



Welcome to St. Paul's!

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 19, 2025

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The feast of the Epiphany directed our attention to the ways in which Christ is manifest in the Gospels, and by extension, how he is manifest in our lives. The theme of showing forth is continued in the Sundays after the Epiphany.

Today's Gospel carries the third of the three classical themes of Epiphany: Jesus' first miracle, changing water into wine at the marriage feast in Cana of Galilee. The Old Testament used the marriage relationship and the marriage feast as symbols or archetypes of God's relationship to the chosen people and of the ultimate consummation of that relationship in the establishment of the Kingdom.

Today's passage from Isaiah is based on that image. At the marriage feast, Jesus produced around 150 gallons of wine (God is lavish, even profligate, in giving grace) and it is much better wine than the host at the dinner had been serving (God's grace far surpasses what we can do for ourselves).

God's gifts of grace to us are also the focus of today's reading from 1 Corinthians. This reading is the first in a series from this Epistle exploring the kinds of gifts we received when we were baptized by water and the Holy Spirit, and the results of God's gifts in our lives. We are a people transformed by our relationship to God and given the grace and illumination of the Holy Spirit. The marriage images in the first and third readings describe the intimate and total nature of God's relationship to us which results of the gift of the Holy Spirit given us in baptism.

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1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
 Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Words: Chales Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870);
 ham. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II
Please observe silence as we prepare ourselves for worship.

Prelude:

Knowing You

Graham Kendrick
Arr. Mark Hayes

Announcements / Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

A Prayer for the Transition and Search Ministry

Tom Andrews

Almighty God, you know the needs of your Church in every place: look graciously upon us, the people of St. Paul's, and grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new Rector for our parish.

Give us discernment, wisdom, and confidence in your timing.

Guide the members of our Transition and Search Committee, as they labor to be faithful in seeking your will.

We pray for the life of our parish, that we may continue to be strengthened in our mission to be Jesus Christ's heart, hands and feet to our neighbors no matter where they are on their journey of faith.

Bless us with mutual trust and respect, courage, and foresight as you shepherd our parish through this journey.

Grace us with continuous direction and inspire us toward genuine self-reflection.

Come Holy Spirit. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

At the sound of the bell, all stand as they are able for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.

Proclamation Hymn (Please see page 2)

Hymnal 7

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

The Celebrant says

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Then all join in saying the Collect for Purity

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.

All Standing

Song of Praise (Please see page 4 & 5)

Hymnal 490

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light (vs. 1)

(vs.1)

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Collect for the Second Sunday after Epiphany

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

People *Amen.*

Old Testament

Isaiah 62:1-5

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 36:5-10

Dixit injustus

5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
 your justice like the great deep; *
 you save both man and beast, O LORD.

7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
 your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
 you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life, *
 and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
 and your favor to those who are true of heart.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

A reading from Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

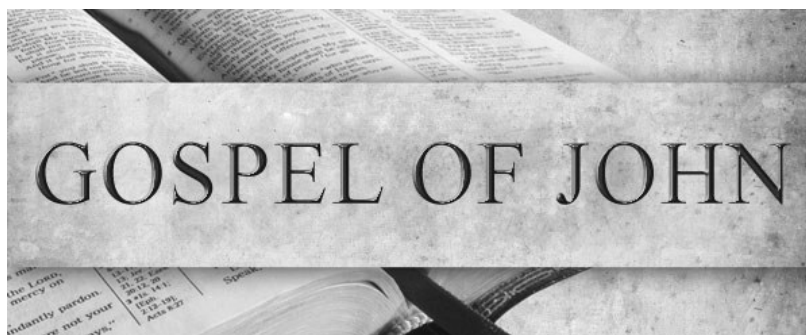
The people stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

(Please see page 8)

Hymnal 126

The People Who in Darkness Walked



1 The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious light;
 2 To hail thy ris - ing, Sun of life, the ga - thering na - tions come,
 3 To us the prom - ised Child is born, to us the Son is given;
 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for ev - er - more a - dored,
 5 His power in - creas - ing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;

1 on them broke forth the heaven - ly dawn who dwelt in death and night.
 2 joy - ous as when the reap - ers bear their har - vest trea - sures home.
 3 him shall the tribes of earth o - bey, and all the hosts of heaven.
 4 the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - lor, the might - y God and Lord.
 5 jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low.

