



# St. Paul's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY  
AFTER THE EPIPHANY

The Rev. Alice Graham Grant, Celebrant  
The Rev. Javier E. Almendárez-Bautista, Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST  
9:00 A.M. SERVICE  
JANUARY 21, 2024

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Processional

Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness

Hymn 381

## Liturgy of the Word

### Opening Acclamation

The Celebrant says

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People

Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Celebrant says

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 following is sung.

Gloria

Glory to God

Hymnal S 278

Collect of the Day

(Organ)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, — and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth.. — 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and  
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise — you for your glo -  
 ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, — Lord God,  
 Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.  
 (Organ)

6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus

(Organ)

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
 People *And also with you.*  
 Celebrant Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Children's Processional** All Things Bright and Beautiful Hymn 405  
 Verse 3  
*Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.*

**First Reading** Jonah 3:1-5, 10

A Reading from Jonah.

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

**The Psalm** Psalm 62:6-14

- 6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
truly, my hope is in him.
- 7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- 8 In God is my safety and my honor; \*  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- 9 Put your trust in him always, O people, \*  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
- 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, \*  
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
- 11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, \*  
all of them together.
- 12 Put no trust in extortion;  
in robbery take no empty pride; \*  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, \*  
that power belongs to God.
- 14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, \*  
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

A Reading from First Corinthians.

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

**Gradual**

They Cast Their Nets in Galilee

Hymn 661

**Gospel**

Mark 1:14-20

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

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

**Homily**

The Rev. Javier E. Almendárez-Bautista

**Nicene Creed***All who are able, 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.*

**Prayers of the People**People's Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.***Confession of Sin**

BCP 360

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All who are able, kneel. Minister and 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.*

*The Priest stands and says*

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.*

**Peace**

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
 People *And also with you.*

**Announcements***If you would like to donate online, follow the QR code found on the giving card in the back of the pews.*

*At the end of the announcements, you are also welcome to come forward to make a special donation to Heifer International, a non-profit organization whose mission is to end hunger and poverty, to mark an anniversary, blessing, or other event.*

**Liturgy of the Eucharist****Offertory:**

Grant Us Your Peace  
*St. Paul's Choir*

Felix Mendelssohn

## Eucharistic Prayer 2

*The People remain standing.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
People *And also with you.*  
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.  
People *We lift them to the Lord.*  
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

*The Celebrant proceeds.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

### Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymnal S 128

(organ)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, heaven 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.

*The Celebrant continues*

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 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.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

**Lord's Prayer***People and Celebrant*

*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.*

**Breaking of the Bread***A period of silence is kept.***Fraction Anthem**

Christ Our Passover

Hymnal S 154

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

Christ our Pass-o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

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

**Holy Communion***The Celebrant says*

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.

*All are welcome to come forward for communion, including children. Please follow the ushers' guidance as you come to the rail.*

*If you would like to receive the wine by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup), keep the bread in your hands and wait for the communion server to come to you.*

*If you would like to receive from the common cup (drinking from the cup directly), please consume the bread first and then make your way to the steps at the end of the rail. A communion server will be there with the common cup.*

*If it is not your custom to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest and the minister will offer a prayer.*

*A priest is also available to provide prayers for healing in the back southwest corner of the church. Simply head to the back during communion distribution and wait for your turn.*

**The Communion Music**

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee  
My God, Thy Table Now is Spread

Hymn 659  
Hymn 321

*If you are at home or otherwise unable to take communion, you may say the following prayer.*

**Spiritual Communion Prayer**

*In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

**Final Prayer***Celebrant and People*

*Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food as we hear your Word proclaimed and gather at your holy Table. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

**Blessing****Recessional**

Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult

Hymn 550

**Dismissal**

Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.***Postlude**

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and  
in thanksgiving.

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## JANUARY 21, 2024

**New to St. Paul's? Welcome!** Please let us know you are here by filling out a visitor card in the pew. Stop by our Welcome Station in the narthex (lobby) to chat with Greeters and find materials that might help if you are new to St. Paul's or the Episcopal Church. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at [mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org](mailto:mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org) to learn more.

**Children's Chapel:** Children ages 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to process to Children's Chapel during the 9 a.m. service and return to their families during announcements.

