

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

WELCOME TO SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH

Whatever brings you here, and whoever you are,
we are glad you are here.

FIRST TIME WORSHIPPING AT ST. PAUL'S?

Are you new to St. Paul's or the surrounding area? Let us know by filling out a Welcome Card located in the pew rack, and we will connect with you. We also have a Welcome Table you can visit following the service in the Gathering Space of the Parish House.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located in the Parish House.

NURSERY

Nursery is open from 8:50 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

COVID SAFETY

St. Paul's is committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment for everyone who enters our building and grounds. You can read more about our safety protocol, including for children and our response if there is a COVID exposure at St. Paul's, on our website at www.stpaulsrva.org/covidsafety.

CONTACT THE CLERGY

The St. Paul's clergy are eager to hear from you if you have questions, concerns, or a pastoral emergency. Contact can be made by phoning the church at 804.643.3589. The church office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

FAMILY SPACE IN THE SANCTUARY

Young ones need to be able to see and experience worship. Our ushers will be happy to direct you to our Family Space at the front of the church where you will find picture books, paper and crayons, and small hand-held toys. We also have Worship Bags as you enter the church that contain Children's Bulletins, paper and crayons.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Meditation

J. Frederick Bridge (1844-1924)

HYMN

1 We sing the glo - rious con-quest be - fore Da - mas - cus' gate,
2 O Voice that spoke with - in him; O strong, re - prov - ing Word;
3 Your grace, by ways mys - ter - ious, our sin - ful wrath can bind,

when Saul, the church's spoil - er came spread - ing fear and hate.
O Love that sought and held him a pris - oner of his Lord;
and in those least ex - pect - ed true ser - vants you can find.

God's light shone down from hea - ven and broke a - cross the path.
help us to know your king - ship that we, in ev - ery hour,
In us you seek dis - ci - ples to share your cross and crown

His pres - ence pierced and blind - ed the zeal - ot in his wrath.
in all that may con - front us, will trust your hid - den power.
and give you fi - nal ser - vice in glo - ry at your throne.

Text: John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt.

Music: Munich, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningisches Gesangbuch*, 1693; adapt. And harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND OPENING ACCLAMATION

A Land Acknowledgment is a formal statement that recognizes and respects Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of this land and the enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional territories.

Presider We come into God's presence with thanksgiving and respect as we acknowledge the Powhatan tribe, the people who first occupied this land upon which we now worship. Through our ministries and prayers, may the Great Creator of us all bring healing, and bless us with appreciation for the rich diversity of God's creation.

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

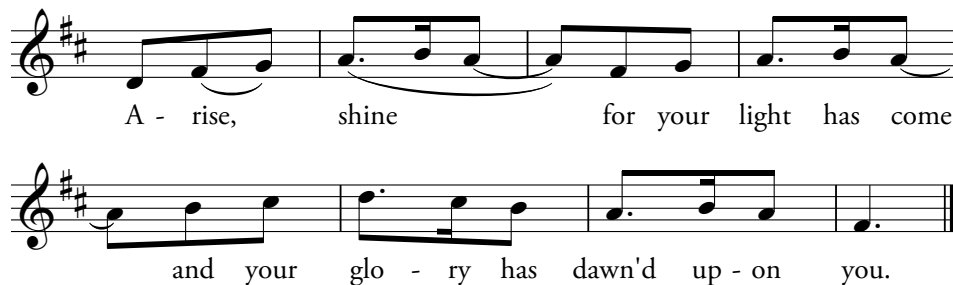
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

All say together the Collect for Purity.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CANTICLE: ARISE, SHINE

Antiphon sung by all, verses sung by the choir.