Words: John Morison (1749-1798), alt.; para. of Isaiah 9:2-7
 Music: *Dundee*, melody *The CL Psalms of David*, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592?-1635?). alt.

Holy Gospel

John 2:1-11

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Mark Delcuze

The people stand as they are able.

*Celebrant and People together say,
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 Form I

Leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
"Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, Santosh, and for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Centreville, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially for those on our parish prayer list, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for Thelma Emerson.

Lord, have mercy.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray for Byron Luna and Nancy Wiley who are celebrating their birthdays this week.

Silence

(The People may add their own thanksgivings)

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St Paul and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Celebrant

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who created all things by your eternal Word. Hear the prayers we offer this day and breathe upon us with your Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Bread of Heaven

Peter Mathews

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand as they are able and sing the Doxology while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and says

Celebrant God 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 our thanks and praise.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

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

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

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 eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

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:





Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are
 full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in__ the high - est. Bless-ed is__ the one who comes
 in the name of the Lord._ Ho-san - na in__the high - est._ Ho-san - na in__ the high-est.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all 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 celebrate Christ's death and resurrection
 as we await the day of his coming.*

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, 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 Savior.

Sanctify us also, and 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.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; 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. Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, 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. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:
*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.*

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

WLP 865

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.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music

Post-communion Prayer

*God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

Blessing

Celebrant

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn (Please see page 16)

Hymnal 324

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People *Thanks be to God*

Postlude

Präludium (from 1st Partita)

*J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)*





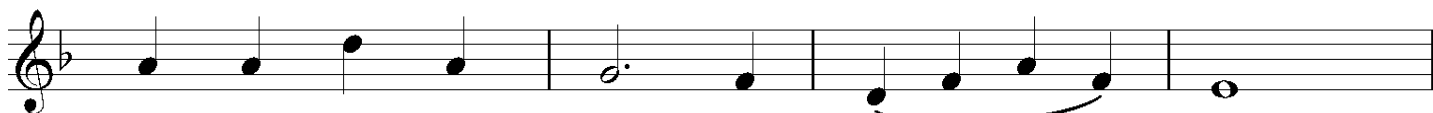
1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
 he will give to all the faith - ful
 that the powers of hell may va - nish
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"



our full hom - age to de - mand.
 his own self for heaven - ly food.
 as the dark - ness clears a way.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885) Music: Picardy, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906

ST. PAUL'S PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 19, 2025

Prayer List

Please call the parish office to place a person on the prayer list, they will be on the list for four weeks. *We will bold the names of the people who are coming off the list after this week so you can call if you want them to stay on.*

Please keep the following members and friends of St. Paul's in your prayers:

Thomas Miller	Caleb Schneck	Lynn Anstatt	Jennifer Hutcherson
Sally Clark	Richards Tillman	Dot Abbott	Audra Ashley
Ben Heilman	Iris Hager	Phil Kavasili	Klaus Liebig
Susan Mesnard	Kathryn Marchi	Abbey Rapoport	Karen Endley
Charley Johnson	Pete Caesar	Lisa Simon	Whitney Wealing
Lea Brooks	Wyatt Ewing	Kaylene Kovach	Carolyn Lee Crouse
Elaine Catchings	Trixie Seaton	Brian Feeley	Thelma Emerson
Melissa Quimper	John Stanger	Jeff Little	Jacob Caravacca
Patti C. D.	Jim Leith	Bryan Booberg	Cynthia Klingler Isaacson
Rev. Elizabeth Felicetti	Sarah Thornhill	Caleb Brown	Charlie Cawley
Paul Fleetwood	Laura Fisher	Liz Glass	JLT
Ted Wooten	Phil Meyers	Eleanor Strietman	Thomas DiLullo
The Rev. Peggy Samuels	Lynn Johnson	June Wolff	Mike Peterson
David Slaughter	Mark Onstaugh	Howard Beulah	Will and Jessica Oesterling
The Rev. Frank Crumbaugh	The Most Rev. Michael Curry	Carla	Jace

This Week at St. Paul's

Wednesday: Holy Eucharist at 11:00am, followed by Healing Prayer and Meditation. Handbell Choir practices at 5:15pm. The Choir rehearses at 7:00pm.

