



# St. PAUL'S Episcopal Church

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## The Feast of the Epiphany

### January 4, 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 Variations on *Wie schön leuchtet*, BuxWV 223, Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

*All stand.*

Variations on *Wie schön leuchtet*, BuxWV 223, Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

SOLARISIS SW

Soloists sing verses 1-3. All join in Refrain O star of wonder, star of night . . .

## Processional Hymn 128

“We three kings,” *Three Kings of Orient*

## Opening Acclamation

Celebrant The people who walked in darkness

People have seen a great light.

Celebrant For to us a child is born

People to us a Son is given.

Celebrant His name will be called Wonderful counselor, mighty God,

People the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

*All are invited to sing.*

## Song of Praise: Hymn 496

“How bright appears the Morning Star,” *Wie schön leuchtet*

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through 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.*

## First Lesson

Isaiah 60: 1-6

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

*After the reading, the reader says*

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72: 1-2, 10-13

*Refrain*, Donald Pearson; *Anglican Chant*, Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

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

1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;

*All sing REFRAIN.*

A - rise, shine for your light has come  
and your glo - ry has dawn'd up - on you.

10 The rulers of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the rulers of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

11 All rulers shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.

*All sing REFRAIN.*

12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

*All sing REFRAIN.*

## Second Lesson

Ephesians 3: 1-12

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Ephesus

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

*After the reading, the reader says*

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

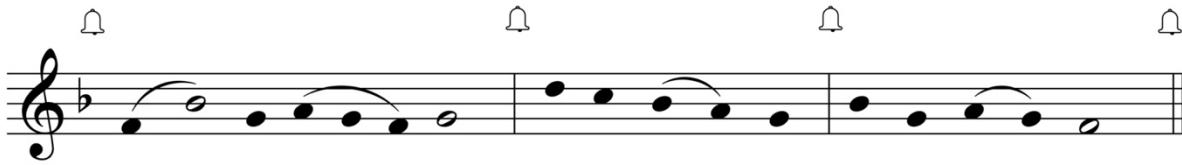
People      **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

Alleluia Verse

*Cantor sings ALLELUIA. All sing ALLELUIA.*

Chant, based on the *O Antiphons*



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

*Cantor* We have seen the star in the East, and have come to worship God.

*All sing ALLELUIA.*

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 2: 1-12

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

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*After the Gospel, the reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Nick W. Roosevelt

*All stand.*

## 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.

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

from *Hear Our Prayer*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

Creator God, you have formed us for purpose. Enter more deeply into our hearts that we might more fully know you and the role you have created us for, and accept our prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Empower your church to speak truth and to stand boldly against the dark powers of this world, that it might be a refuge and a place for hope. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa. We also pray for Epiphany, San Carlos in the Diocese of California.  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Embolden your people to hold to account the leaders of the world, that they might pursue policies of peace and international fellowship.

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

Grant us discerning and generous hearts that your blessings might be made known to our neighbors through our actions.

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

Equip us and sustain us to forestall environmental catastrophe for those most vulnerable to our overuse of creation, and to preserve the glorious abundance of creation for future generations.

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

Support those who suffer and make your healing presence known to them. We especially pray for Bryce Bonn, Isabella David, Rodney Gehrke, Chris Hopkins, Michael Kimball, Sonny Liu, Marina & Luis, Jean Simon, Craig Tam, and Fatma Yaman.

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

Accept the dying into your loving arms and greet us also in the hour of our deaths that we might rise again in your new age.

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

Speak to us and guide us in our life's path so that we might be fully the people you created us to be. All we have and all we ask comes from you, O Lord who with the Son and Holy Spirit, reigns forever, One God.

**Amen.**

## The Confession

Lord of grace and truth, we confess our unworthiness to stand in your presence as your children.

**We have sinned: forgive and heal us.**

The Mary and Joseph surrendered to your will, accepting your call to parent and protect Jesus. Forgive our disobedience to your will.

**We have sinned: forgive and heal us.**

Your Son our Savior was born in poverty in a manger. Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.

**We have sinned: forgive and heal us.**

The shepherds left their flocks to go to Bethlehem. Forgive our self-interest and lack of awareness of our kinship with all your creatures.

**We have sinned: forgive and heal us.**

The magi followed the star to find Jesus the holy child. Forgive our reluctance to seek and serve you in all the vulnerable children of our world.

**We have sinned: forgive and heal us.**

## The Absolution

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Savior, forgive your sins and make you holy to serve Christ in all the world, through the grace of our Redeemer. **Amen.**

## The Peace

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

*Arise, shine, Donald Pearson*

*Arise, shine for your light has come and your glory has dawn'd upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land, deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
Arise, shine for your light has come and your glory has dawn'd upon you.*

*For over you the Lord will rise and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations will stream to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Arise, shine for your light has come and your glory has dawn'd upon you.*

*Your gates will always be open by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you the city of the Lord. The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Arise, shine for your light has come and your glory has dawn'd upon you.*

*Violence will no more be heard in your land. Ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls salvation and all your portals praise.  
Arise, shine for your light has come and your glory has dawn'd upon you.*

*The sun will no more be your light by day, by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light and your God will be your glory.  
Arise, shine for your light has come and your glory has dawn'd upon you.  
Arise, shine, arise, shine, arise.*

~ Isaiah 60: 11, 14, 18-19

*All stand to sing stanzas 1 – 4*

*Presentation Hymn 118*

“Brightest and best,” *Star in the East*

*The Great Thanksgiving*

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

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

*People*

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

*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. 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:

All are invited to sing  
Sanctus harmony at S130

Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert (1797-1828)



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 tres-pas-ses, As we for - give those who tres-pass a - gainst us.



And lead us not into 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

*The Three Kings*

Peter Cornelius (1824-1874); arr. Ivor Atkins (1869-1953)

*Soloists: Paul Hoerbelt, Josh Black, Anmol Gupta*

Three Kings from Persian lands afar  
To Jordan follow the pointing star:  
And this the quest of the travellers three,  
Where the new-born King of the Jews may be.  
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;  
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

*How brightly shines the morning star!  
With grace and truth from heaven afar  
Our Jesse tree now bloweth.*

The star shines out with a steadfast ray;  
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,  
And there in worship they bend the knee,  
As Mary's child in her lap they see;  
Their royal gifts they show to the King;  
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

*Of Jacob's stem and David's line,  
For thee, my Bridegroom, King divine,  
My soul with love o'erfloweth.*

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem  
The Kings are travelling, travel with them!  
The star of mercy, the star of grace,  
Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.  
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;  
Offer thy heart to the infant King.

*Thy word, Jesu, Inly feeds us,  
Rightly leads us, Life bestowing.  
Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.*

## 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 God the Father, who led the wise men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

May God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness, give us a place with the saints in light in the kingdom of his beloved Son.

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine in your hearts and fill your lives with his joy and peace.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

*All are invited to sing stanzas 1 - 4*

Hymn 124

“What star is this?” *Puer nobis*

## Dismissal

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

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude

Fantasia on *Wie schön leuchtet*, BWV 739, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*\*All process out the main doors stopping at the doors of the Parish Hall along Occidental Avenue for the Epiphany chalking.\**

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