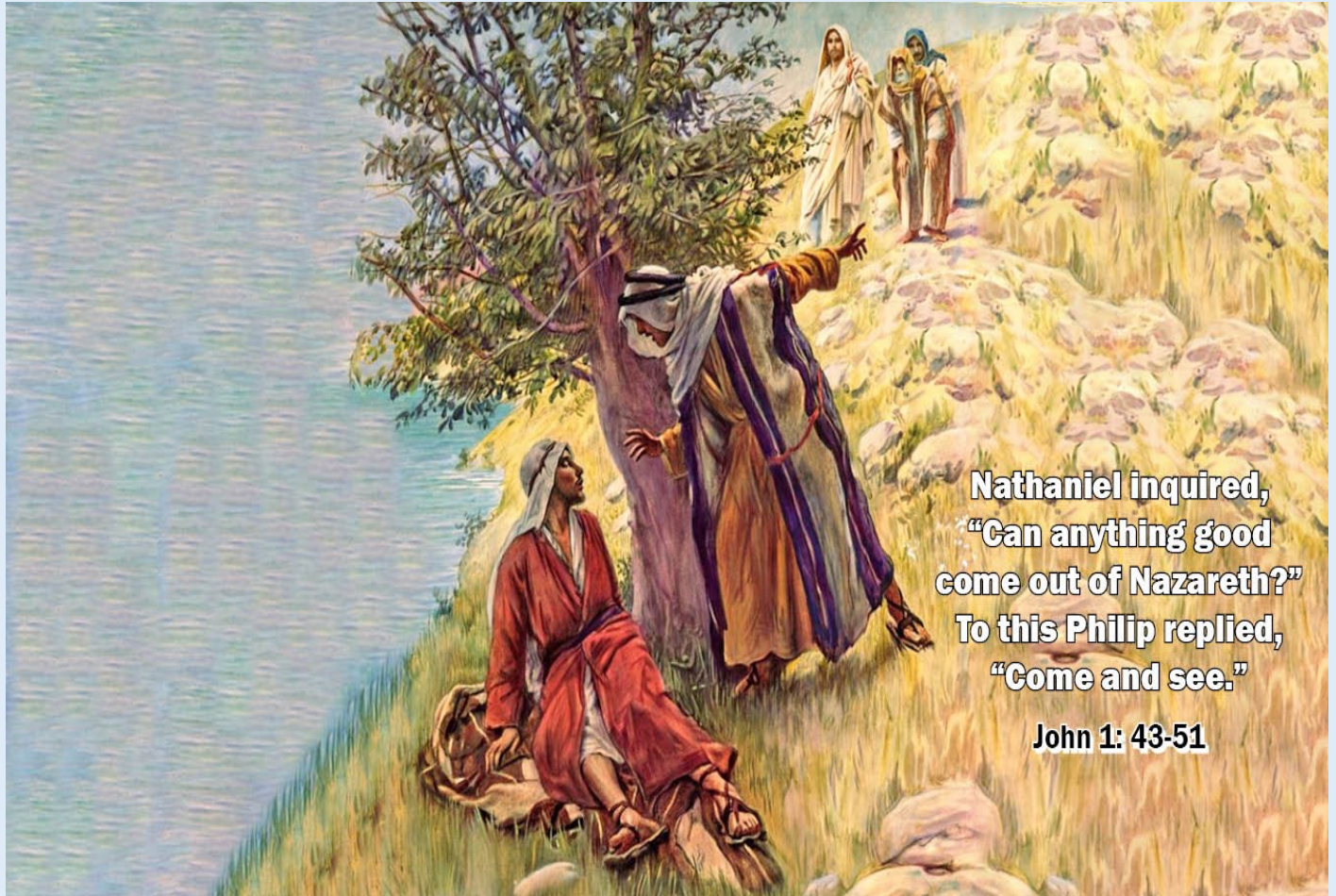


St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 14, 2024
Liturgy of the Word



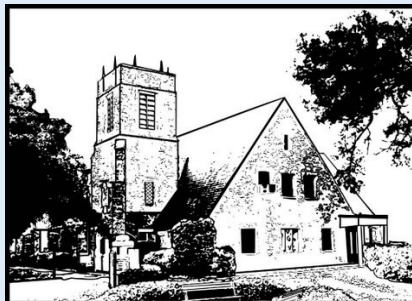
**Nathaniel inquired,
“Can anything good
come out of Nazareth?”
To this Philip replied,
“Come and see.”**

John 1: 43-51

To All who are weary and need rest;
To All who are lowly and want friendship;
To All who mourn and need comfort;
To all who pray and all who do not, but ought;
To All who sin and need a Savior, and to whomsoever will come...
The Church opens the door and says in the name of the Master

Welcome to St. Paul's

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle,
Bishop of Texas
2023 VESTRY
Senior Warden –Rebecca Rutledge
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Liturgy of the Word

The service is in the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), a blue book.
Hymns are in *The Hymnal*, a maroon book. Hymn numbers beginning with "S" are at the front of *The Hymnal*.
Or *LEV, Lift Every Voice and Sing II Hymnal Or Renew Hymnal*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Officiant: The Rev. Margaret Light
Deacon: The Rev. Margaret Light
Homilist: The Rev. Margaret Light

Prelude

Opening Hymn *Christ is the World's True Light* The Hymnal 7

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

The Book of Common Prayer p. 355

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

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

OFFICIANT: 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.*

Gloria in Excelsis Deo (*Sung by all.*)

The Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

The Collect of the Day

OFFICIANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

OFFICIANT: Let us pray.

