

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 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?

St. Paul's is an Episcopal Church and uses liturgy or language for worship from *The Book of Common Prayer*. While we use a variety of other resources, all the words and music needed for today's service are found in this bulletin. There are helpful tips on when to stand and sit; however, do what feels most comfortable for you throughout the service.

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 on the website, 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. A host will be at the table throughout coffee hour, which is an opportunity immediately following the service to share refreshments with our members and visitors here today.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the Parish House. You are welcome to use the bathroom that best aligns with your gender identity.

Nursery

The nursery is open from 8:50 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There is a child-size restroom and a changing table available as well as the ability to hear service.

Contact the Clergy

The St. Paul's clergy are eager to hear from you and to support you. On most Sundays a member of the clergy is available to pray with you during Communion at the station to the left of the altar railing. If you are going through a life transition, have an emergency, or are in need of pastoral care for any other reason, please call the church at 804.643.3589.

For Families and Children During Worship

Young ones need to be able to see and experience worship. Our ushers are 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. During the **Gospel Procession**, children and families are encouraged to participate, and Children's Chapel follows. Kids will leave with our staff to participate in their own time of prayer and fellowship. They will return after the sermon during the Peace.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on *Herzliebster Jesu*

Helmut Walcha (1907-1991)

HYMN

Unison or harmony

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church
 2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
 3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
 so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,
 you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
 so we are dead and live with you in God.
 so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

Text: Thomas H. Cain (1931-2003)

Music: *Old 124th*, melody *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551;
 harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Presider says

AS WE GATHER for this time of worship, we acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Powhatan People. We pay our respect to elders both past and present and ask for God's continued guidance as we seek to love God, self, planet, and neighbor.

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

THE DECALOGUE

The people kneel

Leader Hear the commandments of God to God's people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Leader You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Leader You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Leader Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Leader Honor your father and your mother.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Leader You shall not commit murder.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Leader You shall not commit adultery.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Leader You shall not steal.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Leader You shall not be a false witness.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Leader You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

At the conclusion of the Decalogue, the Presider says

JESUS SAID, "The first commandment is this: Hear O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

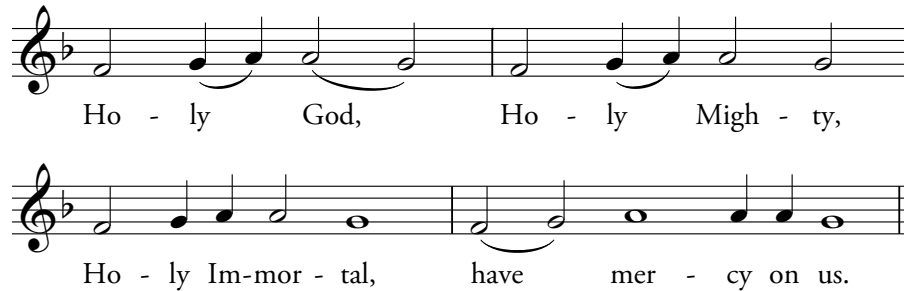
Presider Let us confess our sins against God, self, planet, and neighbor.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

TRISAGION

The chant is sung first by the choir, with the people joining on the second and third repetition.



Text: *Agios O Theos*, Greek

Music: Znamenny Chant (Russia), harm. Boris Ledkovsky (1894-1975)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

THE DAYS are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Refrain is sung by all, the verses are sung by the choir, with the refrain repeated where indicated.



1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *

in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *

and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, *

and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned *

and done what is evil in your sight. **Refrain**

5 And so you are justified when you speak *

and upright in your judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *

a sinner from my mother's womb.

