

St. Paul's Episcopal Church 1st Sunday after the Epiphany; The Baptism of Our Lord

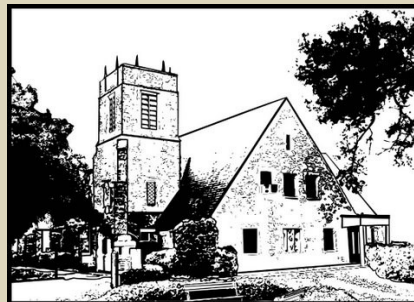


To All who are weary and need rest;
To All who are lowly and want friendship;
To All who mourn and need comfort;
To all who pray and all who do not, but ought;
To All who sin and need a Savior, and to whomsoever
will come...

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
Junior Warden – Ray Hancock
Clerk - Bill Smith
Arlene Howland
Jay Todd Cleaver
Joe Maglothin
Organist/Choir Director–
Don Ball, Jr.
Parish Administrator
Kelly Guillot



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Morning Prayer 8:00am
Rite II (Family Service) 10:00am
Also shown Live Stream on Facebook.
Office hours Monday-Thursday
9:00-3:00pm
Baptism, Confirmation or Wedding:
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Holy Eucharist Rite II

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Meg Lovejoy
Deacon: The Rev. Margaret Light
Homilist: The Rev. Meg Lovejoy

Prelude

Processional Hymn *God is Working His Purpose Out* *The Hymnal 534*

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity *The Book of Common Prayer p. 355*

CELEBRANT: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
PEOPLE: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

CELEBRANT: 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 *Glory to God in the Highest* *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 *(See Readings Insert)*

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE: **And also with you.**
CELEBRANT: Let us pray.
ALL: **Amen.**

Anthem *When Jesus Came to Jordan* Choir

Please be seated for the Reading.

The First Lesson:

READER: A reading from the Book of Genesis *(See Readings Insert)*
READER: The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm:

READER: The psalm appointed for today is Psalm 29 (See Readings Insert)
We will read responsively by whole verse

The Second Lesson:

READER: A reading from the Acts of the Apostle (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) *O How I Love Jesus* LEV 95

Please remain standing for the Gospel reading.

The Gospel: Mark 1:4-11 (See Readings Insert)

CELEBRANT: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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) *O How I Love Jesus* LEV 95

The Sermon

Following the Sermon, all stand and say

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows *The Book of Common Prayer p. 292*

CELEBRANT: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

PEOPLE: I do.

CELEBRANT: Do you believe in God the Father?

PEOPLE: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

CELEBRANT: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

PEOPLE: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

CELEBRANT: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

PEOPLE: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

CELEBRANT: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

PEOPLE: I will, with God's help.

CELEBRANT: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

PEOPLE: I will, with God's help.

CELEBRANT: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

PEOPLE: I will, with God's help.

CELEBRANT: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

PEOPLE: I will, with God's help.

CELEBRANT: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

PEOPLE: I will, with God's help.

CELEBRANT: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Prayers of the People Form IV
(The people may stand or kneel.)

The Book of Common Prayer p. 388

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: ***Hear our prayer.***

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: ***Hear our prayer.***

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: ***Hear our prayer.***

Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: ***Hear our prayer.***

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: ***Hear our prayer.***

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: ***Hear our prayer.***

Confession of Sin

The Book of Common Prayer p. 360

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 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.**

The Peace

The Book of Common Prayer p. 360

(All stand.)

CELEBRANT: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Offertory

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

The Hymnal 680

Doxology v.7

All Creatures of God and King

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!

The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer B

The Book of Common Prayer p. 367

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 him thanks and praise.**

CELEBRANT: 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 the 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:

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel.

CELEBRANT: 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.

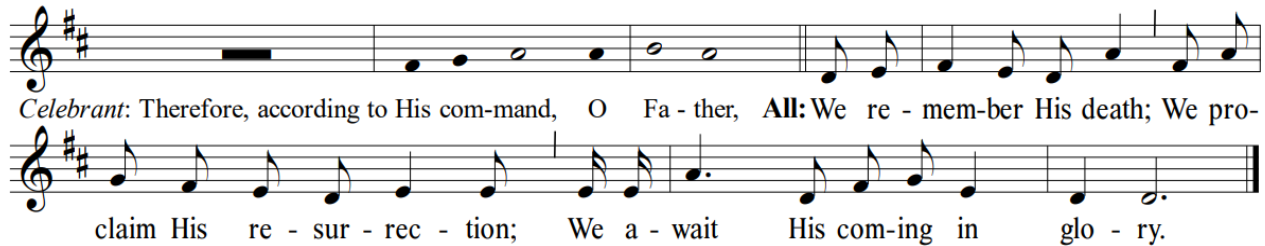
In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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."

Memorial Acclamation

S 138



Celebrant: Therefore, according to His com-mand, O Fa-ther, **All:** We re-mem-ber His death; We pro-claim His re-sur-rec-tion; We a-wait His com-ing in glo-ry.

CELEBRANT: 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 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 [_____ and] 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 Lord's Prayer *People and Celebrant*

The Book of Common Prayer p. 365

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 Breaking of the Bread

CELEBRANT and PEOPLE:

Silence

CELEBRANT: 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.

*We joyfully invite all baptized Christians to join us at the table of our Lord.
If you prefer to receive communion in the pews, please let the ushers know.
If you do not wish to receive communion, but instead wish to receive a blessing,
come forward and stand or kneel at the altar, crossing your arms over your chest.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:
The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. (Amen.)
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. (Amen.)*

Communion Music: *Humbly, I Adore Thee* *The Hymnal 314*
O Love, How Deep *The Hymnal 448*
O Love of God, How Strong and True *The Hymnal 455*

Post Communion Prayer *The Book of Common Prayer p. 366*

All: **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn: *At the Name of Jesus* *The Hymnal 435*

The Dismissal *The Book of Common Prayer p. 366*

DEACON: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, Jan 7

- 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 Mother Meg
Burning of the Greens at St. Mark's

Wednesday, Jan 10 Game Night at 6:00pm in the parish hall.

Thursday, Jan 11 Game Group at 10:00am

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. 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.

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

Reeves, Eric & Annie	12/31
Quebodeux, Bay & Keely	12/31
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.

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

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

1st Sunday after the Epiphany January 7, 2024	2nd Sunday after the Epiphany January 14, 2024
Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers
10:00 AM 1 st Reading and Psalm Genesis 1:1-5 Annie Reeves Psalm 29 Aidan Reeves	10:00 AM 1 st Reading and Psalm
EM 2 nd Readings, Prayers, Chalice Acts 19:1-7 Bill Smith Gospel: Mark 1:4-11 Rev. Margaret Light Rev. Meg Lovejoy	EM 2 nd Readings, Prayers, Chalice Gospel: Rev. Margaret Light Rev. Mark Wood
Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Jay Todd Cleaver Ushers: Anne Breitenstein Altar Guild: Bonnie Blanchard Anne Breitenstein Sherlon Jones Haley Morris Allison Maglothin	Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Joe Maglothin Ushers: Ray & Ruth Hancock Altar Guild: Ruth & Ray Hancock Bill Smith
Flower Guild: Poinsettias	Flower Guild: Ruth Hancock