

SAIN'T PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

The Baptism of Christ

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING



GRACE NOTES

This week at Saint Paul's

Sunday Morning Offerings

- Children's Sunday School on Zoom @ 9:00 a.m. E-mail Linda Willis for Zoom login at lwillis@stpaulsrva.org
- Worship Online @ 10:00 a.m. | Watch on [Website](#) or [Facebook](#)
- Virtual Coffee Hour (following worship) | [Click link here to join](#)

Weekday Worship Offerings

- [Evening Prayer on Facebook Live](#) | Monday through Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m.
- Morning Meditation on Zoom | Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. | [Click Here for Info](#)

Donate to our Emmaus Guests | As the weather changes our Emmaus guests are in need of cold weather items. We are looking for items that are good in the elements; cotton, nylon, etc., hats and gloves that can get wet and keep the cold out. Our most requested items currently are:

- Hats & Gloves
- VERY Gently Used Jackets
- Hand warmers

Items can be dropped off at the parish house Monday through Thursday – 9am to 2pm. Please ring the bell. Contact Lynn Williams with questions: lwilliams@stpaulsrva.org.

Epiphany Bible Study | Featuring The Rev. Dr. Frances Taylor Gench Beginning Wednesday, January 13th at 5:00 p.m. we will host a five-week series on the biblical figure Paul. This is in preparation for and a follow-up to celebrating St. Paul's Sunday on January 24th. We will specifically focus on five different texts found in the Rev. Dr. Frances Taylor Gench's book [Encountering God in Tyrannical Texts: Reflections on Paul, Women, and the Authority of Scripture](#). Rev. Dr. Gench will teach for the first two weeks followed by our clergy teaching the final three weeks of the series. No preparation is needed; however, we do encourage the purchase of Gench's book. If you have any questions, please contact Keli Shipley Cooper at kshipleycooper@stpaulsrva.org

Request an Epiphany Star Word! | [Epiphany](#) is the season of the church year from the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6th) through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday (February 16th of this year). On Epiphany, we remember the star that guided the magi to find baby Jesus. "Epiphany is an invitation to follow stars, listen to dreams, and step out of what we have always known" (McNally, Ostenso Moore). This year, we are sending out star words! We invite you to receive a star word (randomly selected) as a gift to help guide your experience of and response to God this year. Some examples of these words are: abundance, patience, faith, joy, and love. If you would like to receive a star word, please send an e-mail to Keli Shipley Cooper at kshipleycooper@stpaulsrva.org. Let her know how many words you would like for your household and your preferred mailing address. They will arrive in a gold envelope. Please request these by Thursday, January 14th.

Prayers of the Parish | Each week in Grace Notes, we prepare "Prayers of the Parish" for you to include in your daily prayers and devotions during the week. The Prayers of the Parish are like Prayers of the People in that we pray for the Universal Church, the nation, world, God's creation, local community, the sick and suffering, and the departed. You can find this week's [PRAYERS HERE](#). As always, you may submit prayer requests to be included in both the Prayers of the Parish as well as for the Sunday Prayers of the People by emailing Carter Johann (cjohann@stpaulsrva.org). Please provide any feedback or questions to the Rev. Gwynn Crichton (gcrichton@stpaulsrva.org).

This Week! Beyond Good Intentions: Aspiring Ally Development with Keith E. Edwards | Join us Tuesday, January 12th at 6:00 p.m. This virtual presentation is designed to help those who aspire to be allies for social justice to learn, reflect, develop themselves, and move toward action to be more consistent, effective, and sustainable aspiring allies for social justice. For registration and more details: stpaulsrva.org/events/beyondgoodintentions

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BuxWV 180

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

HYMN

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

music: Salzburg, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
text: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); *st. 4*, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

FATHER IN HEAVEN, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

—————THE LITURGY OF THE WORD—————

THE READING

Genesis 1:1-5

IN THE BEGINNING WHEN GOD created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL: PSALM 29

Afferte Domino

Read responsively by two readers.

ASCRIBE TO THE LORD, you gods, *
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
 worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
 the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
 the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
 the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
 the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
 and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord *
 all are crying, “Glory!”