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *

and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *

wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. **Refrain**

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *

that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins *

and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *

and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence *

and take not your holy Spirit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *

and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. **Refrain**

THE EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 5:5-10

CHRIST DID NOT glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1970;
 harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

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

NOW AMONG THOSE who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now

the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Gwynn Crichton, *Associate Rector for Pastoral Care*

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 Let us bring before God the prayers of our hearts, silently or aloud.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mark and Gayle our Bishops, and Charlie our Rector; for the Vestry of St. Paul's; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for peace; for those working for an end to warfare and gun violence; for those working for safe and affordable housing in our community; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the victims of racism and hatred in our community and across the world. Remembering those who have asked for our prayers, *N*. I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for all who are visiting with us today; for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that we may find and be found by the Holy One.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the departed, especially *N*. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Intercessor I invite your petitions and thanksgivings.

Silence

Presider Almighty and merciful God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Jesus, so lowly, Child of the earth,
Christen me wholly, bring me new birth.

Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad;
Teach me that only love maketh glad.

Jesus, so broken, Silent and pale;
Be this the token Love will not fail.

Jesus, victorious, mighty and free;
Teach me how glorious death is to be.

Text: Edith Williams (1889-1975), from *Songs of Praise*

Music: Harold Friedell (1905-1958)



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.**

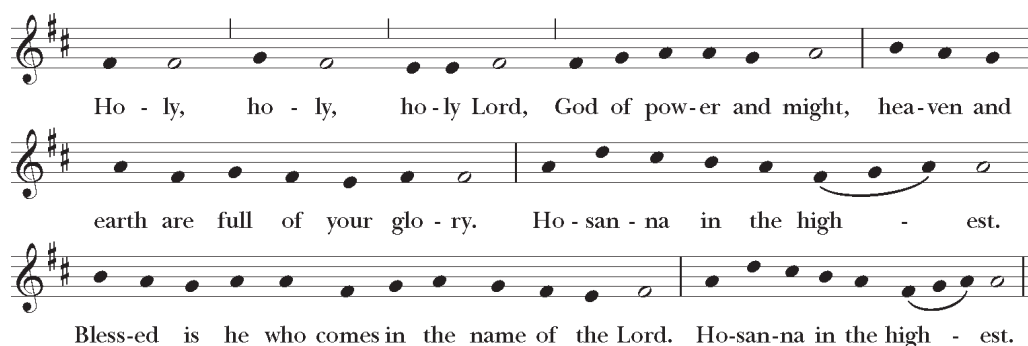
The Presider continues

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

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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 the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



Text: Mass Ordinary, Fifth century

Music: From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

The people stand or kneel as the Presider continues.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker and of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The people say with the Presider.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 sing,

Sung in response to the Cantor

Our Father,
in heaven,
Holy is your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on Earth,
as in heaven.
Give us today
our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time
of trial,
and deliver us
from evil.
For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours forever.
Forever
and ever.
Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the bread followed by silence.

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Text: Mass Ordinary, Thirteenth century

Music: From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

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.

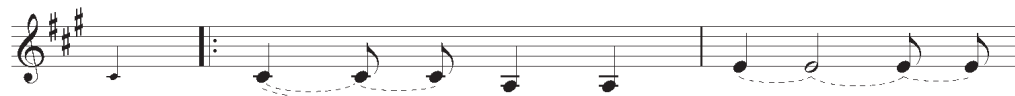
ANTHEM AT COMMUNION

*Christus factus est pro nobis obediens
usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.
Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum
et dedit illi nomen,
quod est super omne nomen.*

Christ became obedient for us unto death,
even to the death, death on the cross.
Therefore God exalted Him
and gave Him a name
which is above all names.

Text: Philippians 2:8-9
Music: Felice Anerio (1560-1614)

HYMN



1	I	am	the	bread	of	life;	they	who
2 (The)	Bread	that	I	will	give	is	my	
3 (Un-)	less			you	eat	of	the	
4	I	am	the	re -	sur	-	rec -	tion,
5 (Yes,)	Lord,		we	be	-	lieve	that	



1	come	to	me	shall	not	hun -	ger;	they	who	be -
2	Flesh	for	the	life	of	the	world,	and	they	who
3	Flesh	of	the	Son	of	Man		and		
4	I		am	the	life.	They	who	be -		
5	you		are	the	Christ,	the				



1	lieve	in	me	shall	not	thirst.	No	one	can	come	to
2	eat		of	this	bread,		they	shall	live	for	
3	drink		of	his	Blood,	you	shall	not	have	life	with -
4	lieve		in	me,			e -	ven	if	they	
5	Son		of	God			who		has		



1	me	un -	less	the	Fa -	ther	draw	them.
2	ev -	er.	they	shall	live	for	ev -	er.
3	in	you.	you	shall	not	have	life	with -
4	die,		they	shall	live	for	ev -	er.
5	come	in -	to	the			world.	

