

The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul

Newton Highlands, Massachusetts

Fifth Sunday after The Epiphany

Holy Eucharist

February 8, 2026 at 10:00am



From wherever you have come, with whatever you bring, you are welcome here.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (YEAR A)
Holy Eucharist with Joyful Noise

Prelude

Choir

This Little Light of Mine

Music: James Hurley
Lyrics and Original Tune:
African American Spiritual

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Gathering Rites / Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Gathering Hymn

Please rise as you are comfortable.

God of Freedom, God of Justice

With vigor ♩ = 144

Unison

The musical score is written for a unison voice part in 3/4 time, with a tempo of 144 beats per minute. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has three lines of lyrics: '1 God of free - dom, God of jus - tice, you whose', '2 Rid the earth of tor - ture's ter - ror, you whose', and '3 Make in us a cap - tive con - science quick to'. The second system has two lines of lyrics: 'love is strong as death, you who saw the' and 'hands were nailed to wood; hear the cries of'. The lyrics continue on the next line: 'hear, to act, to plead; make us tru - ly'. The music is written on a grand staff with a treble and bass clef, and a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

dark of pris - on, you who knew the price of faith:
 pain and pro - test, you who shed the tears and blood:
 sis - ters, broth - ers of what - ev - er race or creed:

touch our world of sad op - pres - sion
 move in us the power of pit - y
 teach us to be ful - ly hu - man,

with your Spir - it's heal - ing breath.
 rest - less for the com - mon good.
 o - pen to each oth - er's need.

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Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

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 Savior. Amen.

The Gloria

S280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 2. O God, Ma - jes -
ty, al - might - y God, Cre - a - tor, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. O Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Child of the Au - thor, O God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Au - thor: re -



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Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Beloved Child, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated

The First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a, 9b-12

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob and Leah their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.
“Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to our God?
Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of our God shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Most High will answer;
you shall cry for help, and God will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Most High will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 112:1-10

We will pray the psalm responsively by whole verse

Alleluia! Happy are they who fear God,
and have great delight in the commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blest.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last for ever.

**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is right;
they put their trust in God.

**Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

**The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

This week's Psalm is from the St. Helena Psalter

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, my siblings in Christ, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, who was crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the God of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love God”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

“For who has known the mind of God
so as to instruct God?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

<i>Lector</i>	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Please rise as you are comfortable.

VOICES FOUND #98 – God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor) and a four-part harmony. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear structure of four phrases. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves, with the first three lines of lyrics corresponding to the first three staves of music. The lyrics are: 1 God, speak to me, that I may speak in; 2 O lead me, God, that I may lead the; 3 O teach me, God, that I may teach the; liv - ing ech - oes of thy tone; as thou has sought, so; wand - ering and the wav - ering feet; O feed me, God, that; pre - cious things thou dost im - part; and wing my words, that; let me seek thy err - ing child - ren lost and lone.; I may feed thy hun - gry ones with man - na sweet.; they may reach the hid - den depths of many a heart.

Section: Ordination Title: Lord, speak to me Meter: LM Words: Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879) Music: *Canonbury*, adapt. Robert A. Schumann (1810-1856), from *Nachstücke*, 1839; arr. from *Hymnal with Tunes, Old and New*, 1872

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your God in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Priest-In-Charge