Arise, shine for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land, deep gloom enshrouds the peoples. *Antiphon*

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. *Antiphon*

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. *Antiphon*

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. *Antiphon*

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. *Antiphon*

Text: The Third Song of Isaiah (*Surge, illumine*)
Music: Donald Pearson (b. 1949)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O GOD, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Acts 26:9-18

PAUL SAID to King Agrippa, "Indeed, I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things against the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And that is what I did in Jerusalem; with authority received from the chief priests, I not only locked up many of the saints in prison, but I also cast my vote against them when they were being condemned to death. By punishing them often in all the synagogues I tried to force them to blaspheme; and since I was so furiously enraged at them, I pursued them even to foreign cities. "With this in mind, I was traveling to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, when at midday along the road, your Excellency, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and my companions. When we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.' I asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The Lord answered, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But get up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you. I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles-- to whom I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

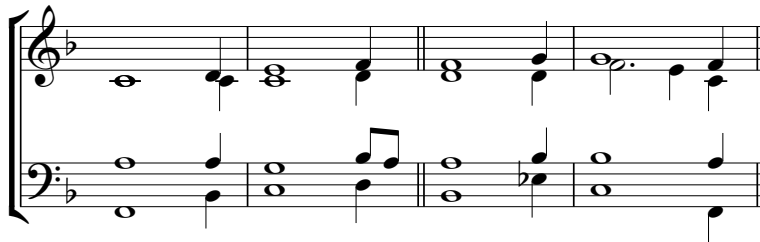
Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL: PSALM 67 *Deus misereatur*

chant: Charles T. Dupree (b. 1969)

The Psalm is sung by all.



- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing. *(to second half of chant)*
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

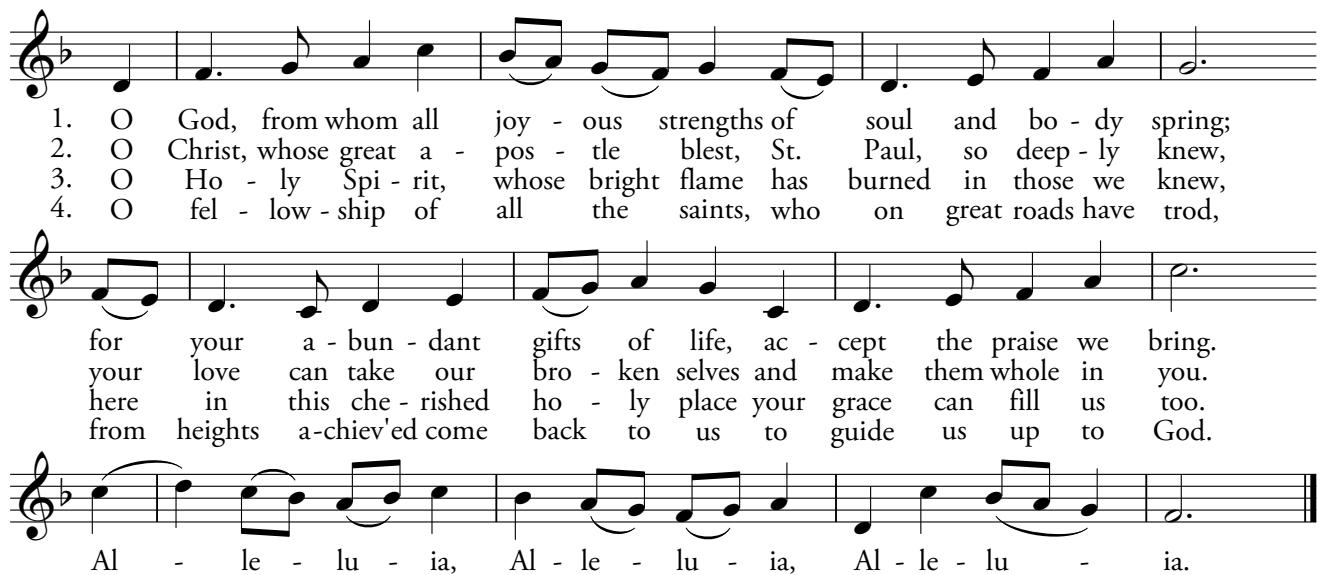
I WANT YOU to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

All are invited to participate in the Gospel procession, especially children. Simply follow the Gospel book around the church and stay in place for the Gospel reading. After the reading, the children are invited to attend Children's Chapel. They will return to the church at the Peace.



