



St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

The Rev. J. Carr Holland III, Celebrant
The Rev. Candy Snively, Homilist

**HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
FEBRUARY 16, 2025**

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Processional

We Know that Christ is Raised

Hymn 296

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

The Celebrant says

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

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 S278

(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, 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus
 Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Collect of the Day

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

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 (Vs. 3)
Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.

Hymn 405

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10

A Reading from Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
 and make mere flesh their strength,
 whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
 and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
 in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
 whose trust is the LORD.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
 sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
 and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,
 and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
 it is perverse--
 who can understand it?

I the LORD test the mind
 and search the heart,
 to give to all according to their ways,

according to the fruit of their doings.

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

The Psalm

Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

A Reading from First Corinthians.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

Gradual

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

Hymn 635

Gospel

Luke 6:17-26

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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

Homily

The Rev. Candy Snively

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 and Absolution

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

Day by Day
St. Paul's Choir

Martin How

*Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray;
To see thee more clearly, to love thee more dearly,
To follow thee more nearly, day by day*

Offertory Response

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The people remain standing.

The Celebrant proceeds.

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.*

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

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymnal S128

The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff is for the organ, marked '(organ)', and the second staff is for the vocal part. The third staff is for the organ, also marked '(organ)', and the fourth staff is for the vocal part. The music is in 4/4 time and G major. The lyrics are: '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

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 Lord 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 he 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 Father,

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant and People

*We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

The Celebrant then continues

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

We pray to 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

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

Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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 S154

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.

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.

The Communion Music

Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word
O Food to Pilgrims Given

Hymn 440

Hymn 309

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

All My Hope on God is Founded

Hymn 665

Dismissal

Deacon

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for the family birthdays of Sam, Rachelle, Josh, and Andrew,
by Neil and Aleta McClenney.

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TODAY – FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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. Join a tour of our campus this morning to learn more and meet others. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org to learn more about us!

Kids' Club (Education Building): Our Kids' Club (nursery) is available during the 9 a.m. service through Coffee Hour; infants/toddlers through 36 months (3 years old) are welcome to attend.

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): Hosted this week by. 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 Luke* continues today with a presentation by Fr. Javier.

Children's Sunday School - 5th grade and under (Education Building): Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m.

Youth Sunday School - 6th thru 12th grade (Youth Wing): Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): Meets this evening for fun and fellowship from 5-7 p.m. in the Youth Wing.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Update from the Refuge for Refugees Ministry: Recent executive orders have directly impacted the work of St. Paul's Refuge for Refugees (R4R) Ministry. At our most recent meeting, R4R voted to share \$5,000 from the ministry's restricted fund to provide funding for refugees already in our area impacted by this freeze. We were able to respond to this urgent need due to your generous support. While we are not requesting additional donations at this time, we want you to be aware that what you have already given is making a difference! Please read the rest of R4R's update on the church website, and contact Ann Lockhart and Deb Richard at refugeforrefugees@stpaulscary.org if you have any questions.

Contribute Baked Items for Confirmation Celebration Feb. 23: Help us recognize those who are being confirmed on Feb. 23 by contributing baked goods or other food items for our celebration. Let's show up as a community to support this special ceremony of belonging; you will also be able to attend the Bishop's Forum beginning around 10:30 a.m. A link to what is needed is available on the St. Paul's website; you may also email Mary Kintz at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org to ask what to bring and how you might help.

Children's Communion Classes: Children in 1st through 3rd grade are invited to join our 2025 Communion Class. Three sequential sessions will meet Sundays, Mar. 2, 9 and 16, from 10:15-11 a.m. The class offers a learning experience about the meaning of the rite; it is not a prerequisite for children's communion participation. A Communion Celebration will take place at a festive Coffee Hour on March 23. Register for the class on the St. Paul's website or by contacting Office Administrator Natalie Sroka at natalie@stpaulscary.org.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Join us Tuesday, Mar. 4, 5-7 p.m. for the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper prepared by the Men's Group. All you can eat pancakes and sausage, \$8 for adults/youth over age 14, \$3 for ages 5-14, free for children under age 5. Gluten free and vegan options will be available. Children's Ministries will have Mardi Gras craft activities for children as well. Invite a friend and come for the fun!

Special Children's Chapel Study During Lent: Children's Ministries is offering "Animal Crackers," designed by Heifer International, as a special six-week Lenten Study during Children's Chapel beginning March 9th. Each Sunday, children will learn about an animal and how it helps communities around the world thrive, with opportunities to see themselves as part of a global family and learn how small changes can have big impacts. We will distribute mite boxes so the children can collect donations for Heifer International; mite boxes can be returned on Easter Sunday. Contact Sherri Hubbard at sherhubbard7@gmail.com for more information.

Write a Postcard for Advocacy Day 2025: The response to the diocesan invitation to write postcards to state legislators has generated much interest, so we are hosting a postcard-writing event on Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. til noon in the Youth Wing. Drop in to share a few minutes with others who wish to be heard; take time to share your concerns with those we've elected. Advocacy Day 2025 is an opportunity for the bishops of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina to visit with state legislators at the North Carolina General Assembly and share messages of encouragement and concern from our voices. Postcards and instructions are also still available in the narthex, if you can't join us on the 22nd; cards must be completed by March 1 to be included with the diocesan project.

Sign Up for Women's Beach Week: Attention Ladies: join us for fun in the sun and a laughter-filled trip to Emerald Isle April 27 - May 4! Come for a few days or for the whole week. The cost depends on the number of participants, so we need your responses ASAP. Learn more about the trip and how you can treat yourself to this wonderful stress-reliever on the St. Paul's website. Sign up online or contact Yvon Daniel, 919-747-1199, yvdaniel60@gmail.com.

Prayer List: Dave, Bob, Ann, Vickie, Ann, Laura, Margaret, Mary, Virginia, Doug, Guy, Katie, Cathy, Alan, Jessica, John, Mary, Susan, Clarence, Susan, Mila, Florence, Noah, Sally, Chase, John, Janice, John, Randy, Mary, Regina, Nathanael, Lisa, Parrish, Matias, Yosi, Trudy, Lorraine, Ralph, Judy, Jackie, Christy, Marty, Gary, Lou, Steven, Bonnie, Olive, Randall, Becky, Connor, Carter, Henry, Gary, Jessica, Martha, Joe, Rich, Jen, Jack, Louane, Ted, Barb, Peggy, Joy, Anne, Donna, Tim, Hope, Alexis, Marty, Janet, Austin, Kelle, Anthony, Jennifer, Liddy, and Clay.

In the prayers for the deceased, we pray for Carter Jonathan Whitt; Scott Bolick, father of Jill (Steve) Zapadinsky; Clay McClenney, brother of Neil (Aleta) McClenney.

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. Names included in the prayer list will remain for a month, and we are happy to extend at your request. Please note that there is a 2-week lead time on printed announcements.



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