(See Readings Insert)

ALL: **Amen.**

Please be seated. for the readings.

Anthem: *Psalm 139* Choir

The First Lesson:

READER: A reading from the Book of Samuel

(See Readings Insert)

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm:

READER: The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 139. *(See Readings Insert)*
We will read responsively by whole verse.

The Second Lesson:

READER: A reading from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians *(See Readings Insert)*

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand for the Sequence Hymn.

Sequence Hymn (Vv. 1.2) *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* LEV 136

The Gospel: *(Please remain standing for the Gospel reading.)* *(See Readings Insert)*
John 1:43-51

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

PEOPLE: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel:

DEACON: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sequence Hymn (V. 3, 4) *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* LEV 136

The Sermon

Following the Sermon, all stand and say **The Nicene Creed.**

**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

- LEADER: With all our hearts and with all our minds, let us pray to the Lord.
We pray for the peace, unity and renewing of all members of the Church of God. Bring us nearer what a church should be, increasing in us faith and love and the desire to follow where Christ leads us.
- PEOPLE: **Hear us, O Lord, as we lift our hearts in prayer.**
- LEADER: We pray for all bishops, priest, and deacons, that they may faithfully
Proclaim the true Gospel of Christ and guide us in paths of righteousness.
- PEOPLE: **Hear us, O Lord, as we lift our hearts in prayer.**
- LEADER: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in this nation and every nation in the world. Give them wisdom and hearts that seek peaceful and just solutions to conflicts, that we may no longer look on the ravages of war.
- PEOPLE: **Hear us, O Lord, as we lift our hearts in prayer.**
- LEADER: We pray for eyes to see the orphaned child, the hungry, the refugee, the sick, the lame, the destitute, the prisoners. Stir in us the desire to meet the needs of all your children.
- PEOPLE: **Hear us, O Lord, as we lift our hearts in prayer.**
- LEADER: We pray for ears to hear the cries of all those who live loveless lives, those who mourn, and those who die friendless. Stir in us the compassion to reach out to those who are suffering.
- PEOPLE: **Hear us, O Lord, as we lift our hearts in prayer.**
- LEADER: We pray for tongues that unceasingly praise you for your creation of this world and the universe in which it exists. Make us wise in our use of all the earth's resources that future generations may be blessed by our stewardship.
- PEOPLE: **Hear us, O Lord, as we lift our hearts in prayer.**
- LEADER: We pray for strength to carry out the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth.
- PEOPLE: **Hear us, O Lord, as we lift our hearts in prayer.**

LEADER: We pray for minds that are one with Christ. Guard us and guide us that your kingdom may come upon the earth.

PEOPLE: **Hear us, O Lord, as we lift our hearts in prayer.**

OFFICIANT: Almighty God, you have promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in the name of your Son. We ask that you mercifully hear us, and grant those petitions that are according to your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

Confession of Sins

The Book of Common Prayer p. 360

ALL: **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 Bishop when present, or 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.**

OFFICIANT: Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

ALL: AMEN.

The Peace

The Book of Common Prayer p. 360

(All stand.)

OFFICIANT: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Offertory

OFFICIANT: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem

What Wondrous Love is This?

The Hymnal **439**

Doxology

All Creatures of Our God and King

v.7, The Hymnal **400**

Let all things their Creator Bless and worship Him in humbleness.

O Praise Him, Alleluia. Praise God the Father,

Praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

OFFICIANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

OFFICIANT: As our Savior taught us, we are bold to say:

OFFICIANT AND PEOPLE:

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.

The Closing Collects:

OFFICIANT: **A Collect for Sunday:** O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

A Collect for Mission: O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

The General Thanksgiving

OFFICIANT AND PEOPLE:

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessing of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. AMEN.

The Closing Hymn:

Ye Servants of God

The Hymnal 535

The Dismissal

DEACON: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, Jan 14

- 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Rite II, with Deacon Margaret Light
- 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice
- 9:15 a.m. Book of Common Prayer Study in Guild Room
- 10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word –Rev. Margaret Light

Wednesday, Jan 17 Vestry Meeting 6:00pm.