The Nicene Creed

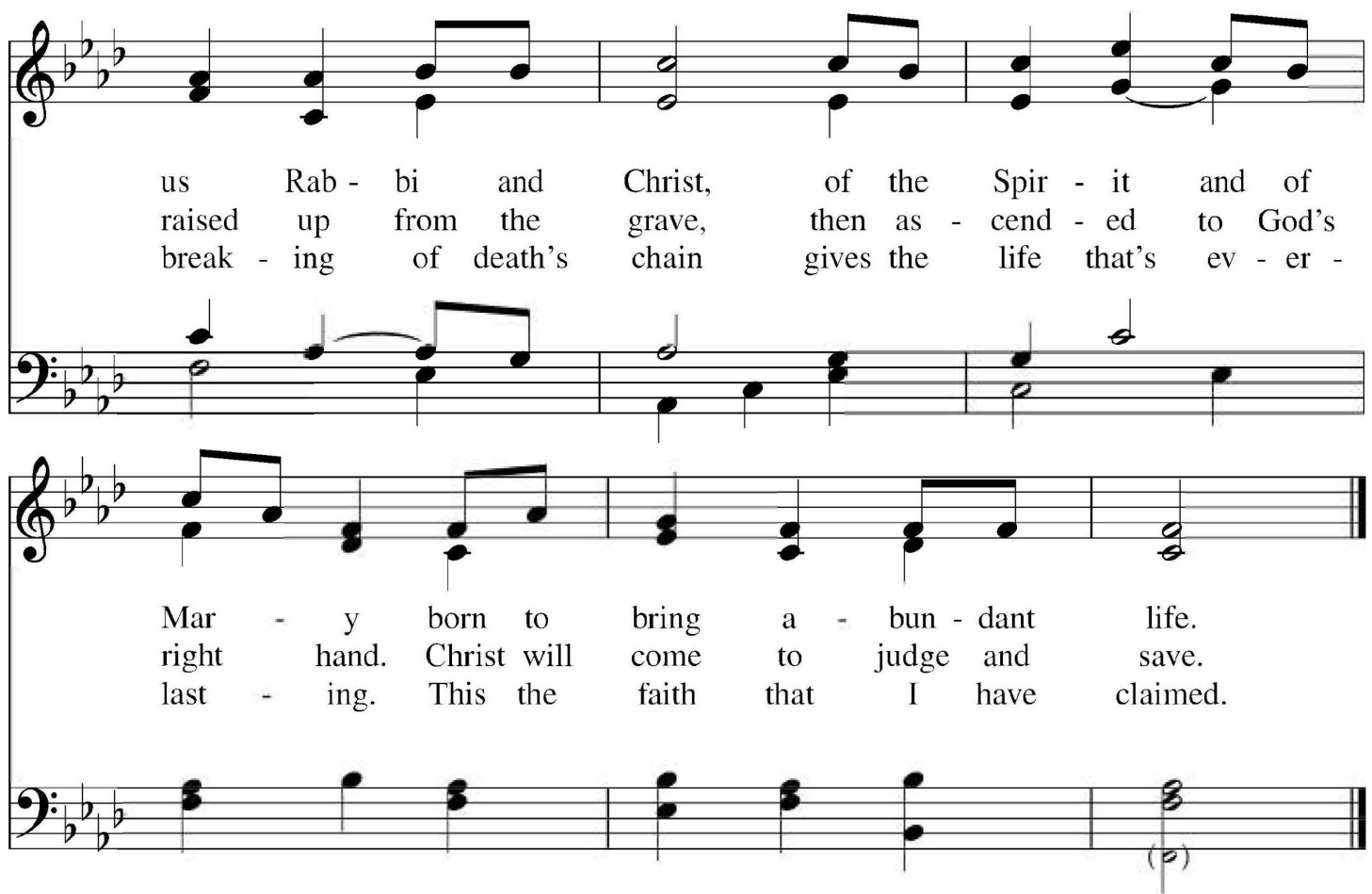
The Nicene Creed is the historic statement of faith of the Church. It helps to knit the Church together across peoples and places, time and space. We pray it together as a single body, a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.



1. I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that
2. I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci -
3. I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with-

be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and
fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied— True Life there had tru - ly
in One church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from

sea. I be - lieve in God's Child, Je - sus, now for
died. I be - lieve that on the third day Christ was
sin; in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the



us Rab - bi and Christ, of the Spir - it and of
 raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed to God's
 break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's ev - er -

Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
 right hand. Christ will come to judge and save.
 last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993). Music: Domhnach Trionoide, Gaelic melody; harm. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

Prayers of the People

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

Grant, Loving God, that all who praise your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for the worldwide Anglican Communion, for the Episcopal Church, for our presiding bishop, Sean, and our diocesan bishop, Julia. We pray for all ministers – lay and ordained – and we pray for our own Parish of St. Paul; St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain (Boston); Northeastern University Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry; St. Cyprian's Church, Roxbury (Boston); Building Bridges Ministries; and for Retired Clergy. Either in silence or aloud, for whom else in the Church do we pray today? *(You are invited to add your own prayers.)*

Silence

God, 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. Either in silence or aloud, for which peoples and leaders of the world do we pray today? *(You are invited to add your own prayers.)*

Silence

God, 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. Either in silence or aloud, for what in God's creation do we pray today? *(You are invited to add your own prayers.)*

Silence

God, 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 Christ loves us. Either in silence or aloud, for whom and what do we give thanks in our lives today? *(You are invited to add your own thanksgivings.)*

Silence

God, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; all those who suffer from addiction or depression; all those who live in and with fear; and all those who may need encouragement and uplift. Give them courage and hope, and bring them the joy of your peace and salvation. We pray especially for John, Bernice Cramer and her family; Gabriel and his family; Phil; Julia; Ryan; Nancy Williamson; Jim Nolan; David Murphy; David Tabors; Kristin; Deb; Tom; Sean and Jack; and for the peoples and ministries of the Global Village Children's Project, the Centre Street Food Pantry, AA, and NewCity Church. Either in silence or aloud, for whom else do we pray today? (*You are invited to add your own prayers.*)

Silence

God, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Either in silence or aloud, whom do we remember today by name? (*You are invited to offer names.*)

Silence

God, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Prayer for the Social Order (*BCP* p. 824)

Intercessor Together let us pray.

