

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT ST. PAUL'S
The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
February 23, 2025



Joseph and His Brothers, oil on canvas, Avri Ezra, contemporary.

Welcome to St. Paul's!

Worshipping With Us: Our worship follows the Book of Common Prayer in the pew racks (BCP) and authorized supplements, The People's responses are in **bold**. Our music comes from The Hymnal unless noted. Music noted "**S-**" are printed in this bulletin, "**H-**" in the Hymnal, and "**L-**" is the black-and-red Lift Every Voice and Sing. Links to the online Book of Common Prayer are in **blue**. Explanations of each section are marked with ¶. Hymns are listed on the hymnboard at the front of the church as well as in this bulletin.

Restrooms are located downstairs; please ask for directions.

Please ensure devices are off or set to vibrate. Thank you.

The Holy Eucharist

The Word of God

Prelude

Instrumental

God gives us the gift of live music, and we listen to it in the Prelude, which just means "beginning," and also make some ourselves in the hymns and other music we sing. The texts are just as important as the tunes, so do sing out – we need all our voices as we raise them to God's praise.

The Opening Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

H-657

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:

changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

The Acclamation

[BCP, p. 355](#)

Presider: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever, Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Song of Praise

Glory To You

S-236

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. _____

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be -
 5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; _____ in the high vault of
 depths; _____ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____
 you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and

high-ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you!

high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

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Collect of the Day

[BCP, p. 212](#)

The Collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

Presider: O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) of the Bible, which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.

The First Reading *Genesis 45:3-11, 15*

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your

brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty."

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42 Noli aemulari BCP p. 633

¶*Prayed by all, alternating by half verse.*

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
dwelt in the land and feed on its riches.

Take delight in the LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.

He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.

The psalms are prayers from the Hebrew Scriptures that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Anglicans pray the Psalms daily at Morning and Evening Prayer as well.

Be still before the LORD *

and wait patiently for him.

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *

the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *

do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off, *

but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *

you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

But the lowly shall possess the land; *

they will delight in abundance of peace.

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; *

he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

The LORD will help them and rescue them; *

**he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.**

*This reading, taken from
the New Testament, is
typically from a letter
(epistle) to the early
Church, the Acts of the
Apostles, or the
Revelation to John.*

The New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man

of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Hymn moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word—the reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means “Good News”—specifically the “Good News of Jesus.”

Gospel Hymn

Commit Thou All That Grieves Thee

H-669

*1 Commit thou all that grieves thee
And fills thy heart with care
To Him whose faithful mercy
The starry skies declare.
Who gives the winds their courses
Who points the clouds their way;
'Tis He will guide thy footsteps
And be thy staff and stay.*

*2 O trust the Lord then wholly,
If thou wouldst be secure;
His work must thou consider
For thy work to endure.
What profit doth it bring thee
To pine in grief and care?
God ever sends His blessing
In answer to thy prayer.*

The Holy Gospel

Luke 4.21-30

¶*Please stand as able.*

Acclamation before the Gospel:
Lord Christ.

Glory to you,

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Response after the Gospel

Praise to you, Lord Christ

*3 Thy lasting truth and mercy,
O Father, see aright
The needs of all Thy children
Their anguish or delight;
What loving wisdom chooseth
Redeeming might will, do;
And bring to sure fulfillment
Thy counsel good and true.*

*4 Hope on, then, broken spirit,
Hope on, be not afraid
Fear not the griefs that plague thee
And keep thy heart dismayed.
Thy God, in his great mercy
Will save thee, hold thee fast,
And in his own time grant thee
The sun of joy at least.*

The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

The Sermon

Fr. Bob

The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" for "I believe." The Apostles' Creed was the earliest formulation of what Christians understand about the Holy and Undivided Trinity, and was used at baptismal liturgies from early on.

On most Sundays, we pray here for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church—the Body of Christ.