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

HYMN

1. Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,
2. Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,
3. Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,

Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:

Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust - ing his prom - ise,
One with his ris - ing, Freed and for - giv - en,
Born of one Fa - ther, We are his chil - dren,

Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

text: Michael Seward (1932-2015), © 1982, Hope Publishing Co.
music: Bunessan, Gaelic melody; harm. Alec Wyton (1921-2007)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

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

JOHAN THE BAPTIZER APPEARED IN THE WILDERNESS, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDING BISHOP

HYMN

Introduction

1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our
 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the

hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
 fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly

love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of
 graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e -

hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re -
 mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac -

lease, till by God's grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's
 cord; the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the

1 *Interlude*

prom - ised reign of peace.
 earth shall know the (Lord.)

Final Ending

Lord.

text: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

music: Jerusalem, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Presider This Sunday, when we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, we traditionally have Baptisms of new members of this Body of Christ. Today, as we are unable to be together in person, we hold in our hearts the children who have come into this community, whose Baptisms we look forward to celebrating when we regather, as we renew our commitment to the promises made in Baptism.

Presider Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
People **I do.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider 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.**

Presider May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.
People **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."
For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,
and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Susan, Jennifer, and Porter, our Bishops; for Charlie, Gwynn, and Rainey, our Clergy; and for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For our President, for the leaders of the nations, for our Governor and Mayor, for all newly elected to office, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and the lonely, for the sick and the suffering, and for all who work to keep them safe and healthy, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all those who have asked for our prayers, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For ourselves, for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Grant, Lord God, to all who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of your son Jesus Christ, that, as we have put away the old life of sin, so we may be renewed in spirit and live in righteousness and peace through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

music: arr. Richard Shephard (b. 1949)

text: Traditional English Carol

TOMORROW SHALL BE MY DANCING DAY;
I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play,
To call my true love to my dance;

Then was I born of a virgin pure,
Of her I took fleshly substance
Thus was I knit to man's nature
To call my true love to my dance.

*Sing, oh! my love, oh! my love, my love, my love,
This have I done for my true love.*

In a manger laid, and wrapped I was
So very poor, this was my chance
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass
To call my true love to my dance.

Then afterwards baptized I was;
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard from above,
To call my true love to my dance.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

Presider We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heav-en 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, ho san - na in the high-est.

text: Mass Ordinary, Fifth century

music: *Land of Rest*, American folk tune

GLORY AND HONOR AND PRAISE TO YOU, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Paul and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the bread followed by silence.

Presider This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

People **Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

THE COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

FAITHFUL GOD, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though we cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine together, we thank you that we have received Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion and resurrection. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we embody your love, be renewed for your service, and be reflections of the awakened and risen Lord. Amen.

The Presider receives communion on behalf of the community.

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

music: Jesu dulcis memoria, plainsong, Mode 2

text: Latin, 10th cent.; tr. Laurence Housman (1865-1959), alt.

OLIGHT OF LIGHT, Love given birth;
Jesus, Redeemer of the earth:
more bright than day your face did show,
your raiment whiter than the snow.

Two prophets, who had faith to see,
with your elect found company;
the heavens above your glory named,
your Father's voice his Son proclaimed.

May all who seek to praise aright
through purer lives show forth your light.
To you, the King of glory, now
all faithful hearts adoring bow.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people say together

LORD OF THE FLOWING RIVER, we thank you for sharing with us the abundance of your life: in the beauty of humility may we receive with joy the stranger's gift, the water's grace, the living wine of love's desire. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
days, for the liv - ing of these days.
goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

text: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt.
music: Cwm Rhondda, John Hughes (1873-1932)

THE DISMISSAL

The Presider gives the dismissal.

People **Thanks be to God!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Postlude in D

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

*The altar flowers are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Nolte,
Mr. and Mrs. William G. Hollis, and Mr. Daniel J. Nolte*

PARTICIPANTS

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The Reverend Gwynn Crichton, *Associate Rector for Pastoral Care*
The Reverend Rainey G. Dankel, *Associate Rector for Parish Life*

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