All O God, you have bound us together in a common life.
Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or

bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silence

Presider offers a collect

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Presider Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbor, and ourselves.

Silence

All O God, we bring you our failure, our hunger, our disappointment, our despair, our greed, our arrogance, and our fear. We have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not truly loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are sorry, we are humbled, and we pray that you will strengthen us with your grace. We turn to you, O God. We renounce evil, we claim love, we choose to be made whole. Forgive us and renew us now.

Presider 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.**

"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (*Mt. 11:28-30*).

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to exchange signs of peace.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

Choir

Let the Heaven Light Shine on Me

Let the Heaven Light Shine on Me

For low is the way to the upper bright world

Let the heaven light shine on me

Let it shine on me

Let the light from heaven shine on me

Arr: Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

The Doxology – *Old Hundredth*

Please rise as you are comfortable.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above all life and death

Creator, Christ, and Holy Breath. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Holy One our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Presider offers a Preface.

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:

Presider and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless'd is the One who comes

in the name of our God Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Section: The Holy Eucharist Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus* Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937) Copyright: Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

Please rise, sit, or kneel as you are comfortable.

The Presider continues

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before Jesus died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Presider and People

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 the Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are all acceptable to you, 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 children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.
AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

You are invited to say whichever version of the Lord's Prayer moves you.

Presider

As our savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

**Our Loving God in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kindom 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 kindom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Section: The Holy Eucharist Title: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei* Music: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937) Copyright: Adaptation: Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

Presider

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion

Jesus says, "Come and see."

You are welcome at this Table, exactly as you are, because of who you are. If you feel called to the Table, please come forward to receive Communion.

Gluten-free communion bread is available. Please let the priest know when you come for communion.

If you do not wish to receive the consecrated wine, please know that receiving the consecrated bread alone constitutes a full Communion.

If you do not desire Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire a blessing.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

(The following prayer of Spiritual Communion is said privately and is intended for individuals participating remotely, and for individuals who may not wish to receive Communion or a blessing.)

In union, O God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. And since I cannot receive you today in the sacrament of bread and wine, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Postcommunion Hymn

You are invited to stand, sit, or kneel as you are comfortable.

VOICES FOUND #147 – There Is a Longing in Our Hearts, O God



Piano introduction in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The right hand features a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the left hand provides a simple harmonic accompaniment of quarter notes.

Refrain



First line of the refrain. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) enter with the melody. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady harmonic support. The lyrics are: "There is a long-ing in our hearts, O God, for



Second line of the refrain. The vocal parts continue the melody. The piano accompaniment features a more active bass line in the final measures. The lyrics are: "you to re - veal your - self to us."

There is a long-ing in our hearts for love we

1.-4. *to Verses* Final

on - ly find in you, our God. God.

1.-4. *to Verses* Final

1	For	jus - tice,	for	free - dom,	for
2	For	wis - dom,	for	cour - age,	for
3	For	heal - ing,	for	whole - ness,	for
4	God	save us,	take	pi - ty,	light

mer - cy: hear our prayer. — In sor - row,
 com - fort: hear our prayer. — In weak - ness,
 new life: hear our prayer. — In sick - ness,
 in our dark - ness. — We call you,

in grief:
 in fear:
 in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.
 we wait:

Section: The Christian Life Title: There is a longing in our hearts Words: Anne Quigley Music: Anne Quigley Copyright: Words and Music: © 1992, 1994 Oregon Catholic Press, Portland, OR 97218. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Postcommunion Prayer

You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.

People and Presider

Eternal God,

you have graciously accepted us as living members

of our Savior Jesus Christ,

whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,

and you have fed us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,

in the promise of Christ's love, which defeats evil and death,

and grant us strength and courage,

in face of fear and doubt,

through the power of the Holy Spirit,

to be the church, a community of flawed and forgiving disciples,

to love and serve you,

to seek justice and to live in peace,

with gladness and singleness of heart;

through Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Postcommunion Prayer is an adaptation from the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (Expansive Edition) and the Statement of Faith from the Iona Abbey Worship Book (2001).

