



St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

The Rev. Javier E. Almendárez-Bautista, Celebrant
The Rev. Cathy Deats, Homilist

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

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 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, hea - ven - 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.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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

Isaiah 6:1-8

A Reading from Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
 the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

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

The Psalm

Psalm 138

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
 before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
 and praise your Name, *
 because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
 and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
 you increased my strength within me.

- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A Reading from First Corinthians.

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you-- unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

Gradual

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Vs. 1 & 2)

Hymn 686

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

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

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

Homily

The Rev. Dr. Cathy Deats

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

He, Watching Over Israel (from Elijah)
St. Paul's Choir

Felix Mendelssohn

*He, watching over Israel, slumbers not nor sleeps;
Should'st thou, walking in grief, languish,
He will quicken thee.*

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 for organ and voice. It begins with an organ introduction in 4/4 time, marked '(organ)'. The melody is in 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 organ part provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

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

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted

Hymn 324

Hymn 302

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

The God of Abraham Praise

Hymn 401

Dismissal

Deacon

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

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TODAY – FEBRUARY 9, 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 on the third Sunday of the month to learn more and meet others. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org to learn more about us!

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 Children's Ministries Committee. Join us after the 9 a.m. service for coffee and a special Card Making and Cookies session!

Adult Formation (Chapel, 10:15-11 a.m.): Our series *The Gospel According to Luke* continues today with "On the Way to Jerusalem (Luke 9-19)" presented by Fr. Javier.

Children's Sunday School - 5th grade and under (Education Building): No classes today; join us for Card Making and Cookies in the Parish Hall.

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 our Souper Bowl food drive from 5-7 p.m. in the Youth Wing. Join us for the fun and fellowship.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Card Making and Cookies Today: Please join us in the Parish Hall during coffee hour to enjoy fresh baked cookies and make Valentine's Day cards! The Children's Ministries Committee will share your cards with residents of Glenaire this afternoon. Enjoy a sweet time of fellowship while sharing your creativity with others. All are welcome!

2025 Budget Update: As we move forward into 2025, our operating budget is essential to supporting what we do, funding transition costs, new maintenance requirements and higher overall costs for utilities. To meet these and other increases, such as cost of living adjustments for clergy and staff and increased health Insurance premiums, we are asking for \$160,000 more in pledges. Can you help? If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider making one. What an impact you could make! If you have already pledged, would you increase it a bit? You may indicate your pledge by going to the St. Paul's website to the online pledge link. We also have paper pledge forms in the narthex. Brandy Satterfield, our Financial Assistant, is happy to assist you with any questions you may have. Contact her at brandy.satterfield@stpaulscary.org.

Support the Youth Souper Bowl Food Drive: St. Paul's Youth will be canvassing the neighborhood around Union Street during EYC this evening, collecting canned and nonperishable food for their annual Souper Bowl project, benefitting the food pantry at Dorcas ministries. All are invited to contribute items by dropping them in the Youth Wing today by 5 p.m.; a list of most needed items can be found on the narthex bulletin board and on the St. Paul's website.

Youth Dinner Theater Auditions: The Murder Mystery Dinner Theater will be presented by St. Paul's Youth on Sunday, Mar. 16, and we have opportunities for youth and adults to participate as performers and support crew. Auditions for performing roles will take place on Feb. 9 at noon in the Parish Hall; please sign up for an audition time in advance. Details about auditions can be found on the St. Paul's website or by contacting Ben Bricio at youth@stpaulscary.org.

ONE Wake Affordable Housing Action: Help us make an impression with the Raleigh City Council by showing up at Raleigh City Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. for the public comment portion of the council meeting. Residents from across the county are invited to stand in solidarity with ONE Wake leaders as we remind elected officials of their commitments to increase local funding for affordable housing. More information is available in the narthex or by contacting Christina Myers at onewake@stpaulscary.org.

Write a Postcard for Advocacy Day 2025: Advocacy Day 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. You can participate directly by writing a postcard to your elected officials and having the cards hand delivered by the bishops. Postcards and instructions are available in the narthex and at Coffee Hour; cards must be completed by March 1 to be included with the diocesan project.

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.

Special Children's Chapel Series 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 Mar. 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 and placed on a special cross on Easter Sunday. Contact Sherri Hubbard at sherhubbard7@gmail.com for more information.

Note in the Pocket Clothing Drive: St. Paul's Pre-EYC families (4th and 5th graders) are supporting Note in the Pocket with a month-long clothing drive, now through Feb. 16. Bring new or gently used, school-appropriate clothing donations in all sizes, infant through adult; these drives clothe referred students and their entire families. **Coats are among items currently needed, along with children's clothing sizes 8-16.** The dropbox and more information are in the narthex. If you have questions, please contact Shannon Robinson at shannon3b@gmail.com.

Pre-EYC Retreat to Nature: Pre-EYC is hosting an overnight Retreat to Nature on Mar. 22-23 at Blue Jay Point Park in Raleigh, staying at the Blue Jay Lodge. Learn about the plants and animals, explore trails, play and enjoy s'mores around the campfire with us! This fun event is open to all 4th and 5th graders, including newcomers! Cost is \$30 per person and scholarships are available. Register by Feb. 28 via the online link using the flyer in the narthex. Questions? Contact Jacob Nelson at jacobnelson77@hotmail.com.

Put Vacation Bible Camp (VBC) on Your July Calendars: Save the dates: July 14-18, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. During VBC, *Waves of Wonder*, children will be inspired by the beauty and majesty of what God has made. Through drama, art, science explorations and games, we'll deepen their understanding of the importance of water and how we might join God in caring for this precious natural resource. More info about volunteering to help with this church-wide effort is coming soon!

Welcome the Newly Baptized: A very special welcome to those baptized at the 11:15 a.m. service today: David "Cal" Smith, child of Mallory and Jordan Smith, Cecilia Mae Davidson, child of Kayla and Stephen Davidson, and Chase Patrick, Moira Jane and Brice Gibson Bridges, children of Erin and Christopher Bridges.

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 Thomas Rogacki, father of Anthony (Kelle) Rogacki; Silvia Almendarez, Aunt of Rev. Javier Almendárez-Bautista.

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.



St. Paul's Website