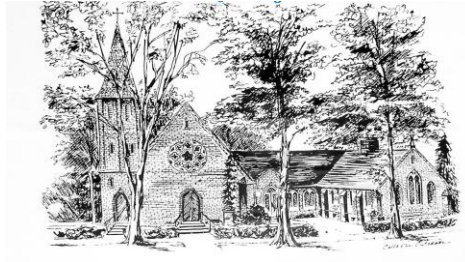


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The Epiphany – Sun. Jan. 19, 2020

10:00am

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Welcome! To those who attend every Sunday, keep up the good work! If you are visiting, seeking, considering a new church family or your first church family, this is what you will find here at St. Paul's. We are a group of imperfect people who do our best to spread the love of Jesus. Judging is left to God; it's too much work for us mere mortals. We love children and don't care if your babies act like babies. We embrace you if you are gay, straight, Christian, not sure what you are, sad, happy, a person in addiction or someone in recovery. When we pass the peace, you will be greeted by all of us; don't be afraid--we like to hug! Everyone is welcome at the communion rail whether for a blessing or to receive the sacraments. You will be invited to coffee hour by at least ten of us. We promise you won't go away hungry! Give us a chance--we're eager to meet you!

OUR VISION: To be a community of faith that shares the transforming love of God with all people through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OUR MISSION: To proclaim God's love by word and example and to seek Christ in one another.

The Holy Eucharist

The Prelude

Announcements

The Gathering Hymn *How bright appears the Morning Star* Hymn 497

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen!**

The Gloria

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The Collect of the Day

BCP page 215

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength-- he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Response

Reader: Please respond by the half-verse to our reading of a portion of Psalm 40.

- 1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; * **he stooped to me and heard my cry.**
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; * **he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.**
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; * **many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.**
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! * **they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.**
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! * **there is none who can be compared with you.**

6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! * **but they are more than I can count.**

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure * **(you have given me ears to hear you);**

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, * **and so I said, "Behold, I come.**

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: * **"I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart."**

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; * **behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you know.**

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; * **I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.**

12 You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; * **let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,**

Reader: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen!**

The Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Sequence Hymn *O love, how deep, how broad, how high* Hymn 449 v1&2

The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

John 1:29-42

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Homily

The Prayers of the People

Holy and faithful God, you sent your Son Jesus to take away the sin of the world, hear us as we pray for the needs of the whole creation, saying, *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the Church, especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin our bishop, that through us many will come and see and put their trust in Jesus. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For this parish family, that we may be a light to the nations and a sign of God's redeeming love to all. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For peace in all place of conflict, that the justice and peace of God's reign may find a home in the hearts of all the human family. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who have suffered from the power of nature, especially the people of Australia, Puerto Rico and the Philippines, that God will give them strength and renew their hopes. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who are persecuted for their beliefs, for those who live in fear and anxiety, and all those in need of our prayers, especially Margaret, Kathy, Joe, Alice, Naomi, Justin, Rita & Fr. John; that they may find hope and courage in knowing that God is with them. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all those suffering from addictions, that they may desire a clean and sober life, and find the resources for their bodies, minds and spirits that will allow them to do so; for all those who love someone who is addicted, that comfort and support be provided in their journeys; for all in the healing community assisting recovery, that the Holy Spirit will refresh and strengthen them; for ourselves, that we share the power of God's healing and transforming love with all touched by this addictions epidemic; for St. Paul's that a spirit of unity in witness and action will be among us. Merciful God, accept the fervent prayers of your people. By your holy baptism, ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all those who have died, remembering especially, that they may be gathered with those of every place and time who have called on the name of the Lord Jesus. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

In the communion of blessed Mary, the God-bearer, Peter the Apostle, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant Holy and faithful God, hear the prayers of your people and strengthen us in the power of the Spirit, that we may go forth in power and grace to heal and unify your whole creation that the good news of Christ may be made known to all. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution BCP page 360
The Peace

HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory	<i>I have decided to follow Jesus</i>	LEVAS 136
The Doxology:	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow</i>	Hymn 380, v3
The Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP page 367
The Sanctus		S124
The Lord's Prayer		
The Breaking of the Bread		
The Fraction Anthem		S161
The Communion		Organ Music
<i>Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table to receive the Sacrament or a Blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest if you wish to receive a Blessing.</i>		

The Post Communion Prayer		BCP page 365
The Blessing		
The Parting Hymn	<i>Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult</i>	Hymn 549 v1-3
The Dismissal		

The Postlude

Altar Flowers this week are In Memory of Loved Ones.

Our Ministers Today:

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Arthur L. Jones, III

Organist & Choir Director: Catherine Hammons

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Counters: Karen Blye-McAbee & Sandy Seeger

Chalice Bearer: Vickie Calby

Lector: Tom Undercoffler

Intercessor: Vickie Calby

Greeter/Usher: Nancy Dooling & Karen Blye-McAbee

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