St. Paul's Episcopal Church



The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany February 13, 2022 Welcome! Whatever your background and however you have come to be here, we are glad you are. It is our prayer that you will encounter God's peace this morning. If you're new to our community, or if you have questions or other needs, please ask. There's no such thing as a stupid question. We've all been "new" at some point.

About Our Worship: As Christians in the Episcopal (*episcopal=church with bishops*) tradition, our worship is rooted in Holy Scripture and the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), which—for centuries—has united Christians all over the world in a common language of prayer and worship. The hope of finding ourselves in the midst of this ancient tradition is that we might both learn from those who have come before and add our own voices to the heavenly chorus. Our liturgy (the work of the people in worship) helps us when our words fail, ensures that we hear a thorough account of God's Word, and invites us to add our own voices and experience to God's story. You will find some people kneeling, bowing, and making the sign of the cross as expressions of devotion and blessing. This is neither requisite nor uniform, and we invite you to participate as you feel comfortable.

Worshipping with Children: We are delighted to have children in our midst no matter how squiggly they may be. Worship bulletins for children are located on the table in the rear lobby. Activity bags and a small library of books can be found right outside of the left door next to the piano. In order to reduce cross-contamination, each household has a designated bag. If you are new, we invite you to pick up a bag with a "New Friend" tag.

Restrooms: Restrooms are located at the end of the hallway behind the stairs. Exit through the front or rear doors and make a right at the double doors.

As an act of care for yourself and all those gathered, please maintain appropriate physical distance at all times.

Masks: Masks must be worn over mouth and nose by all those above the age of two.

EPIPHANY

Epiphany ("manifestation" or "revelation") is the third season of the church year and lasts until Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Epiphany marks the manifestation of Jesus to the Gentiles (represented by the magi) and reminds us that while Jesus was a Jew and spoke largely to Jewish crowds during his life on Earth, he came to bring peace and restoration to all people. If Christmas is about the birth of Jesus, then Epiphany is about the spread of the good news to the wider world. During this season we focus our lives on a world transformed by God's incarnational presence in Jesus. The liturgical color is green, representing the green things of God's earth and referring to growth of the spirit of God within us in response to His coming at Christmas.

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:00

+=Please stand as able

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

+Opening Greeting	BCP 323
Collect for Purity	BCP 323
Hymn of Praise: The Gloria	BCP 324

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

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WE RESPOND TO GOD

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The Peace	

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

+Offertory & Doxology

All things come of thee O Lord:

and of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer II	BCP 340
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
Post-Communion Prayer	BCP 339
+The Blessing	

WE GO IN THE STRENGTH OF GOD

+The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the light of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

BCP=Book of Common Prayer; Hymnal=Hymnal 1982; PSB=Piney Song Book		
	+=You are invited to stand.	
PRELUDE	My Hope is Built on Nothing Less	Held
+OPENING HYMN	My Hope is Built on Nothing Less	PSB 75

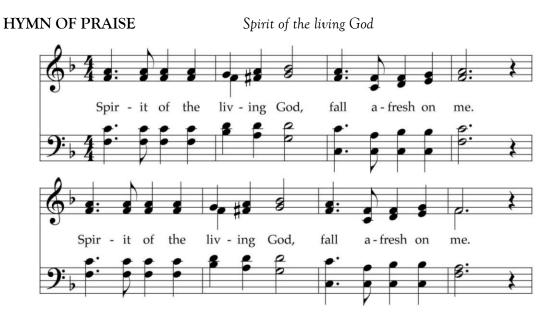
CALL TO WORSHIP

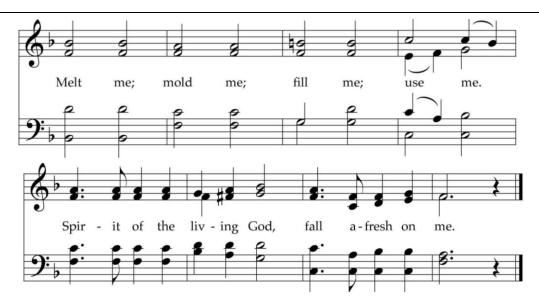
Officiant	Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People	Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PURITY

Officiant Let us pray.

All 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.





WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

God of the hungry, make us hunger and thirst for the right, till our thirst for justice has been satisfied and hunger has gone from the earth. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MOMENT

THE OLD TESTAMENT Jeremia

Jeremiah 17:5-10

These verses echo the Jewish tradition of wisdom teaching (such as the book of Proverbs), which guided people in leading a rewarding life. The verses are very similar to Psalm 1 and may have influenced its composition.

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals

and make mere flesh their strength,

whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,

and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 1

This psalm, with its call to a righteous life based on knowledge of the "law of the Lord," the Torah, serves as a fitting introduction to all the Psalms. It springs from the Wisdom tradition, which emphasized how to live in both material and spiritual prosperity.

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, * nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

² Their delight is in the law of the HOLY ONE, * and they meditate on that law day and night.

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper.

⁴ It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away. ⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, * nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶ For the HOLY ONE knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is doomed.

+THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 6:17-26

Today's gospel reading is the first part of Luke's Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20-49). It parallels much of the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation."Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry."Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

DeaconThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Deacon Steve Seely

WE RESPOND TO GOD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

The Nicene Creed, the Church's central statement of faith, emerged out of the first four councils of the Church in the 4th century in response to controversies about Jesus' divinity. The Latin root of the phrase "we believe" (credo) means to "give one's heart." The creed is our way of affirming to the foundation to which we orient our hearts and lives. The term "apostolic" refers to the historic succession of the apostles (original leaders of the early church) through our bishops. The term "catholic" refers to the universal church throughout the world.

Celebrant Let us affirm our faith in the One, holy, and living God:

All

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

Celebrant Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor

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.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Diocesan Commission on Ministry and in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Absalom Jones, the first black priest in the Episcopal Church.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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. We pray for those on our prayer list: Gene, Tony, Donna, Pete, Emily, Deanna, Colleen, Wendy, Sally, Donna, Diane, Harold, Jim, Jack, Joyce, Barbara, Ed, Rodgers, Margaret, Dick, Tom, Irene, Barbara, Nancy, Jake, Noah, Joseph, Gabby, Eric, James, Pat, and Leo. We give thanks for the birth of Sullivan Moon Fenton, grandson of Paul and Mary Fenton. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Please add your intercessions, silently or aloud. The Celebrant will add a concluding prayer.

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION (Please kneel)

- Deacon The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Savior Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Therefore, let us confess our sins unto our merciful God. Please allow a moment of silence for reflection.
- All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.
- *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

CelebrantThe Peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

THE OFFERTORY

Meditation

+THE DOXOLOGY

Mary Luti

Peeters

Praise God, the source of breath and birth, who formed us from the dust of earth, and made us kin in unity to love and set each other free.

WE ARE STRENGTHENED FOR THE JOURNEY

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C

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 God thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler 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: 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 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.

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 only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open 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:

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.

And so, Loving God, 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, gave thanks, 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 celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our holy and righteous 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.

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. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:
People Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As an act of adoration, a moment of reverent silence is kept as the bread is broken. This symbolizes the breaking of Jesus' own body.

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Upon the presentation of the consecrated elements,

Celebrant Behold who you are. People May we become what we receive.

THE COMMUNION

This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been here long; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is Christ who bids you come. It is Christ who meets you here. You need not be an Episcopalian to feast here. In lieu of receiving communion, you may cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN Blessed Assurance

PSB 10

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

PeopleGod of tender care, in this eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for
all people. May we show your love in our lives and know its fulfilment in
your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MILESTONE BLESSINGS

PRAYER FOR A BIRTHDAY

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants *she/he/they* begin another year. Grant that *she/he/they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his/her/their* trust in your goodness all the days of *his/her/their* life(ves); through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR AN ANNIVERSARY

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these

your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

WE GO IN THE STRENGTH OF GOD

THE BLESSING

THE CL	OSING HYMN	I Want Jesus to Walk with Me	PSB 55
THE DIS Deacon People		the light of Christ. 1.	
POSTLU	JDE	Allegro	Peeters

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Parishioners, Family, and Friends: Gene Fornadley, Tony Hackley, Donna Maki, Pete Shanklin; for heavy burdened nurses: Emily Dorosz, Deanna Gerhart, Colleen Meadows, Wendy VanHoozier; Sally Barley, Donna Boswell, Diane Coon, Harold Edwards, Jim Fenton, Jack & Joyce Ferguson, Barbara Huiras, Ed Jaffe, Rodgers Johnson, Margaret & Dick Leman, Tom May, Irene Savoy, Barbara T., Nancy J., Jake J., Noah S., Joseph D., Gabby D., Eric H., James W., Pat R., Leo S.