Thursday, Jan 18 Game Group at 10:00am

Sunday, Jan 21

- 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Rite II, with Deacon Margaret Light
- 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice
- 9:15 a.m. Book of Common Prayer Study in Guild Room
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Rite II, with Father Mark

FEAST DAYS

Monday, Jan 1 The Holy Name

Saturday, Jan. 6 The Epiphany

Thursday, Jan. 18 Confession of St. Peter, Apostle

Thursday, Jan. 25 Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are glad you are here! Please sign the visitor's book located in the back of the sanctuary. Let us know how we can make your experience at St. Paul's more joyful.

You can call our office at 409-883-2969 or e-mail us at

stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com.

Prayer List

Jay Todd Cleaver, Rosie Hurst, Allen Jones Bob Walker & Family, Amanda Watt, Jenny Guth, Cheryl, Charlie Pieper, Kenric Marshall, Sabine Lamar, The Ruehlens, Tom Freeland, David Haley, Becca Hagan, David Silk, Robert Cheek, Samantha, Ester Jeans, Barbara Klein, Jasper Richmond, Eloy Sereni, Walter Rotsch, Alyssa & Keene Wilson, Haley Morris, Mimi Hollier, Robert Hollier, Justin Morvant, Randolph Knipp, Peggy Lane, The Cook Family. Janet Foreman, Ken & Cindi Slaughter, Denice Thomas, JoAnn Gilbeaux, Milton Husbands, Kristi, Kaitlyn Hogg, Bishop Michael Curry, Steven Bruce, Pat Jones, Jimmy Odom, Kirk Odom, Chris Gayle, Doris Byrd, Kayla Cheek

Prayers : All Military personnel. Pray for the people in Ukraine, People suffering with an illness, Victims of Violence, Victims of natural disasters, City of Refuge, Schools, All Ministries of St. Paul's, Unemployed. Talbert Meadows, Regina, Chris, Sidney, Jacquie Pence, Casey D., Beth Holm, Joanne Price, June & Merrill Stringer & Dena, Kelly and John, Ross, Deanna Davis, Matthew H., Alison Clary, Renee, Jennifer, Jill, Gabriel, Josie Walter, Margaret & Debbie Herrington, Charlotte Parker, Elizabeth, Kelly Clawson, Thomas Ray Manuel, Tim Fading, Brianna, Mary Guillot, Bette, Carol and Bruce Thornburgh, Nick Tullier, Tim Lawler, Melanie Maxie, Kay Gragg, Kay Stone, Yolanda, Mary Ann, Kim Keyser, Anne Hoffpauir, Janelle Ramsey, Erin Lawler, Kathleen, Ronnie and Margaret Sonnier, Kailey Smith & Family, Barbara Richard, Tony Dallas, Steve Roger, Dave Shows, Sharon Debes, Anthony Sparacino, Marcia Sharp, Josephine Crew, Freddie Nail, Felicia, Dale, Cayden, Whitney and Tyler Legrand, The Woodleys, Leona Fields, Shawn Best, Ruby, Sharon Childress, Faith, Dennis Kirk, Harry Hobden, Louis Davis, Diana Dotson, Debbie Garlington, Olalia Stone, Kay Shelton, Cheryl Carnelly Radke

Happy Birthday

Houseman, Janson	1/14
Cheek, Mackenzie Rae	1/15
Peterson, Donna Kay	1/15
Quebodeux, Keely	1/15
Howland, Mrs. Arlene	1/16
Hooker, Delmos	1/18
Hall, Mr. Miles, III	1/19
Geis, Clayton	1/24
Jones, Allen	1/25
Lincecum, Mr. Roger	1/27

Happy Anniversary

Duos, John & Teri 1/17

BCP Book Study

Father Mark, Mother Meg and Deacon Margaret will be leading a study of the Book of Common Prayer during Epiphany. We will meet in the Guild Room starting Jan. 7 at 9:15 to 9:45. So, come to church early, get a cup of coffee, and claim a comfortable seat while we explore the treasure that is our BCP.

The poinsettias were beautiful. The poinsettias are \$10.50 each. If you send a check, please make a note in the memo line for your flowers. You can place it in the collection plate or mail it in. Thank you!

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany January 14, 2024	3rd Sunday after the Epiphany January 21, 2024
Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers
10:00 AM 1 st Reading and Psalm 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 11-20 Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 Ruth Hancock	10:00 AM 1 st Reading and Psalm Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:6-14 Earl Geis
EM 2 nd Readings, Prayers, Chalice 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Becky Rutledge Gospel: John 1:43-51 Rev. Margaret Light	EM 2 nd Readings, Prayers, Chalice 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Miles Hall, III Gospel: Mark 1:14-20 Rev. Margaret Light Rev. Mark Wood
Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Joe Maglothin Ushers: Ray & Ruth Hancock Altar Guild: Ruth & Ray Hancock Bill Smith	Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Becky Rutledge Ushers: Eric & Annie Reeves Altar Guild: Earl & Pat Geis Delores Sterling
Flower Guild: Krispen Walker	Flower Guild: Delores Sterling