Mid-week Service:

Please join us on Wednesdays at 11:00am for an informal Eucharist service. You are invited to stay for meditation and healing prayer. We will honor Vincent of Saragossa.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Please sign up to host Coffee Hour. There is a sign up sheet in Donaldson Hall. If you have any questions please see Kathy Anderson or Gail Brown. We need volunteers. If no one volunteers than we will not have coffee hour that Sunday.

Haven Ministries Dinner

The February - April 2025 schedule for providing dinners for the Haven Ministries Shelter is now posted on the bulletin board and in Donaldson Hall. St. Paul's is scheduled for Feb 10 and 11, March 14 and 15, and April 14 and 15. Please check the signup sheets to see when you could help. When providing a dinner, it can be meat and vegetables, or a main dish casserole and salad, and bread. Dessert is optional. Drop off is at 6:30 pm at Kent Island Methodist Church. I will let you know how many

guests they are serving closer to the date. Please contact me with any questions at barbackermann@gmail.com or 443-797-4569. Thank you! Barb

Next Week Readings:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21
Psalm 19

Attendance:

This week's attendance was; 78, 55 at the 10:00am service, 12 viewed online, 11 at the Wednesday service.



Saint Vincent of Saragossa

Vincent of Saragossa (d. 304), deacon and martyr. Vincent served as deacon under Bishop Valerius of Saragossa and was martyred under Emperor Diocletian. According to tradition, as punishment for refusing to perform pagan sacrifice, Vincent was imprisoned without food, placed on the rack, and finally roasted on a gridiron. He is the patron saint of Lisbon.

Excerpt from *The Golden Legend*

Vincent was noble of lineage, but he was more noble by faith and religion, and was deacon to St. Valerian bishop. ... And by the commandment of Dacian the provost, Vincent and Valerian were drawn to Valence and there cast in prison. ... Then Dacian, being wroth, commanded that the bishop should be put in exile, and Vincent as a man presumptuous and despitous should be put to be tormented in the place named Eculeus. ... Vincent said to him, "O unhappy man, how weenest thou to anger me? The more grievously that thou torment me, so much more pity shall God have on me." ...

And when Dacian heard say that he was dead, he was much sorrowful, and said that in that wise he was also vanquished, "But [since] I might not overcome him living I shall punish him dead, and if I may not have victory I shall be fulfilled of the pain." Then the body of St. Vincent was cast in a field for to be devoured of the beasts and fowls, by the commandment of Dacian, but it was kept by angels from touching of any beasts, and after came a raven which drove away all other birds and fowls, greater than he was, and chased away also a wolf with his bill and beak, and then turned his head towards the body as he that marveled of the keeping of the angels. And when Dacian heard this thing, "I [fear]," said he, "that I may not surmount him when he is dead." Then commanded he that he should be cast into the sea with a mill stone bound to his neck, to the end that he that might not be destroyed upon the earth of beasts, should be devoured in the sea of [whales] and great fishes. Then the mariners that led the body in to the sea, cast it therein, but the body was sooner arrived [ashore] than the mariners were, and was found of a lady and of some others by the revelation of Jesus Christ, and was honorably buried of them.

<https://projects.mcah.columbia.edu/treasuresofheaven/saints/Vincent.php>



Join the Choir

As your Music Director and leader of the Choir here at St. Paul's. I am inviting any member of the congregation to join our choir. We need male and female voices. Reading music is preferred but not required, the joy of singing is.

We rehearse on Wednesdays at 7:00pm and briefly at 9:00am on Sundays. Please consider becoming a member. Contact me at 443-988-8704 or sscaggiari@verizon.net.

Thank you,
Stef Scaggiari



ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Please Mark Your Calendar

Annual Meeting

January 26, 2025

following the 10:00am service

Pot Luck Brunch to Follow

A-M please bring savory

N-Z please bring sweet

Vestry Candidates

Debra Donnelly Barton, David Larrabee, Tad Stewart

Vestry Meeting

There will be a brief Vestry meeting following the Annual Meeting on January 26, 2025 in the Harper Room.

The purpose of the meeting is to swear in the new vestry members and to elect the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer and Registrar.



