

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

## 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

February 4, 2024



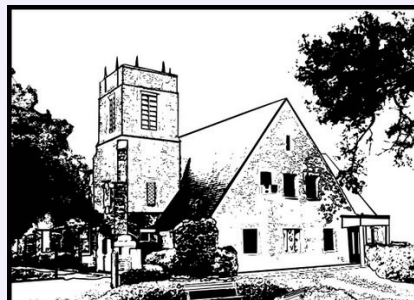
**Mark 1:29-39**

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  
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Morning Prayer 8:00am  
Rite II (Family Service) 10:00am  
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9:00-3:00pm  
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## Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

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** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* *The Hymnal 390*

**Opening Hymn**

## 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 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

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

Collect of the day

*(See Readings Insert)*

ALL: **Amen.**

**Anthem** *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing* *Choir*

*Please be seated for the Reading.*

### The First Lesson:

READER: A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

*(See Readings Insert)*

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm:**

READER: The psalm appointed for today is Psalm 147 (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)** *Thy Strong Word* The Hymnal **381**

*Please remain standing for the Gospel reading.*

**The Gospel: Mark 1:29-39** (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)** *Thy Strong Word* The Hymnal **381**

**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 the courage to follow the example of Saint Peter in boldly confess-  
ing faith in Jesus as Messiah and Savior. Knit us together in unity by your Spirit  
that we may stand firm upon the one foundation of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

**AMEN.**

**Confession of Sin**

**BCP, 360**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says .*

**Leader:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Leader 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.**

*Celebrant:* 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 COMMUNION**

**Offertory**

*We Will Extol You*

The Hymnal **404**

**Doxology (v.7)**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

v.7, **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.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, 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.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

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, Prayer B

*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**

*The Book of Common Prayer p. 365*

**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.**

Fraction Anthem

*Alleluia, Christ, Our Passover*

**S-154**

**(Alleluia.) Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. (Alleluia.)**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**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:**

*Shepherd of Souls  
God, My King, Thy Might Confessing  
Tell Out, My Soul*

The Hymnal **343**  
The Hymnal **414**  
The Hymnal **438**

**Post Communion Prayer**

*The Book of Common Prayer p. 366*

**All: Almighty and ever living 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**

**Sending Forth**

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

The Hymnal **408**

**The Dismissal**

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

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.



## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, Feb. 4

- 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

**Wednesday, Feb. 7** Art Class at 9:30am with Shirley Marshall

**Thursday, Feb. 8** Game Group at 10:00am with Teri Duos

### Sunday, Feb. 11

- 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

## SAVE THE DATE

**Tuesday, Feb 13** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 6:00pm

**Monday, Feb 19** St. Mark's Lenten Series at 6 p.m. (supper and speaker)

**Wednesday, Feb. 21** Lenten Book study 6:00pm.

**Sunday, Feb 25** St. Stephen's Lenten Interfaith Series at 7 p.m.

**Monday, Feb 26** St. Stephen's Lenten Interfaith Series at 7 p.m.

**Sunday, Mar 3** St. Mark's Evensong at 5 p.m.

## FEAST DAYS

**Friday, Feb 2** The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

**Wed. Feb. 14** Ash Wednesday

**Friday, Feb. 24** St. Matthias, 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.

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## 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, DianaDotson, Debbie Garlington, Olalia Stone, Kay Shelton, Cheryl Carnelly Radke, Bella Houston

## Happy Birthday

Rathburn, Mrs. Sue	2/01
Journey, Mr. James	2/01
Darby, Heather	2/14
Quebodeux, Bay	2/16
Weiss, Miss Lucy Alena	2/19
Gilbeaux, Mr. Steven	2/21
Hathaway, Bailey G.	2/21
Bromley, Chad	2/22
Rutledge, Mr. David	2/24
Bromley, Tammy	2/25

## Happy Anniversary

Robert & Brandi Works 2/09

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 from 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.

Father Mark, Deacon Margaret will be leading the Lenten book study. We will study the book of Jonah and Ruth. We will meet every Wednesday night, starting Feb. 21 through Lent at 6:00pm in the parish hall. Dinner will also be served.

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<b>Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers</b>
10:00 AM 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading and Psalm Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-12, 21c Anne Breitenstein	10:00 AM 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading and Psalm 2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 Ruth Hancock
EM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Readings, Prayers, Chalice 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Bill Smith  Gospel: Mark 1:29-39 Rev. Margaret Light Rev. Meg Lovejoy	EM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Readings, Prayers, Chalice 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Miles Hall, III  Gospel: Mark 9:2-9 Rev. Margaret Light Rev. Mark Wood
Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Bill Smith Ushers: Earl & Pat Geis Altar Guild: Bonnie Blanchard Anne Breitenstein Sherlon Jones Haley Morris Allison Maglothin	Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Arlene Howland Ushers: Anne Breitenstein Altar Guild: Ruth & Ray Hancock Bill Smith
Flower Guild: Pat Geis	Flower Guild: Shirley Marshall