1. O God, from whom all joy - ous strengths of soul and bo - dy spring;
 2. O Christ, whose great a - pos - tle blest, St. Paul, so deep - ly knew,
 3. O Ho - ly Spi - rit, whose bright flame has burned in those we knew,
 4. O fel - low - ship of all the saints, who on great roads have trod,
 for your a - bun - dant gifts of life, ac - cept the praise we bring.
 your love can take our bro - ken selves and make them whole in you.
 here in this che - rished ho - ly place your grace can fill us too.
 from heights a - chiev'ed come back to us to guide us up to God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969), alt.

Music: Grace Street, William Bradley Roberts (b. 1947)

The text was written by The Rev'd Dr. Walter Russell Bowie, Seventh Rector of St. Paul's (1911-1923). Born to St. Paul's and in awe of its history, W. Russell Bowie challenged its comfortable assumptions about race relations while rector. Later, he held a mirror to this church's complacency during the Civil Rights Movement, and wrote passionately about its blind spots, challenging it to do better.

The music was composed by parishioner, William Bradley Roberts, for St. Paul's for the 175th Anniversary, in cooperation with the History and Reconciliation Initiative (HRI).

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

JESUS SAID to the twelve, "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Benjamin P. Campbell, *Pastoral Associate*

THE NICENE CREED

The people stand.

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

Presider In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Intercessor For the General Assembly and all who work to support our common life;
for all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Intercessor For peace in Ukraine, Israel and Gaza, and the streets and homes of metropolitan Richmond;
for this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Intercessor For those suffering from extremes of weather and dangers from climate change;
for the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Intercessor For all in search of a safe home; for those who work for healing of mind and body;
for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Intercessor For the ministry of the apostle Paul, whose life was changed by an encounter with Jesus Christ;
for the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intercessor For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mark and Gayle, our bishops; for the clergy and people of
St. Paul's through the ages; for all bishops and other ministers;

People **For all who serve God in the Church.**

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially *N.*, and those we name now.
(*The People may add their own petitions.*) Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for our church buildings and
ministries lovingly nurtured by this parish. (*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*) We will
exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially *N.*,
those killed due to violence, disaster, and disease; those we name now. (*The People may add their
own petitions.*) Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

Intercessor We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence is kept. Then the people say with the Intercessor.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known
and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may
live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Presider gives the absolution.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

—THE HOLY COMMUNION—

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Sing we merrily unto God our strength;
make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.
Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret,
the merry harp with the lute.
Blow up the trumpet in the new moon,
ev'n in the time appointed,
and upon our solemn feast day.
For this was made a statute for Israel
and a law of the God of Jacob.
Alleluia.

Text: Psalm 81:1-4

Music: Sidney Campbell (1909-1974)



The vibrant ministries, creative worship, and faithful witness of St. Paul's are made possible by the generous commitment of our congregation. Our community extends beyond our city through our expansive mission programming and inclusive online presence. As our community has grown, we have developed innovative engagement opportunities to extend fellowship and hospitality to meet the needs of our congregation. Regardless of how you join us this morning, all are invited to use the QR to offer a gift to support our vital ministries.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people stand.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