Debra Donnelly-Barton

Debra is a life-long Episcopalian starting out in the Diocese of Alaska, worshipping in a little log church. She moved to Maryland in 1978 where she joined the Diocese of Maryland. She worked for the Diocese for a while then directly for the Bishop of Maryland as chaplain to the Commission on Ministry.

Debra began worshipping at St. Paul's in June 2021. She has been teaching the Advent and Lenten programs as well as occasionally preaching.

Debra is a seminary trained Spiritual Director with 30 years of experience. She has studied at Stillpoint, Sewanee, University of the South and General Theological Seminary in New York.

Her MA in Theology is from the EI, St. Mary's Seminary and University. She is a DM in candidate in Creative Writing and Public Theology.

'This church community has embraced me and nurtured my ministries, as well as my soul, I am so grateful to be here and honored to be asked to serve as a vestry member.'

-Debra



David Larrabee

David is a lifelong Christian, being raised in a small Baptist Church in Penn's Neck, New Jersey. David and Carolyn came to St. Paul's from All Angels Episcopal Church in New York City. The spiritual disciplines of: prayer, bible study, meditation, and service are an integral part of his lifestyle. Currently David is a retired Physicist (PhD Cornell, 1980) who has worked at a National Laboratory, in Industry, and spent 20 years teaching physics at East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania. In addition he has earned a Master's in Business Administration, as well as a Masters in Systematic Theology from Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

David serves as a board member of Sustainable Jersey City and has taught in their sustainability certificate program. David is a fellow of the American Scientific Affiliation, a Christian organization that brings science and religion in dialog. He also serves as the president of the Creation Care Affiliation of the American Scientific Affiliation and often presents at their annual meeting.

At St. Paul's David sings in the choir, and you might have heard him preach in the pulpit. He represents St. Paul's on the Diocese of Easton Creation Care Committee.

He is married to Carolyn Carney. David and Carolyn take short hikes around the area with their two dogs and enjoy the beauty of the Eastern Shore.



Tad Stewart

I would be honored to serve as a member of the vestry and do whatever I can to help with the issues facing St. Paul's. My wife, Amy, and I recently moved to Centreville, and I feel blessed to have found St. Paul's. I have appreciated the warm welcoming we received; and I have just recently begun to serve as an usher. I am a lifelong Episcopalian, as were my parents and grandparents. I grew up on Long Island, N.Y., where my family has roots (including New York City) going back generations.

Before moving to Centreville, we lived in Washington, D.C., for 32 years. We have two boys, ages 32 and 30, both of whom live and work in Washington. I was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Chevy Chase, MD, and served as an usher and was involved in various volunteer projects. As a family, we

would visit the Eastern Shore with the boys growing up, and I've always wanted to live here someday. It's a wonderful, interesting and historic area.

For most of my career I worked as a journalist – writer, editor and executive editor – of various publications – including Dow Jones in New York, The Washington Post, as an editor focusing on international news; and Thompson Publishing Group, which publishes legal publications. After almost 30 years as a journalist, I segued into real estate and have worked for TTR Sotheby's International Realty in residential real estate for a number of years.

I have a BA from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in journalism and an MA from Columbia University in international affairs. Before UNC, I graduated from St. Paul's School in Concord, N.H., where I was head usher in the school's Episcopal chapel and an acolyte.

The vestry will be facing many challenges over the next several years, especially the search for a new rector, as well as addressing the survey results. (I know the search process well; I served on the board of trustees of a private school in Washington, D.C., and was chair of the search committee when the head of school announced her pending retirement.)

I am honored to be considered as a member of the vestry. I'm mindful of the St. Paul's School "school prayer" that has guided its students and graduates for nearly a century.

"Grant, O Lord, that in all the joys of life we may never forget to be kind. Help us to be unselfish in friendship, thoughtful of those less happy than ourselves, and eager to bear the burdens of others, through Jesus Christ our savior. Amen."

May All Voices Be Heard

St. Paul's Transition and Search Committee

Our parish is beginning a new journey of faith and hope. In the coming months, we will engage our St. Paul's community in Holy Conversations and prayers, inspired by Christ and by one another, as we seek a new Rector.