The Prayer of the People

As Announced

Intercessor: We pray especially for those who have asked for our prayers:

We pray for Sue Ferguson, **Heather** Durdil, **Stan** Mizerny, **Jan** Bright, **Zach** Mitchell, **Mary** Solon, **Missi** Kowalski, **Jeanne** Burgess, **Anne** Parker, **Bernie** Meyers, **Angie** Heineman, **Kyrie** Lee, and those others, whom we now name, aloud or in our hearts....

We pray for all who have died, including **Tom** Hornsby and **Charles** Bennet, and those we name now in our hearts or aloud.....

We pray for an ending to war throughout the world, and especially in Ukraine, Africa, and the Middle East.

We pray in thanksgiving for all your blessings that you have given us, and especially those we name, aloud or in our hearts....

We pray for all the residents and visitors of these Lake Erie Islands, and those we name now, in our hearts or aloud....

We pray for **all the members and guests of this parish**, for **Bob** our priest, and for our sister churches of **Mother of Sorrows Put-in-Bay**, **Zion Methodist Kelleys Island**, **St. Michael's Kelleys Island**, **St Paul's Duluth**, **St. Paul's Elkins Park**, and **Our Lady Star of the Sea Pelee Island**.

In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for: **Anne** our Bishop; and for the **Commission on Ministry and Episcopal Community Services**.

In our own Church, we pray for **Sean**, our **Presiding Bishop**. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the election of the next Archbishop of Canterbury, and the people and clergy of: **The Episcopal Church of Brazil**; **the Diocese of Madras** (S. India); **the Diocese of Madurai-Ramnad** (S. India); **the Diocese of Magwi** (S. Sudan); **the Diocese of Mahajanga** (Indian Ocean); **the Diocese of Maiduguri** (Nigeria); and **the Diocese of Maine** (USA).

For whom else and what else shall we pray today?

¶*The Presider will add a concluding prayer.*

Confessing our sins, receiving forgiveness (absolution), and showing signs of peace to one another prepare us to receive Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Confession of Sin

[BCP p. 360](#)

The Greeting

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

¶*All may greet those close to them with a sign of peace. Short announcements may follow.*

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Prayers

The Holy Communion

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offering, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, in the money we give, symbolically in the bread and wine. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, or by scanning the QR code.

At the Offering

Instrumental

¶*Please support the ministry of St. Paul's with your tithes and offerings.*

To give online, scan this QR code:



¶*While the offering is being taken up, the altar is prepared for Holy Communion.*

At the Presentation

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

H-380, vs 3

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: we thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. In this prayer, often called the Eucharistic Prayer, we recall God's acts of salvation history. The priest prays the Words of Institution over the bread and wine that Jesus said at the Last Supper. At the Memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age. During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine, and we who will receive them.

The Great Thanksgiving:

Prayer B

[BCP p. 367](#)

¶ *This song is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6.3:*

The Angelic Hymn

Holy Holy Holy

S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

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¶ *The Eucharistic Prayer continues:*

Priest: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love...

Priest: ...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

The Great Amen is when the congregation with a unified great voice concurs with all that the priest has prayed. It is the only "Amen" in all capitals found in the Book of Common Prayer, signifying the greatness of the congregation's response

People **AMEN.**

¶*We now pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.*

The Lord's Prayer (*traditional*)

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At The Breaking of the Bread:

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This setting is not used in Lent.

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

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

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

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Reception of Communion

¶ *All who are baptized and permitted to receive Communion in their own traditions are welcome at the Lord's Supper. Come up to the Altar Rail and stand or kneel. We have gluten-free hosts available; just ask the Presider. Receive the Bread or gluten-free Host in your hand, and either consume it and then drink from the Chalice, or dip the Bread or Host into the Chalice when it comes to you. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please simply cross your hands over your chest.*

For those who cannot receive the Sacrament, you may wish to pray this prayer while Communion is being distributed:

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

Communion Hymn

The Song of Ephrem

Lawson/Beethoven


The Song of Ephrem

Ode to Joy

Words: Annie Lawson (2024)

Paraphrse of Ephrem the Syrian (4th century)

Music: Ludwig von Beethoven (1824)



Be - hold Fire and Spirit with - in the womb that grew you to birth-size
In your Bread there dwells your Spi - rit; in your Wine there dwells your Fire
Humb-lest ri - ver re - pre-sents John: bap - ti - zer, fore - run - ner, who

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Be - hold Fire and Spirit with - in the riv - er where you were bap-tized
Won - ders set a - part yet pres - ent, there for our lips to ac-quire
Like the ri - ver in its small-ness nev - er can com - pare to you.

