



St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LAST SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY

The Rev. Javier E. Almendárez-Bautista, Celebrant
The Rev. Stephanie Yancy, Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
MARCH 2, 2025

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Processional

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Hymn 135

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BPC) 355

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

(Organ)

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, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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 (v. 1)
Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.

Hymn 405

First Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

A Reading from Exodus.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

The Psalm

Psalm 99

- 1 The LORD is King;
 let the people tremble; *
 he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
 let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
 he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
 he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
 you have established equity; *
 you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

A Reading from Second Corinthians.

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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

Gradual

Christ Upon the Mountain Peak

Hymn 129

Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

Homily

The Rev. Stephanie Yancy

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

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies
St. Paul's Choir

T. Frederick H. Candlyn

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.*

*Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by Thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till Thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.*

*Visit then this soul of mine!
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiance divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect 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 for organ and voice. It begins with an organ introduction in 4/4 time, marked '(organ)'. The organ part consists of chords and moving lines in the right hand. The vocal part enters with the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,'. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The organ continues with accompaniment for the vocal lines. The lyrics are: '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

Jerusalem, My Happy Home
O Light of Light, Love Given Birth

Hymn 620

Hymn 133

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

O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

Hymn 137

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 – MARCH 2, 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 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!

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 morning by the Youth Committee. Join us after the 9 a.m. service for coffee and conversation.

Adult Formation (Church, 10:15-11 a.m.): Join us in the church for a vestry information session and progress update on budget planning for 2025. Hear how we are moving forward in this time of transition.

Children's Communion Class - 1st thru 3rd grade (Chapel, 10:15-11 a.m.): The class offers a learning experience about the meaning of the rite over three sessions (Mar. 2, 9 and 16); it is not a prerequisite for children's communion participation.

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.

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) and Pre-EYC Ice Skating Event: Our regular EYC gathering today will be an ice skating event at Polar Ice House with Pre-EYC (4th and 5th grade) at 12:30 p.m. Contact Ben Bricio at youth@stpaulscary.org for more information. Bring a friend and have fun with us!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

7 a.m.	Imposition of Ashes
12 noon	Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
5:30 p.m.	Family Service with Imposition of Ashes
7 p.m.	Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

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 vegetarian 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!

Ash Wednesday Family Service: Our 5:30 p.m. service on Ash Wednesday (Mar. 5) is particularly designed for families with children. The liturgy, adapted from Virginia Theological Seminary, calls us to understand God's healing love as we enter the season of Lent. All are welcome to join us; note this service does not include a Eucharist. Kids' Club will be available during this service only.

Lenten Book Study: The Racial Justice Planning Group will offer a book study on "The Crisis of Christian Nationalism," a report by the House of Bishops Theology Committee that was commissioned by the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry during his service as presiding bishop. We will gather from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Sundays, Mar. 23 and 30 in the Annex building, next to the Chapel. You are welcome to bring an afternoon snack of your choice to share. We have an online signup link on the St. Paul's website; please sign up in advance as space is limited. Email Aleta McClenney at aleta@att.net with questions.

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 Mar. 9. 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.

Courtyard Cleanup and Mulch Day: Join our crew on Saturday, Mar. 15 for cleaning, pruning and moving mulch into the courtyard in preparation for Easter and the coming growing season. Wheelbarrows, mulch rakes and muscle power are most appreciated; no experience is necessary. This is a great way to enjoy some fellowship while making a big difference in our community. We will start with pruning and cleaning beds at 8 a.m.; mulch spreading begins at 10 a.m. and should finish by noon. A sign up page is linked on the parish website, or you may contact Julia Rudy at jbrudy@yahoo.com if you can help.

Youth Mystery Dinner Theater: Our Youth Mystery Dinner Theater show “Who Stole the Pot O’Gold?” will be presented on Sunday, Mar. 16, 6-8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Join us for the shenanigans and an Irish-themed dinner (vegan and gluten free options available) for just \$25 per person. St. Patty’s Day costumes are HIGHLY recommended – win a prize for best-dressed! Reserve your spot in advance with the link on the website; information is also available on posters in the narthex. Childcare is available for \$5 per child. Contact Ben Bricio at youth@stpaulscary.org for more information.

Hermano Day 2025: This year, we are supporting the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry (EFWM) Mattress Swap Project as they try to improve living conditions for workers who labor in NC fields to pick our crops. Every \$250 donated buys a new mattress set to replace mattresses in horrible conditions. The new director of EFWM will be with us on Sunday, Mar. 30, and we would love to show him that St. Paul’s sees and supports our farmworker neighbors. Read more about this project in the article on our website and contact Katie Bricio at katiebricio13@gmail.com with any questions. Donate online or with checks, putting “EFWM mattresses” in the memo line.

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 by March 15. 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.

Join our Work with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP): St. Paul’s Youth are planning to work with the Appalachia Service Project again this summer, June 22-28 (location to be confirmed). We welcome all youth (rising 9th grade and above) and adult volunteers. Slots are limited and they are filling up already! A discounted rate of \$250 per volunteer is available for everyone who signs up by Apr. 1st. Learn more on the St. Paul’s website or by contacting Kevin Swann at asp@stpaulscary.org. Construction experience is not necessary; patience and an openness to learning is all that’s needed.

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

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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