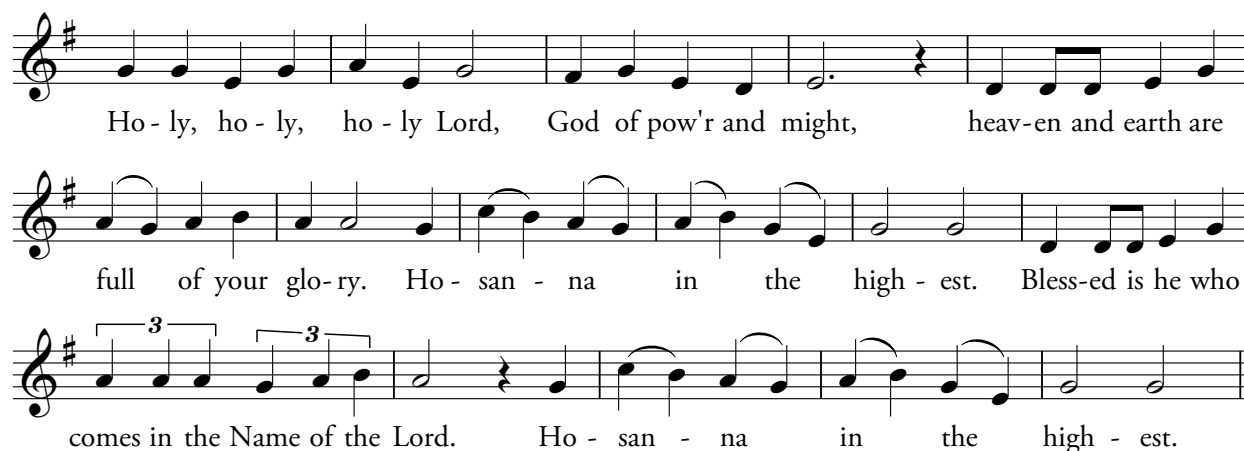
The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim to the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



Text: Mass Ordinary, Fifth century

Music: Jack Warren Burnam (b. 1946)

The people stand or kneel as the Presider continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

The people say with the Presider.

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Paul, Mary, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

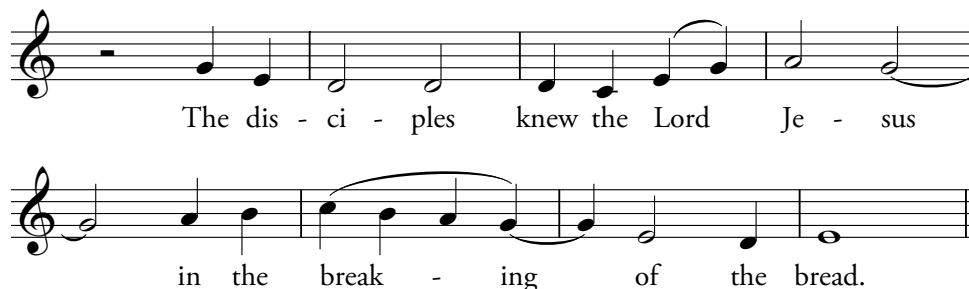
Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the bread followed by silence.

FRACTION ANTHEM

The Refrain is sung by the choir, then sung by all. Verses are sung by the choir.



The bread which we break, Alleluia,
is the communion of the Body of Christ. **Refrain**

One body are we, Alleluia,
for though many we share one bread. **Refrain**

Text: Luke 24:35, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Music: Jack Warren Burnam (b. 1946)

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at God's table. An usher will signal when you may go forward. If you are unable to come forward, but desire Communion, please notify an usher and Communion will be brought to you in your pew. If, for whatever reason, you do not wish to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing; please indicate your desire for this by crossing your arms across your chest. If you would like prayers for healing for yourself and/or others, please come to the station to the left of the pulpit where clergy will be offering prayers.