**Coffee Hour (Parish Hall):** Join us after the 9 a.m. service for coffee and conversation.

**Adult Formation (Chapel, 10:15-11 a.m.):** Our series *The Gospel According to Mark* continues today with "Healings and Controversies among the First Disciples (Chapters 2-6)" presented by Fr. George.

**Children's Sunday School (Education Building):** Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m.

**Youth Sunday School (Youth Wing):** Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m.

**Episcopal Youth Community (EYC):** Not meeting this evening due to the Bishops' Ball event this weekend.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Newcomer Tour:** Those new or newly returned to St. Paul's who wish to know more can join a tour of our campus this morning at 10:15 a.m. No sign up is necessary; meet at the welcome area in the narthex (lobby).

**Children's Communion Class begins Today:** Children in 1st through 3rd grade are invited to join a communion class (three sequential sessions meet Sunday January 21, 28 and February 4 from 10:15 - 11 a.m.). The class offers a learning experience about the meaning of the rite; the class is not a prerequisite for children's communion participation. A Communion Celebration will take place at a festive Coffee Hour on February 11. To register, email Natalie Sroka, Parish and Children's Administrator, at [natalie@stpaulscary.org](mailto:natalie@stpaulscary.org) The class will meet in the Education Building, Room 133.

**Pre-EYC Bowling:** Attention 4th and 5th graders: join our Pre-EYC for fun at Buffalo Lanes in Cary from 5 - 6:30 p.m. this evening. Contact Melissa Raasch at [melissaraasch@hotmail.com](mailto:melissaraasch@hotmail.com) for more information if you're interested; newcomers are welcome!

**Preschool Registration is Open:** St. Paul's Preschool is currently accepting registration for the 2024-25 school year through January 31 or until the classes are full. We offer classes for one year olds through five year olds; more specific information is available on the website. The best way to learn more is to join us for a tour! If you have questions or would like to schedule a tour please contact Preschool Director Brooke Bowersox at 919-467-3788 or email [preschool@stpaulscary.org](mailto:preschool@stpaulscary.org). **Come LOVE, LEARN and LAUGH with us!**

**Coffee Hour Events Team:** Want to work on a small team that makes a big impact? Join our Coffee Hour Events Team and help support our festive coffee hours, scheduled about five times a year. We'll work with other committees to provide refreshments and kitchen help for events like the Communion Celebration (February 11), Easter Sunday (March 31) and more. Contact Mary Kintz at [mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org](mailto:mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org) to learn more and volunteer.

**Youth Retreat to Kanuga:** Youth from St. Paul's and Youth from La Sagrada Familia in grades 6-12 are invited to a weekend together at Camp Kanuga in beautiful, NC from February 17-19th. Together we will enjoy hiking, snow tubing, and some time for fellowship and reflection. Cost is \$200 per Hendersonville person. Scholarships are available and anonymous - just email Mother Alice, [alice@stpaulscary.org](mailto:alice@stpaulscary.org). Register by emailing Ben Bricio at [youth@stpaulscary.org](mailto:youth@stpaulscary.org)

**Diocesan Course on Dismantling Racism: Reclaiming Our Baptismal Promise:** Dismantling Racism is an interactive workshop offered by the Episcopal Diocese via Zoom, designed to deepen spiritual commitment to dismantling racism as participants in the Jesus Movement. Through presentations, prayer, story sharing, videos and small group discussion, participants explore how the sin of racism impacts all lives. The Diocese offers this 2-session course several times during the year, starting January 26. Learn more on the Diocesan website or by contacting Jenny Beaumont, [jenny.beaumont@episdionc.org](mailto:jenny.beaumont@episdionc.org).

**Prayer List:** Dave, Walt, Bob, Peggy, Ann, Vickie, Ann, Lynn, Laura, Margaret, Mary Jo, Bob, Thomas, Mary, Virginia, Des, Mary, Christine, Kathy, Russell, Doug, Guy, Katie, Michael, Cathy, Alan, Jessica, Nancy, Sherry, John, Mary, Alison, Lynette, Susan, Michael, Randall, Joyce, Clarence, Susan, Mary Marsha.

If you have a name you would like to include on the prayer list, or a ministry event that you would like to announce in this printed bulletin, please send information to [announcements@stpaulscary.org](mailto:announcements@stpaulscary.org). Please note that there is a 2-week lead time on printed announcements.



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