thanks for our adoption, which makes us brothers and sisters in Christ.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are ill or injured, and for those who are depressed and anxious, that they may know the comfort of your healing love and the joy of each new day. We pray especially for Edward & Joan Anders, Virginia & Jack Corcoran, Isabella David, Rodney Gehrke, Chris Hopkins, Michael Kimball, Marina & Luis, Jen Norman, Jean Simon, and Fatma Yaman.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the dying, for those who labor to leave this world, that their departing may be peaceful and fearless. We pray for the repose of the soul of Leona Tregenza Smith, and also for those who weep this day and those who mourn the dead.

Lord in our mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Offering you these prayers and praises we acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Uphold us this day and every day and bless our endeavors as we strive to bring about your kingdom vision for this world. We ask all this in the name of your Son, who lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, 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

Offertory Anthem

Go and tell John, Spiritual, arr. Larry Fleming

Go. Go and tell him.

Go and tell John what you have seen. Go and tell John what you have heard.

Go and tell John what you have seen and heard, let all you with ears now listen.

The blind receive their sight. The lame walk, and the deaf hear once again.

The dead are raised up, good news preached to the poor, and blessed are they who believe in me.

Go and tell John.

~ Matthew 11: 4, 5

All stand to sing

Presentation Hymn 516

“Come down, O Love divine,” *Down Ampney*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 361

Celebrant

People

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The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 Jesus Christ you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

*All are invited to sing
Sanctus harmony at S130*

Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert

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, 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 trespasses, 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

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant lifts the bread and wine saying,

The table is ready so come. You who have much faith and you who would like to have more. You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come, because it is Christ who invites us to meet God here.

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

At the river (from Old American Songs)

Aaron Copland (1900-1990), arr. for choir by R. Wilding White

Shall we gather by the river, Where bright angel's feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather by the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river That flows by the throne of God.
Soon we'll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace. *Yes, we'll gather . . .*

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

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon us, your servants, the forgiveness of sin, and have raised us to the new life of grace. Sustain us, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give us, with all the newly baptized, inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit, rest upon you this day and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

All sing

Hymn 135

“Songs of thankfulness and praise,” *Salzburg*

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des heures de la cathédrale de Soissons, M. Duruflé

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