

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



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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 *When morning gilds the skies* Hymn 427 1-3,5

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

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The Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there;

and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Response

Reader: Please respond by the half-verse to our reading of 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.**

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

2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Sequence Hymn *Songs of thankfulness and praise* Hymn 135 v1&5

The Gospel

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

People: **Glory to you Lord Christ**

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he

was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

Let us offer prayers to the Holy One whose glory is like a devouring fire, a light shining in a dark place, saying: God of light, *show us your glory and hear us.*

For the Church: especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that we may bear witness before all peoples and nations to the power and glory of God in Christ. God of light, ***show us your glory and hear us.***

For this parish family, that we who have been in the presence of Christ may be the shining light that illumines earth's darkness. God of light, ***show us your glory and hear us.***

For those who live and work in places of danger, especially those in the military, and for all peacemakers, that God will bless and make fruitful their efforts. God of light, ***show us your glory and hear us.***

For each of us as we embark on the journey of Lent, that we may walk humbly and honestly in God's presence each day. God of light, ***show us your glory and hear us.***

For those working to curtail the coronavirus, that God will give them insight, slow the spread of the virus, and protect all who are caring for the sick. God of light, ***show us your glory and hear us.***

For those who fear death, failure or an unknown future, and for the sick and suffering, remembering especially, Margaret, Kathy, Joe, Alice, Naomi, Justin, Rita & Fr. John; that they may find courage and healing in the face of Christ. God of light, ***show us your glory and hear us.***

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. God of light, ***show us your glory and hear us.***

For all those who have died, remembering especially, that the light of Christ may scatter the darkness for them and for all who mourn their passing. God of light, ***show us your glory and hear us.***

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

Celebrant Blessed are you, God of light eternal. Hear our prayers for all people and let your glory shine on us this day, that our lives may proclaim your goodness and our works give you honor, through Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

Confession and Absolution
The Peace

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HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory *Great is thy faithfulness*
The Doxology: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*
The Eucharistic Prayer B

LEVAS 189
Hymn 380, v3
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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.</i>		
<i>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>Ye watchers and ye holy ones</i>	Hymn 618
The Dismissal		
The Postlude		

Altar Flowers this week are from Lynne & Dan Graham In Memory of Robert W. Blye.

Our Ministers Today:

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Arthur L. Jones, III
 Organist & Choir Director: Catherine Hammons
 Altar Guild: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones
 Announcements: Lynne Graham
 Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth
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