

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT ST. PAUL'S
The Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 18, 2026



*Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) mosaic in the Martini church in Braunschweig,
Niedersachsen, Germany.*

Welcome to St. Paul's!

Whether you come from far or near, we greet you in the name of Jesus Christ! We invite people of all denominations and none to join in our worship together.

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. "**H-**" is the Hymnal, and "**L-**" is the black-and-red Lift Every Voice and Sing. Explanations of each section are marked with ¶.*

Restrooms are located downstairs; please ask for directions.

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

The Word of God

Prelude

Instrumental

¶ *All Stand as Able*

Opening Hymn

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

H-7

*1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph over shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear!*

*2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return
till thy mercy's beams I see,
as they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.*

*3 Visit then this soul of mine!
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiancy divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.*

The Acclamation

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

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

The Collect for Purity

The Song of Ephrem

Ode to Joy

Words: Annie Lawson (2024)
Paraphrase 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



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.



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



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.

The Collect (Prayer) of the Day

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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: The Lord be with you. *People:* **And also with you.**

Presider: Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 49.1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, “You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”
But I said, “I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God.”

This 1st Reading is from the Jewish Scriptures, (what we call the Old Testament,) which is the Bible that Jesus and the first disciples knew and read from.

And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength--
he says,

“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
“Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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

The Response *Psalm 40 Afferte Domino* *BCP p. 640*
(¶Prayed by all, alternating by half verse.)

I waited patiently upon the LORD; *

he stooped to me and heard my cry.

He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire
and clay; *

**he set my feet upon a high cliff and made
my footing sure.**

He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God; *

**many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the LORD.**

Happy are they who trust in the LORD! *

they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *

there is none who can be compared with you.

*The Psalms and Canticles are songs
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 and at nearly all
public services.*

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *

but they are more than I can count.

In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *

(you have given me ears to hear you);

Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *

and so I said, "Behold, I come.

In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *

'I love to do your will, O my God;

your law is deep in my heart.'"

I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *

behold, I did not restrain my lips;

and that, O LORD, you know.

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *

I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

You are the LORD;

do not withhold your compassion from me; *

let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

The New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

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.

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,

for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus

Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Gospel Hymn

Christ, What Wondrous Love is This

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*1 What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.*

*2 To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM ,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme I will sing!*

The Gospel

John 1:29-42

Presider: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

This reading, the most important of the three, is always 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.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.

I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter). The Gospel of the Lord.

Response after the Gospel

Praise to you, Lord Christ

*3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.*

Sermon

The Rev. Robert Solon

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

As Announced

Intercessor: Let us also pray for those who have asked for our prayers.

"Intercede" means "go between" from Latin. We now name - go between - the needs of the world to God, who hears all prayer.

We pray for Sue Ferguson, **Heather** Durdil, **Jeanne** Burgess, **Laura** Booker Caviello, **Dave** Frederick, **Zach** Mitchell, **Michele** Johnston, **Smith** Solon, **Bob** White, **Kelly** White, **Bill** Sulesky, **Bernie** Mayers, and any others whom we now name, aloud or in our hearts....

We pray for all who have died, especially in war and gun violence, and those we remember now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts....

We pray for a just ending to war and unrest throughout the world, and especially in Ukraine, Gaza, Venezuela, and in our own nation as well.

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

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

In this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray that we may all be one body, with one faith and one baptism.

In our Diocese of Ohio, we pray for: **Anne our Bishop, and for St. Andrew's Church, Barberton; St. Barnabas Church, Bay Village; St. Paul's Church, Bellevue, and their surrounding communities.**

And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for: **Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury-elect, and for the people and clergy of: The Anglican Church of The Congo; the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain, the Diocese of Spokane (The Episcopal Church [TEC]); the Diocese of Springfield (TEC); the Diocese of Port Sudan (Sudan); the Diocese of Sul Occidental (Brazil); and the Diocese of Sunyani (West Africa).**

And we pray for ourselves and for our own needs, naming them to God in the silence of our hearts or aloud....

For whom else and what else shall we pray today?

The Presider will add a concluding prayer.

The Confession of Sin

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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. An offering is then taken up.

The Holy Communion

Having listened to the Word of God, celebrated Baptism, prayed for the Church and the world, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the sacrifice 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, and symbolically in the bread and wine.

At the Offering

It requires nearly \$330 a day to keep our church and food pantry open every day. Please support the ministry of St. Paul's with your tithes and offerings. To give securely online, scan this QR code:

Instrumental



At the Presentation

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

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*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*

The Eucharistic Prayer:

Prayer B

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The Angelic Hymn

Holy Holy Holy

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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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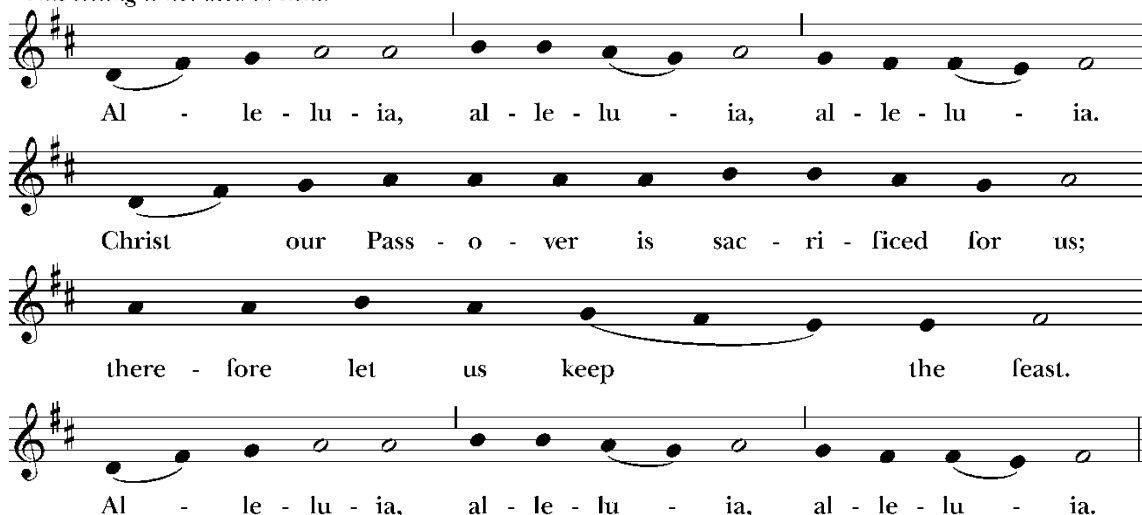
The Lord's Prayer (*traditional*)

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At The Breaking of the Bread:

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This setting is not used in Lent.



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The Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Reception of Communion

All who are baptized and permitted to receive Communion in their own traditions are welcome at the Lord's Supper. We offer both wheat and gluten-free bread, and both wine and grape juice.

Come up to the Altar Rail and stand or kneel. Receive the Bread or gluten-free Host in your hand - ask the Presider if you require gluten-free. Then either consume the Bread and drink from the Chalice, or dip the Host into the Chalice when it comes to you, again asking the minister if you desire the Juice. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please simply cross your hands over your chest.

For those who do not receive the Sacrament today,

you may wish to pray this prayer while Communion is being distributed:

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you with my own faith community, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you live in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

*Lord God, you now have set your servant free
To go in peace as promised in your word;
My eyes have seen the Savior, Christ the Lord,
Prepared by you for all the world to see,
To shine on nations trapped in darkest night,
The glory of your people, and their light.*

Prayer After Communion

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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*1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,
manifested by the star
to the Magi from afar,
branch of royal David's stem,
in your birth at Bethlehem.
Anthems be to you addressed,
God in man made manifest.*

*3 Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill:
Anthems be to you addressed,
God in man made manifest.*

*2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,
and at Cana, wedding guest,
in your Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine,
changing water into wine.
Anthems be to you addressed,
God in man made manifest.*

*4 Manifest on mountain height
Shining in resplendent light
Where disciples filled with awe
Thy transfigured glory saw
When from there thou ledest them
Steadfast to Jerusalem
Cross and Easter Day attest
God in man made manifest*

Dismissal: Let us Go forth to love and serve Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Instrumental



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The Baptismal Covenant

What God Is Doing for Us:

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.

And What We Commit to Doing In Response:

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and
fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the
prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever
you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good
News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Some ideas for reflection, for each of the Five Responses:

- How have you put this in practice in your life thus far?
- Has that been enough or satisfactory? Why or why not?
- How has St. Paul's put this in practice as a community?
- Has that been enough or satisfactory? Why or why not?
- How will you personally renew your commitment in this area in this upcoming year?
- How should St. Paul's as a community renew the commitment to this Response as we begin a new season of ministry?

News and Announcements

- Please feel free to take your Poinsettias home with you at any time.
- Chalk blessed for Epiphany house blessings, along with the prayer to use, is available in the back. If you wish to have Fr. Bob perform the blessing, please contact him directly.
- Please also return your 2026 Pledge to us as soon as you can, as it helps us plan our budget for the year.
- If you wish to be on our weekly email blast, please contact Fr. Bob. We will need an email address or a phone number that can receive texts.
- Dedications for the flowers on the Altar made be made at any time (except in Lent.) To arrange for a dedication, which is included in the prayers and the bulletin, contact Fr. Bob. The suggested price is \$50, but any amount is welcome.

Service Schedule

Altar Guild
Accompanist
Reader
Intercessor
Eucharistic Minister

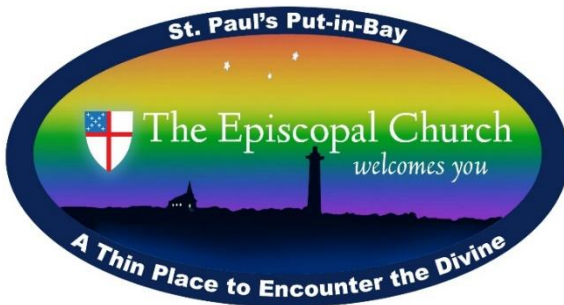
This Sunday Jan.18

Ruth Scarpelli
Mary Steunenberg
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Contact Val Chornyak or Fr Bob if interested in a service ministry



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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 Nation and World, with 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