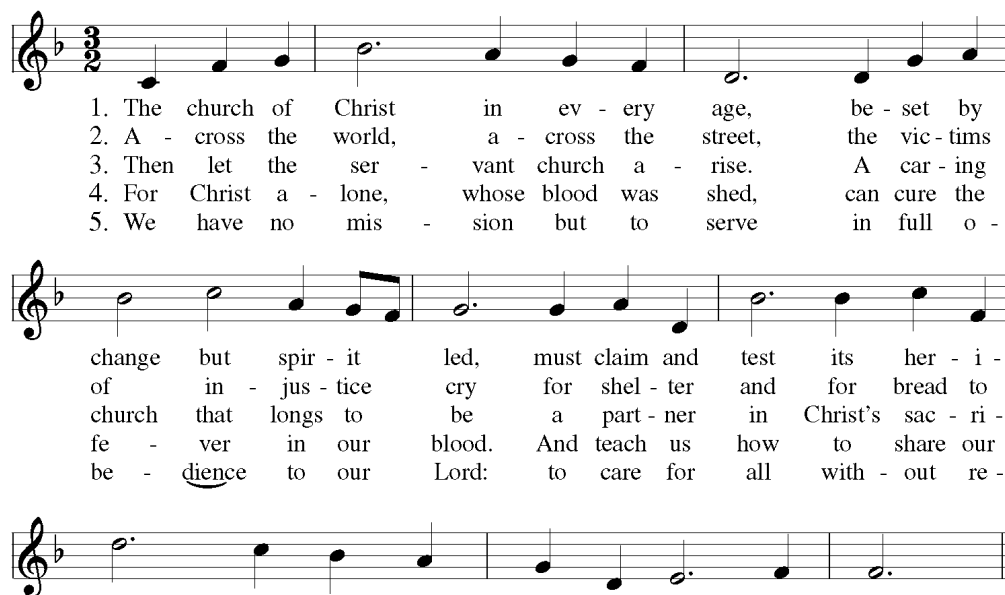
ANTHEM AT COMMUNION

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

Text: Romans 10:15, 18

Music: from *Saint Paul*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

HYMN



1. The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3. Then let the ser - vant church a - rise. A car - ing
4. For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5. We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but spir - it led, must claim and test its her - i -
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for bread to
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's sac - ri -
fe - ver in our blood. And teach us how to share our
be - dience to our Lord: to care for all with - out re -

tage and keep on ri - sing from the dead.
eat and nev - er live un - til they die.
fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
serve. And spread Christ's lib - er - a - ting word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985); reprinted from the *New Catholic Hymnal*

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

The people stand.

Presider In the name of God and of this congregation, we send you forth to share communion with *N.*,
who cannot be present at this table.

People **We who are many are one because we all share one bread and one cup.
Our prayers are with you. Go in peace.**

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people say together.

ETERNAL GOD, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and
you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the
world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness
of heart; through Christ our Savior. AMEN.

THE BLESSING

HYMN

1. Let all the Church acclaim Saint Paul,
 2. The name of Christ set Paul a fire,
 3. His mer - its are for - ev - er praised,
 4. The Word, like seed sown in a field,
 5. The shin - ing of the lamp - light gleams,
 6. To Christ all glo - ry, and all praise

1. and sing the glo - ries of his call;
 2. en - kind - ling him with great de - sire;
 3. for to the hea - vens he was raised,
 4. pro - duc - ing an a - bun - dant yield
 5. and dren - ches earth with hea - ven's beams.
 6. to Fa - ther and the Spi - rit raise,

1. the Lord made an a - post - le be,
 2. and high - er these same bla - zes reached
 3. and there, the all - mys - ter - ious word,
 4. fills heav'n - ly barns whose stores of grain
 5. The dark of er - ror's night is past;
 6. who for the na - tion's sav - ing call

1. from one who was his en - e - my.
 2. when of the love of Christ he preached.
 3. that none dare speak, by Paul was heard.
 4. are tilled and grown on earth - ly plains.
 5. the reign of truth has come at last.
 6. gave us the splen - dor of Saint Paul.

Text: *Excelsam Pauli gloriam*, Vespers Hymn for the Conversion of St. Paul; tran. Kathleen Pluth

Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621);
 harm. Cowley *Carol Book*, 1902

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Uriel (*God is my light – Archangel of Light*), from *Archangel Suite*

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

The altar flowers are given in memory of Linus and Edna Williams, Dwight and Mary Taylor.

Today's guest preacher is The Rev'd Benjamin P. Campbell, an Episcopal priest serving as Pastoral Associate at St. Paul's Episcopal Church downtown Richmond. Founder of Richmond Hill, a residential Christian community and spiritual retreat in Richmond's Church Hill neighborhood. Civil Rights Activist and Author of *Richmond's Unhealed History*.