Blessing

Processional Hymn

LEVAS #221 – This Little Light of Mine

1. This lit - tle light of mine, _____ I'm gon - na let it
2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, _____ I'm gon - na let it
3. Je - sus gave it to me, _____ I'm gon - na let it

Oh _____

1. shine, _____ This lit - tle light of mine,
2. shine, _____ Ev - 'ry - where I go,
3. shine, _____ Je - sus gave it to me,

Oh _____

1. I'm gon - na let it shine; _____ This lit - tle light of
2. I'm gon - na let it shine; _____ Ev - 'ry - where I
3. I'm gon - na let it shine; _____ Je - sus gave it to

Oh _____

1. mine, _____ I'm gon - na let it shine, _____ Let it shine, _____ Let it shine, _____

2. go, _____ I'm gon - na let it shine, _____ Let it shine, _____ Let it shine, _____

3. me, _____ I'm gon - na let it shine, _____ Let it shine, _____ Let it shine, _____

Oh _____

1. shine, let it shine, let it shine. _____

2. shine, let it shine, let it shine. _____

3. shine, let it shine, let it shine. _____

Section: Children Title: This Little Light of Mine Words: Traditional Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935) Copyright: Arr. © 1992 Horace Clarence Boyer

Announcements

Dismissal

You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.

Presider Our worship has ended, let our service begin. Go in peace to love and serve God, God's people, and God's world.

People **Thanks be to God.**



TODAY'S LITURGY

Participants

The Rev. Dr. Meghan T. Sweeney – Priest-In-Charge
Bernice Cramer – Lector of First Reading and Leader of Psalm
Tricia Tyler – Lector of Second Reading
Carter Lustig – Acolyte
Jack Blay and Eliza Bay – Lay Eucharistic Minister
Eliza Blay – Intercessor
Brenda Carter – Pianist
Amy Trueblood and Mary Lou Pierron – Altar Guild
Mary Lou Pierron – Usher
Kim Koger and David Montgomery – Counters
Adam Taylor – Tech

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PRAYERS

In Our Diocesan Cycle Of Prayer:

For the Episcopal Church; for Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, and Julia Whitworth, our Diocesan Bishop; all ministers – lay and ordained – and we pray for our own Parish of St Paul; St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain (Boston); Northeastern University Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry; St. Cyprian's Church, Roxbury (Boston); Building Bridges Ministries; and for Retired Clergy.

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SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday Ken Brooks (February 11)!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening at the Parish of St. Paul - Save the Dates!

- Sunday, February 15: Festive Mardi Gras Coffee Hour after Church
- Wednesday, February 18: Ash Wednesday - Noon Liturgy at POSP; 7pm Liturgy at Grace Church, Newton Corner

Sunday, February 15 - Festive Mardi Gras-themed Coffee Hour

Because our festive coffee hour for Annual Meeting was snowed out, we will instead have a festive Mardi Gras-themed coffee hour on Sunday, February 15, the last Sunday before Lent. Please bring an item to share!

Wednesday, February 18 - Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

POSP and Grace Church, Newton Corner are joining together again this year for Ash Wednesday liturgies. **POSP will offer a Noon liturgy** (no music), and Grace Church, Newton Corner (76 Eldredge St.) will offer a 7pm liturgy. At both liturgies the Very Rev. Tammy Hobbs Miracky will preach, and the Rev. Dr. Meghan Sweeney will preside.

Morning Prayer on Thursdays at Grace Church, Newton Corner

Grace Church, Newton Corner offers Morning Prayer on Thursday mornings at 8am in the chapel. POSP parishioners are invited to attend.

Prayer List

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please email Lise in the parish office or use this QR code.



Altar Flowers

If you would like to contribute altar flowers for a thanksgiving or memorial, please be in contact with Lise in the parish office.

Pastoral Care

If you desire pastoral care for a particular need, please be in contact with Rev. Meghan. It could be as simple as a private prayer request emailed to her, or an in-person conversation about something of concern. Rev. Meghan or our pastoral care intern, Jason von Ehrenkrook, are available to meet with you.

Can Redemption Volunteers

Volunteers sought to assist with can redemption for the Plenty ministry. Please connect with Christopher Gruener or speak with Rev. Meghan if you can assist.

Receive the Parish Newsletter!

The newsletter is sent about once per week (occasionally more often if there is a pressing notice, for example, of snow cancellation, etc.). **The newsletter contains reflections from parishioners and *lots* of information and announcements about our diocese, the greater church, and other goings-on in and around town and in the world, that are not printed in this bulletin.**

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Episcopal Leadership

The Rt. Rev. Julia E. Whitworth – Bishop Diocesan, The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts (diomass.org)

The Most Rev. Sean Rowe – Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church (episcopalchurch.org)

Staff and Office Hours at the Parish of St. Paul

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Dr. Meghan T. Sweeney – meghan@parishofstpaul.org. Office Hours: In-Person, usually on Wednesday, 9am -1pm and by appointment (please email Rev. Meghan directly if you would like to make an appointment).

Parish Administrator: Lise Brody – office@parishofstpaul.org. Office Hours (may vary): Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-1pm

Vestry at the Parish of St. Paul

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to be in touch with your vestry. The next Vestry Meeting is on February 11.

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Elected Parish Leaders at St. Paul's

Delegates to the Charles River Deanery: Eliza Blay, Kim Koger, David Montgomery, and Mary Lou Pierron

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