Armed Forces: Cameron Chase, Zach Kettner, Malachi Lakey, Megan Laurine, Casey Mills, Nate Ochsner, Garrett Roberson, Jr., Connor Runser

First Responders: Matt Backman, Liz Caswell, Chris Cox, Jimmy Cox, James Laurine, Kenny Levy, Jason Lyon, Pat Lyon, Alvaro Paz Hicho, Luke Smith

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Diocesan Commission on Ministry; Pray in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Absalom Jones (February 13)

Dearly Departed: James Williams, husband of Cheryl Williams, father of Ashley Fortney & Amber Williams, grandfather of Nolyn Hudler; Paul Kirby, friend of Sandie Branan

Thanksgivings: for the birth of Sullivan Moon Fenton, grandson of Paul and Mary Fenton

Community and World: For our country, especially the healthcare professionals, the unemployed, grocery store and transportation employees, firefighters, EMTs, police, teachers, and those suffering from the Covid-19 virus, and the people of Afghanistan and Haiti.

In order to keep the list current and to facilitate the intentionality with which we pray, names remain on the prayer list for one month (but can be renewed at any time). To sumbit a prayer request: email Joyce Scofield: <u>rjscofield@comcast.net</u> or Mother Maria: <u>mkane@stpaulswaldorf.org</u>

THIS WEEK

Questions for Reflection

One commentator on Luke 6:17–26 writes, "'Blessed' (makarios) does not simply describe a state of happiness or bliss. Rather, it refers in a theological sense to one's standing before God (Deut. 33:29; Pss. 1:1; 40:4)." As you reflect on the blessings and woes in Luke's Gospel and on the use of the word "happy" in Psalm 1:1 and "blessed" in Jeremiah 17:7, how does this meaning of "blessed" or "happy" contrast with contemporary uses of this word, even by some preachers? What is one change you can make in your own life before God that would bring you into closer accord with Jesus' understanding of blessedness?

Household Prayer: Morning

Gracious God, thank you for the gift of this new day. Guide my steps as I face choices to care for the earth or not, to show compassion toward others or not, to care for myself or not, to be true to Christ or not. May each of my choices draw me closer to you. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Tonight I come home to you in prayer, my God. Thank you for guiding me through this day, even when I was not conscious of it. Now I give this day back to you, entrusting all that I did and all that I left undone to your compassionate care. May I rest in peace. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS

The sign-up sheet and forms for May – November are available in the Welcome Center. The cost is \$40. Please use the sign-up sheet and complete the form in the binder specifically for that date. Drop off completed form and payment to the office. You may also pay using Realm. Please write on the form if this is your preferred payment method. Thank you.

WEEKEND BACKPACKS

For the month of February, we are collecting small jars of peanut butter. Thank you!

MOTHER MARIA AWAY

Mother Maria will be out of town this week. For pastoral emergencies, call the church during the day (301) 645-5000 or The Rev. Deacon Susan Fritz after 2:00 p.m. (301) 643-4233.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is March 2. There will be two services at 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please join us as we begin a season of reflection and renewal.

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 13, Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 16

8:00 p.m. AA

Sunday, February 20, Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

MINISTERS IN WORSHIP		
	February 13, 8:00	February 13, 10:15
Acolyte		Ife Frierson
Prayers of the People	Wendy VanHoozier	Debbie Brown
Reader	Fred Ritter	Cami Caudill
Ushers	Freddie Jewell	Anita Wilson
	Joyce Scofield	Michelle Wilson
Live Stream	Sewell Truitte	
Altar Guild	Vicky Mumford, Jeannie Paz Hicho	
Counters	Charlie Gaumond, Phil Hamilton, Mike Fritz	
	February 20, 8:00	February 20, 10:15
Acolyte		Delana Bryant
Prayers of the People	Fern Brown	Sewell Truitte
Reader	Jeannie Paz Hicho	Karen Hunter
Ushers	Phil & Judy Hamilton	Trevor Bryant
		Zach Bryant
Live Stream	Kelly Bryant	
Altar Guild	Cathy Lavender, Laraine Tuttle	

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