

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
**7th Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Holy Eucharist**  
**February 23, 2025**

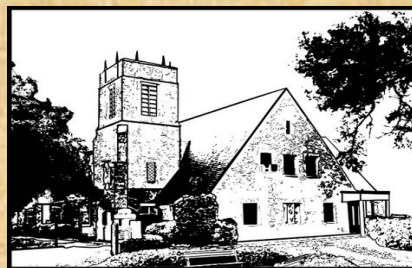


**To All who are weary and need rest;  
To All who are lowly and want friendship;  
To All who mourn and need comfort;  
To all who pray and all who do not, but ought;  
To All who sin and need a Savior, and to whomsoever  
will come...**

**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  
2025 VESTRY  
Senior Warden –  
Rebecca Rutledge  
Junior Warden – Ray Hancock  
Clerk - Bill Smith  
Arlene Howland  
Jay Todd Cleaver  
Joe Maglothin  
Anne Breitenstein  
Organist/Choir Director–  
Don Ball, Jr.  
Parish Administrator  
Kelly Guillot**



**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](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com).

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**[stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com)  
Liturgy of the Word 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:  
Contact the Church office  
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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  
**Preacher:** The Rev. Meg Lovejoy

**Hymn** *Be Thou My Vision* *The Hymnal* 488

## 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.

### *Glory to God*

**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  
**ALL: Amen.**

*(See Readings Insert)*

*Please be seated.*

**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 the Psalm 37 (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 and the Gospel reading.*

**Sequence Hymn (Vv.1,2)** *Jesu, Jesu* *The Hymnal 602*

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

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

**The Gospel: Luke 6:27-38** (See Readings Insert)

*After the Gospel*

DEACON: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn (Vv.3,4)** *Jesu, Jesu* *The Hymnal 602*

**The Sermon**

Following the Gospel, 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who 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**

*(See Readings Insert)*

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Book of Common Prayer p. 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*

*God is Love; Let Heaven Adore Him*

*The Hymnal 379*

Doxology

*Praise God for Whom All Blessings Flow*

V. 3, 380

*Praise God for Whom All Blessings Flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

**The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer C**

*The Book of Common Prayer p. 369*

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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

PEOPLE: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

CELEBRANT: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our is land home.

PEOPLE: **By your will they were created and have their being.**

CELEBRANT: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

PEOPLE: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

CELEBRANT: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

PEOPLE: **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

CELEBRANT: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE:

**Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

**S-129**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.


Hosanna in the highest.

CELEBRANT: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving.



We cel-e-brate His death and res-ur-rec-tion, as we a-wait the day of His com-ing

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *(Please say it loudly)* **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

**The Lord's Prayer**  
***People and Celebrant***

*The Book of Common Prayer p. 364*

**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

Fraction Anthem:



(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

**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*  
*Let Us Break Bread Together*  
*God is Love, And Where True Love Is*

*The Hymnal 314*  
*The Hymnal 325*  
*The Hymnal 577*

**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 Hymn:

*All Who Love and Serve Your City*

*The Hymnal 571*

**The Dismissal**

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

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Sunday, Feb. 23** 7th Sunday after the Epiphany  
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word, with Deacon Margaret Light  
 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice  
 9:15 a.m. Discussion on the different Eucharist Prayers & Morning Prayer  
 10:00 a.m.. Holy Eucharist with Mother Meg

**Wednesday, Feb. 12** Art Class 9:30am with Shirley Marshall  
**Thursday, Feb. 13** Game Group at 10:00am with Teri Duos

**Sunday, March 2** The Last Sunday after the Epiphany  
 8:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word, with Deacon Margaret Light  
 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice  
 9:15 a.m. Discussion on the different Eucharist Prayers & Morning Prayer  
 10:00 a.m.. Holy Eucharist with Mother Meg

### Save the Date

**March 1** Community Trash off  
**March 4** Strove Tuesday Supper at 6:00pm in the parish hall.  
**March 5** Ash Wednesday service 6:00pm

### Feast Days

**February 25** St. Matthias

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## Happy Birthday

Rathburn, Sue	2/01
Darby, Heather	2/14
Quebodeux, Bay	2/16
Weiss, Miss Lucy Alena	2/19
Gilbeaux, Mr. Steven	2/21
Gilbeaux, Bailey	2/21
Bromley, Chad	2/22
Rutledge, Mr. David	2/24
Bromley, Tammy	2/25
Morris, Haley	3/01

## Happy Anniversary

Robert & Brandi Works 2/09

On Sunday June 15, Bishop Andy Doyle will visit St. Paul. If you would like to be baptized or confirmed, please contact the office at [Stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com](mailto:Stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com) Or 409-883-2969.

**Camp Allen Rally Day** – Sunday, February 23 Service Announcement Text In 1921 with a vision from Bishop Quin, Camp Allen was established as the camp of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. And over this past century, Camp Allen has continued to be a sacred and transformative place for the people of our Diocese. We have seen time and time again how the ministries of Camp Allen, especially summer camp, have transformed lives in Christ and parishes. Camp Allen is OUR camp, and we would love for you and your children to have the chance to experience it. Camp Allen's Summer Camp program offers one week sessions at its beautiful property in Navasota for ages 8 to 16. With spiritual programming led by clergy and lay persons from the Diocese of Texas and a passionate staff of college-aged students, each session is full of faith formation, incredible mentors, and a whole lot of fun! Camps are already filling, so register this month on the camp's website to ensure your child's spot. There are partial scholarships available as we want to make sure every child has the opportunity to experience camp.

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Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers
10:00 AM 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading and Psalm Genesis 45:3-11, 15 Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42 Donna Hall	10:00 AM 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading and Psalm Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 Anne Breitenstein
EM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Readings, Prayers, Chalice 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 Arlene Howland  Gospel: Luke 6:27-38 Deacon Margaret Light Rev. Mark Wood	EM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Readings, Prayers, Chalice 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Bill Smith  Gospel: Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a) Deacon Margaret Light Rev. Meg Lovejoy
Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Arlene Howland Ushers: Earl & Pat Geis Altar Guild: Earl & Pat Geis Delores Sterling Peggy Delafosse	Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Jay Todd Cleaver Anne Breitenstein Ushers: Anne Breitenstein Altar Guild: Becky Rutledge Eric & Annie Reeves
Flower Guild: Pat Geis	Flower Guild: Peggy Delafosse

## Outreach

Our Loose Plate Offering will be given today for children of St. Paul's to go to Camp Allen Summer Camp.