



THE HOLY EUCHARIST
The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 25, 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

1. *Adagio ma non tanto*, 2. *Allegro*
from *Sonata for Flute in E Major*, BWV 1035, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Sydney Kropf, flute

All stand to sing

Processional Hymn 7

"Christ, whose glory fills the skies," *Ratisbon*

Opening Acclamation

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

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

The Gloria is found on the next page.

All sing
Gloria

Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

f
Glo - ry, glo - ry to

p *f*
God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al -

p
migh-ty God and Fa - ther. We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your

f *f*
glo - ry, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord, Lord Je - sus Christ,

p *f*
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

p
sin of the world, have mer - cy on us, You are sea - ted at the right hand of the -

f *f*
Fa - ther, re - ceive our pray'r, re - ceive our pray'r. For you a -

p *f*
lone are the Ho-ly one, you a-lone are the Lord. You a-lone are the Most High,

p
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the glo - ry of God the

f
Fa - ther. A - - - - men. A - - - - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People 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 are seated.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 9: 1-4

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
 on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.

After the reading, the reader says

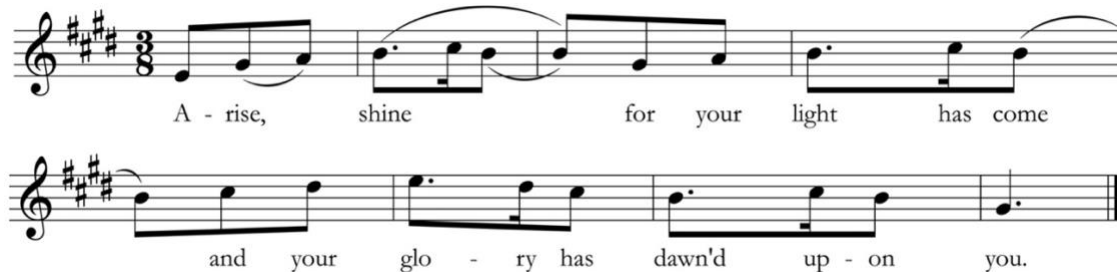
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:1, 5-9

Refrain, Donald Pearson; *Anglican Chant*, Margaret Burk (b. 1990)

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



- 1 God is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
God is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
5 One thing have I asked of you, O God; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in your house all the days of my life;

All sing REFRAIN.

- 6 To behold your fair beauty, O God, *
and to seek you in your temple.
7 For in the day of trouble you shall keep me safe in your shelter; *
you shall hide me in the secrecy of your dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

All sing REFRAIN.

- 8 Even now you lift up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
9 Therefore I will offer in your dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to you.

All sing REFRAIN.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For 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.

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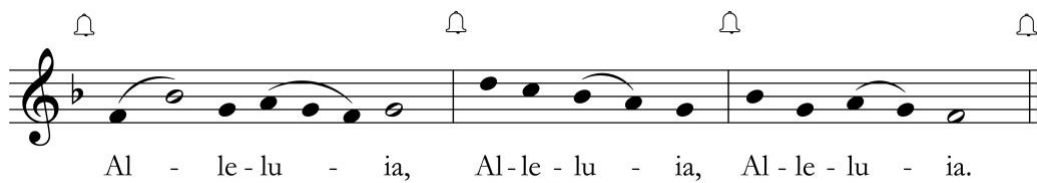
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

Alleluia Verse

Chant, based on the *O Antiphons*

Cantor sings ALLELUIA. All sing ALLELUIA.



Cantor The people who in darkness walked have seen a great light.

All sing ALLELUIA

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 4: 12-23

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

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

After the Gospel, the reader says

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated.

Sermon

The Rev. Rebecca N. Edwards

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

Hear Our Prayer

We pray to you Holy God, in the confidence of our belovedness as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

We give thanks for the multitude of the faithful who have offered you their lives in faith. Bless the universal church with a resounding chorus of affirmation and fill us with shared affection and true purpose to bring your kingdom nearer still. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile. We also pray for St. Paul's, Oakland; St. Paul's, Burlingame; St. Paul's, San Rafael; St. Paul's, Walnut Creek, and St. Timothy's, Danville in the Diocese of California.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray to you for our nation and for our elected leaders in city, state, and national government, that our country and all countries might look to you and your way of love.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the welfare of all people, for those we see as allies and for those we fear, that all might know peace in their heart.

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

We pray for the concerns and worries of our hearts. Be present to us and lead us into faith, contentment, and joy.

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

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit that they will seek and find you in their distress. We pray especially for Edward & Joan Anders, Virginia & Jack Corcoran, Daiva Gaputis, Rodney Gehrke, Michael Kimball, and Jen Norman.

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

We pray for the departed, especially John F. Borgeson (father of John Borgeson), for those who are dying and those who watch and weep. Bring peace and comfort to the grieving and the hope of life eternal to those who labor on toward your kingdom. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be our strong shield and certain companion in this and every day, that we might know and love you more: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

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.

The Absolution

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

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

Lord of the Dance, Shaker melody
Adapted by Sydney Carter (1915-2004), arr. John Bertalot (b. 1931)

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth, at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they would not follow me, I danced for the fishermen, for James and John, they came with me and the dance went on.

Dance, then . . .

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high; they left me there on the cross to die. *Dance, then . . .*

They cut me down and I leapt on high, I am the life that will never, never die; I'll live in you if you live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Dance, then . . .

The Presentation Hymn is found on the next page.

All stand to sing
Presentation Hymn

“Draw us in the Spirit’s tether,” *Union Seminary*
Text: Percy Dearmer; Music: Harold Friedell

1 Draw us in the Spir - it's te - ther, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in thy name, two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Fa - ther
ments of thee, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,

thou art in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
break the bread and bless the cup: Al - le - lu - ia!
we may true dis - ci - ples be. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now thy gar - ment's hem.
Al - le - lu - ia! So now bind our friend - ship up.
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve thee faith - ful - ly.

The Great Thanksgiving

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

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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 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

My eyes for beauty pine, Elizabeth Coxhead (b. 1987)

Anmol Gupta, tenor

My eyes for beauty pine, My soul for Goddës grace,

No other care nor hope is mine, To heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed From all the stars above:

'Tis named when God's name is said, 'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart That burns with true desire,

Is lit from eyes that mirror part Of that celestial fire.

~ Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

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.**

All sing stanzas 1-3

Hymn 381

“Thy strong word did cleave the darkness,” *Ton-y-Botel*

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

II. Fugue (Concerto in d minor, BWV 596)

Antonio Vivaldi; transcribed by J. S. Bach for organ

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