This effort must truly "hear all the voices" of St. Paul's. Therefore, before each Sunday Service, a parish member – from the Vestry, the Search Committee, or the congregation-at-large – will offer a short prayer or reflection about our parish transition. These messages will be forward looking and personal, full of joy, and hope for our community of faith.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER: Tom Andrews





Dear Diocesan Family,

Please join the Bishop in prayer for our brothers and sisters in California affected by the fires in Los Angeles. The images of the unimaginable destruction and the faces of those who have lost everything remain fresh in our minds as the news coverage continues. We pray especially for those whose lives have been lost, and their families left behind to grieve. We pray also for all first responders, including the firefighters still working to control multiple fires in the region as the winds continue.

Considering the devastation and destruction that we are witnessing, we give thanks for the safety of our homes and loved ones. In the spirit of our many blessings, we encourage anyone interested in contributing to relief efforts to make a donation to [Episcopal Relief and Development \(ER&D\)](#).

"Episcopal Relief & Development is working with local diocesan partners to assess the needs of evacuees and provide support in the coming days. As the scope of the disaster continues to unfold, we need your help. Please make an urgent gift to our [Wildfire Response Fund](#) now."

support.episcopalrelief.org/wildfire-2025?sn-um=1&ID=WS25-DRR_250109DPALW0100&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=fy25lawildfire&utm_source=WS25-DRR_250109DPALW0100

[This article](#) released today in the Church Times highlights specifically the impact of the fires on the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles and its member churches along with ways the community is rallying around prayer and community support. Two of the Episcopal churches mentioned in the article, whose churches were destroyed, have set up pages for relief donations directly:

[St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Altadena](#)

[St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in the Palisades](#).

If you are not comfortable making your donation online using the above links, you may mail or deliver your contribution (made out to the Diocese of Easton), to Bray House at 314 North Street, Easton, MD 21601, and please include in the memo line **Bishop's Disaster Relief**. The diocese will remit your donation together with the name of your parish or personal names to ER&D. All donations will be directly deposited to the Episcopal Relief and Development office.

We continue to pray for the victims, first responders, and relief workers in the path of the fires that have affected Los Angeles.

With a grateful heart,
+Bishop San and Bray House Staff

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, *Bishop*
 Bob North, *Senior Warden*
 Charlie Ackermann, *Jr. Warden*
 Diane Freestate, *Treasurer*
 Stefan Scaggiari, *Director of Music*
 Nancy Cook, *Bell Choir Director*
 Michele Miller, *Parish Administrator/Assistant Treasurer*
 Elsie Ozinga, *Registrar*
 Laura Bittinger, *Parish Nurse*
 Matt Ward, *Production Manager*
 Chris Pupke, *Lay Reader Director*
 Dan Rugg, *Head Usher and Acolyte Director*
 Coleman Sellers, *Sexton*

*The flowers on the altar are
 given to the Glory of God
 and in thanksgiving for
 Thelma Emerson*

The Vestry

'25 Laura Bittinger
 Julia Eaton
 Kim Hazuda
 '26 Wendy Emerson
 Judy Webster
 Bob Ozinga
 '27 Peggy Andrews
 Patricia Jamison
 Sherri Ward



*The mission of St. Paul's
 Parish, Centreville, is to be
 a strong and caring commu-
 nity of faith, rooted in
 Christ, welcoming, serving,
 and loving all.*

<i>Ministry</i>	<i>1/19 10:00am</i>	<i>1/26 10:00am</i>
<i>Lector-Lessons</i>	Carolyn Carney	Mark Freestate
<i>Lector - Prayers</i>	Jack Shaum	Elsie Ozinga
<i>LEM</i>	Carolyn Carney	Tom Andrews
<i>LEM</i>	Doug Kaufmann	Chris Pupke
<i>Ushers</i>	Bob North Bill Clark David Cooper	Steve Parkhurst Tad Stewart Sally Cooper
<i>Acolytes</i>		
<i>Server</i>	Dan Rugg	Tom Andrews
<i>Crucifer</i>	Doug Kaufmann	Doug Kaufmann
<i>Acolyte</i>		
<i>Vestry Rep</i>	Patricia Jamison	Laura Bittinger
<i>Counters</i>	Barb Ackermann	Bob Ozinga
<i>Tuesdays</i>	Gail Brown	Michele Miller
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Laura Kaufmann Haley Melton Barb Ackermann	Jessica Sellers Penny Lins Wendy Emerson

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