9



Fire and Spirit in our bap - ti - sm, Fire and Spirit in Bread and Cup Bread
Your great foot-steps walk on wa - ter; your feet quell the migh - ty deep Yet
You the Lord of John and Jor - dan, you o'er all the heav'ns en-throned You

13



with Spirit not to be eat - en; Wine with Fire not to drink up.
 you bowed your head to be bap - tized in streams that bare - ly seep.
 to stream and hum - ble ser - vant doffed the glo - ry that you own.

After we receive Communion, it's time to go out and live our faith in the community. We thank God for what we have just encountered, receive a blessing, and end with a final hymn to God. And then we're sent out!

Prayer After Communion

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn

Lord Make Us Servants

H-593

*1 Lord, make us servants of your peace;
 where there is hate, may we sow love;
 where there is hurt, may we forgive;
 where there is strife, may we make one.*

*3 Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
 to be consoled, but to console,
 nor look to understanding hearts,
 but look for hearts to understand.*

*2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
 where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
 where all is night, may we sow light;
 where all is tears, may we sow joy.*

*4 May we not look for love's return,
 but seek to love unselfishly,
 for in our giving we receive,
 and in forgiving are forgiven.*

*5 Dying, we live, and are reborn
 through death's dark night to endless day;
 Lord, make us servants of your peace,
 to wake at last in heaven's light.*

Dismissal: Let us Go forth to love and serve the Lord. *People*

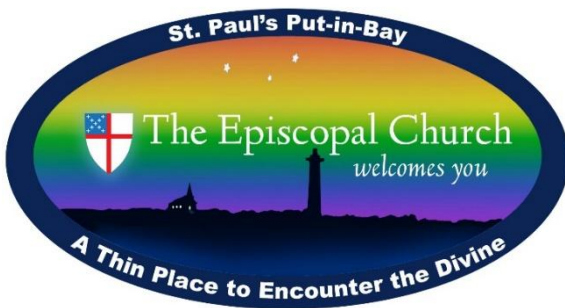
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Instrumental



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This Week at St. Paul's

The Church remains open daily for prayer and meditation.

Worship:

Sunday 9 AM: Christian Formation in the Parish Hall

Sunday 10:30 AM: Holy Eucharist with hymns

Wednesday 12 noon: Prayers for the World and Holy Communion

Winter Office Hours: By appt. – call Fr Bob to arrange a time.

12-Step Groups, in the Parish Hall: Monday 8 AM – AA, Tuesday 7:30 PM – Al-Anon

Thursday 7 PM – AA; Saturday 8 AM – AA

News and Announcements

- Ministry Training:
 - Worship Leader: Saturday, Feb. 22 at 1030 AM and March 1 at 1030 AM
 - Eucharistic Minister and Visitor: Sunday, March 23 after Coffee Hour (tent.)
- Fr. Bob will be on vacation from March 7 through March 23.
- Nan Burr and Marc Burr have also been elected by the Vestry as Affiliate Members.
- Ash Wednesday, the First Day of Lent, is March 5 this year. We'll begin Lent at 6 PM with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

Service Schedule

Accompanist

Reader

Intercessor

Eucharistic Minister

This Sunday Feb. 23

Mary Steunenberg

Bob White

Ed Hubner

Val Chornyak

Next Sunday March 2

Mary Steunenberg

Julene Market

Kira Hubner

Bob Chornyak

Contact Val Chornyak or Fr Bob if interested in a service ministry