PARTICIPANTS

Clergy

The Rev'd Charles Dupree, D.Min., *Rector*
The Rev'd Gwynn Crichton, *Associate Rector for Pastoral Care*
The Rev'd Rainey G. Dankel, *Associate Rector for Parish Life*

Guest Preacher

The Rev'd Benjamin P. Campbell, *Pastoral Associate*

Musicians

Christopher Reynolds, D.M.A., *Director of Music and Organist*
Crystal Jonkman, *Music Associate*
The Saint Paul's Choir

Lectors

John Epps
Art Kellermann

Intercessor

David Hoover

Acolytes

Ryon Sinclair
Louise Totton
Douglas Callaway, *Mentor*

Eucharistic Ministers

Nancy Burns
Zac Turnbow

Eucharistic Visitors

Kia Bentley
Miriam Farris

Altar Guild

Phyllis James, Iralin Peple, Stephen Peple, Joanne Simpson;
Yvonne Harris, Scott Carr, *Co-Chairs*

EXPANSIVE LANGUAGE AND CREATIVITY

A Few Notes about Worship at St. Paul's

St. Paul's seeks to be a welcoming, open, and inclusive community that values creativity, beauty, and mystery. We try to reflect this mission in our worship so that those from various backgrounds and perspectives will feel at home. We also hope that our worship reflects both a respect and honoring of the traditions of the Anglican church, while also seeking to give voice to how God is speaking in our current contexts. We know that the words we say in worship have a profound effect on our imagination and our experiences of God. Here's a bit of background.

Expansive Language: The Episcopal Church has developed many liturgies that use inclusive and expansive language. Expansive language is a way of incorporating multiple ways of imagining and speaking about God. It refers to the expanded use of metaphorical language for God and humans in new or unexpected and fresh ways. While we continue to value the beauty of our traditions and the importance of language, we recognize that all human language is limited. Expansive language seeks to incorporate as much of the diversity of language as possible to include all persons in the liturgical expressions.

Our Music: Every effort is made at St. Paul's to include music that speaks to the relevance and diversity of the world today. We draw from a variety of resources that include hymns ranging from the traditional, to spirituals, to those written specifically by female composers and poets. In choosing our music, we try to create a balance of music from our sacred traditions with music that reflects the diversity of the church today. In addition to Bach and Howells, we also intentionally seek out music that centers on composers who are writing music today, particularly composers of color and female artists.

A place for prayer, candle-lighting, and contemplation, St. Paul's is a holy space in which we encounter God's presence in many ways.

Our bulletin and recycling: Since we pull from as many as twenty-five sources, as well as write our own liturgical pieces (prayers, choral works, hymns, etc.), the bulletin serves as a way of capturing those elements and putting them into one place: your hands. Without a bulletin that is printed each week, we would not be able to be as creative. Plus, it would be confusing to those who are new to St. Paul's. This bulletin is an instrument of hospitality that allows us, Sunday by Sunday, to welcome and embrace all who are searching for a church home and an authentic encounter with our awakened and active Lord. In an effort to conserve paper usage, we try to print only enough bulletins as are needed for each individual service. If you'd like to help us be good stewards, you can choose to share a bulletin or download a PDF. Each week, our bulletins are responsibly recycled.

Candle-lighting: Lighting candles is an ancient practice of the church. The flame has always been considered a sign of God's presence. On the lectern side of the altar rail is a place set aside for you to light candles. Perhaps you'll light a candle in memory of a loved one, or for a particular thanksgiving or hardship in your own life. Your prayers combine with the prayers of the community as we put our trust and hope in God.

Being in the presence of Jesus: On the pulpit side of the altar rail is a small chapel set aside for quiet contemplation and prayer. An item called a "Tabernacle" is present. It reminds us of the portable tent in which the Hebrews worshiped during their time in the wilderness. This small, wooden cabinet contains the consecrated bread from holy communion, a sign of Christ's presence in our midst. A candle is lit whenever the bread is in place. Even when the church is dark, the light remains, reminding us of the church's role to be a light in the midst of darkness. Here, in Christ's presence, you may spend time in stillness and quiet prayer. On most Sundays during communion, a priest is present to offer prayers for healing for yourself or for someone else.

If you have questions about our worship experience, or to find out how you can be involved in worship, please consult our Ministry Directory or reach out to one of the clergy. To learn more about the guiding beliefs of the Episcopal Church, visit <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/what-we-believe/>

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