Descant

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

Refrain

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. 1-4 Yes, day.

last day. 2 The 3 Un- day. 4 — 5 Yes, (z)

Text: Suzanne Toolan (b. 1927), adapt. of John 6
Music: *I Am the Bread of Life*, Suzanne Toolan (b. 1927);
 arr. Betty Pulkingham (1928-2019)

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.**

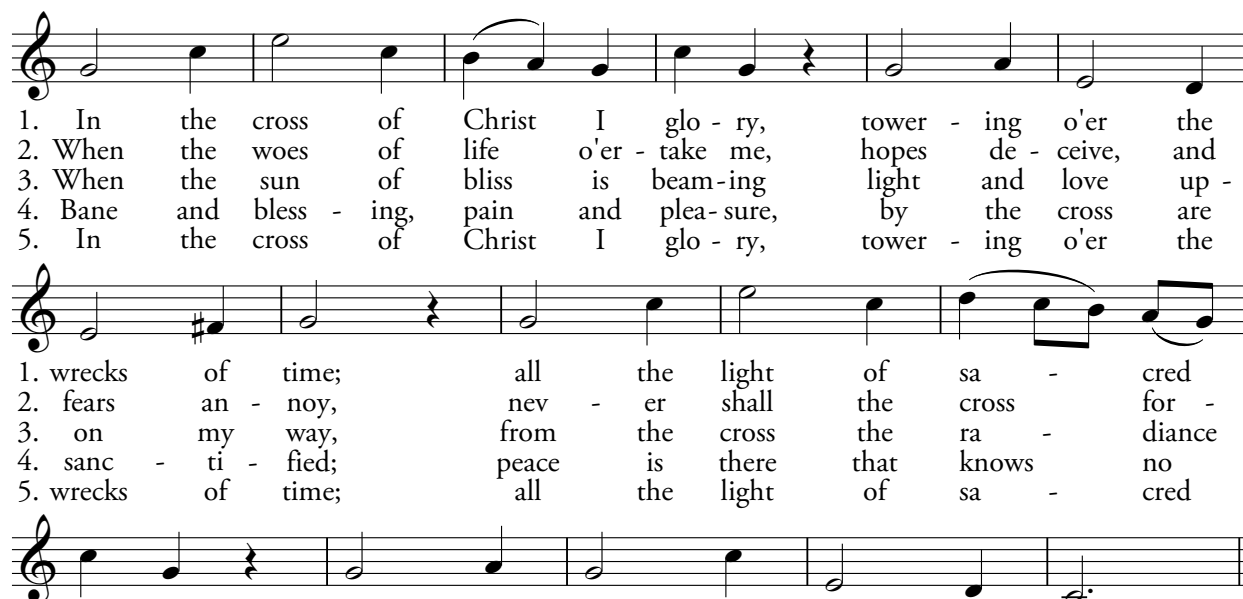
THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people say together.

GOD OF GRACE, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love, preserve us from all false judgments, uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us. And now give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN



1. In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing o'er the
2. When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de - ceive, and
3. When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and love up -
4. Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the cross are
5. In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing o'er the

1. wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred
2. fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -
3. on my way, from the cross the ra - diance
4. sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no
5. wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred

1. sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
2. sake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.
3. stream - ing adds new lus - ter to the day.
4. mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
5. sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

Text: John Bowring (1792-1872)

Music: Rathbun, Ithamar Conkey (1815-1867)

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Herzlich tut mich verlangen, Op. 122, No. 9

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Those interested in the St. Paul's History Tour are invited to gather at the baptismal font immediately following the service.

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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