

# The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul

Newton Highlands, Massachusetts

## Last Sunday after The Epiphany

### Holy Eucharist

February 15, 2026 at 10:00am



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

# LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (YEAR A)

## Holy Eucharist with Joyful Noise

Prelude

*Musicians*

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

### Gathering Rites / *Book of Common Prayer* p. 355

#### Gathering Hymn

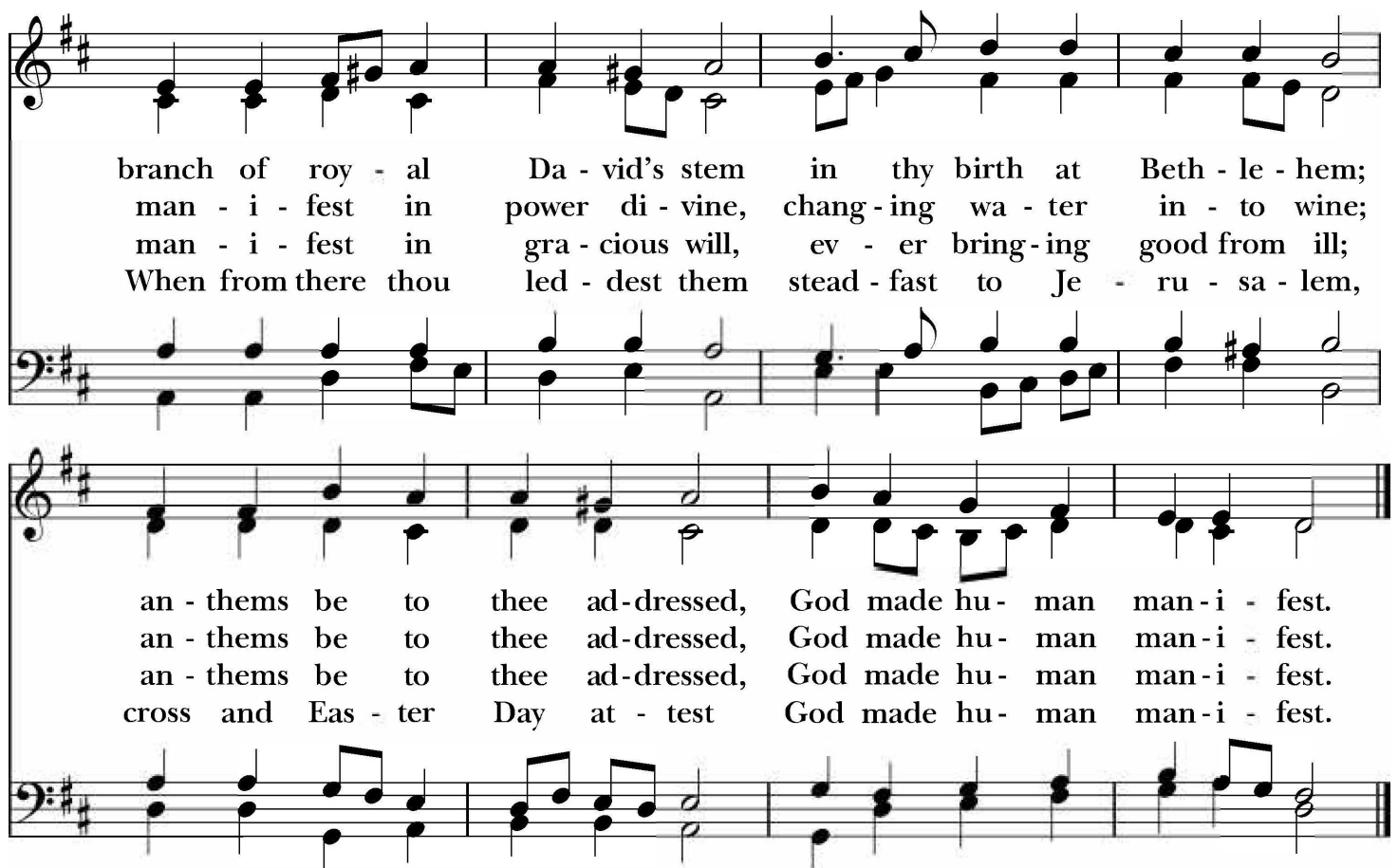
*Please rise as you are comfortable.*

*THE HYMNAL* 1982 #135 – Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next four lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The music features a mix of eighth, quarter, and half notes, with some rests. The bass line is consistently lower than the other parts, providing a harmonic foundation.

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Christ, to thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, Ru - ler su - preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen-dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
and at Ca - na, wed - ding-guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God made hu - man man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God made hu - man man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God made hu - man man - i - fest.  
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God made hu - man man - i - fest.

Section: Epiphany Title: Songs of thankfulness and praise Meter: 77. 77. D Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984) Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) Copyright: Words: St. 4, © The Church Pension Fund

## 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

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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 -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are our God, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God Cre - a - tor. A - men.

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## Collect of the Day

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please be seated*

The First Reading

*Exodus 24:12-18*

The Most High said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Most High settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day God called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Most High was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*We will pray the psalm responsively by whole verse*

Why are the nations in an uproar?  
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

**Why do the mighty of the earth rise up in revolt,  
and the rulers plot together,  
against God and against God's Anointed?**

"Let us break their yoke," they say;  
"let us cast off their bonds from us."

**You whose throne is in heaven are laughing;  
you have them in derision.**

Then you speak to them in your wrath,  
and your rage fills them with terror.

**"I myself have set my monarch  
upon my holy hill of Zion."**

Let me announce the decree of God,  
who has said to me, "You are my Child;  
this day have I begotten you.

**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your  
inheritance  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

You shall crush them with an iron rod  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

**And now, you monarchs, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

Submit to God with fear,  
and with trembling bow before the Most High;

Lest God be angry and you perish,  
for divine wrath is quickly kindled.

Happy are they all  
who take refuge in God!

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

## The Second Reading

*2 Peter 1:16-21*

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Savior Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of Christ's majesty. For Jesus received honor and glory from God the Author when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Child, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with Jesus on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women, human beings, moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

# Sequence Hymn

*Please rise as you are comfortable.*

## THE HYMNAL 1982 #7 – Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 7/7 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to the three systems. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn. The second system contains the third and fourth lines. The third system contains the fifth and sixth lines. The piano accompaniment is a simple harmonic setting of the vocal lines, using chords and single notes.

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.

Section: Morning Title: Christ, whose glory fills the skies Meter: 77. 77. 77 Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geystliche gesange Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.



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

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and James's brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And Jesus was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While Peter was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Child, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Jesus!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Child of Humanity has been raised from the dead."

*Presider* The Gospel of our Savior.

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

Sermon

*Priest-In-Charge*

# The Nicene Creed

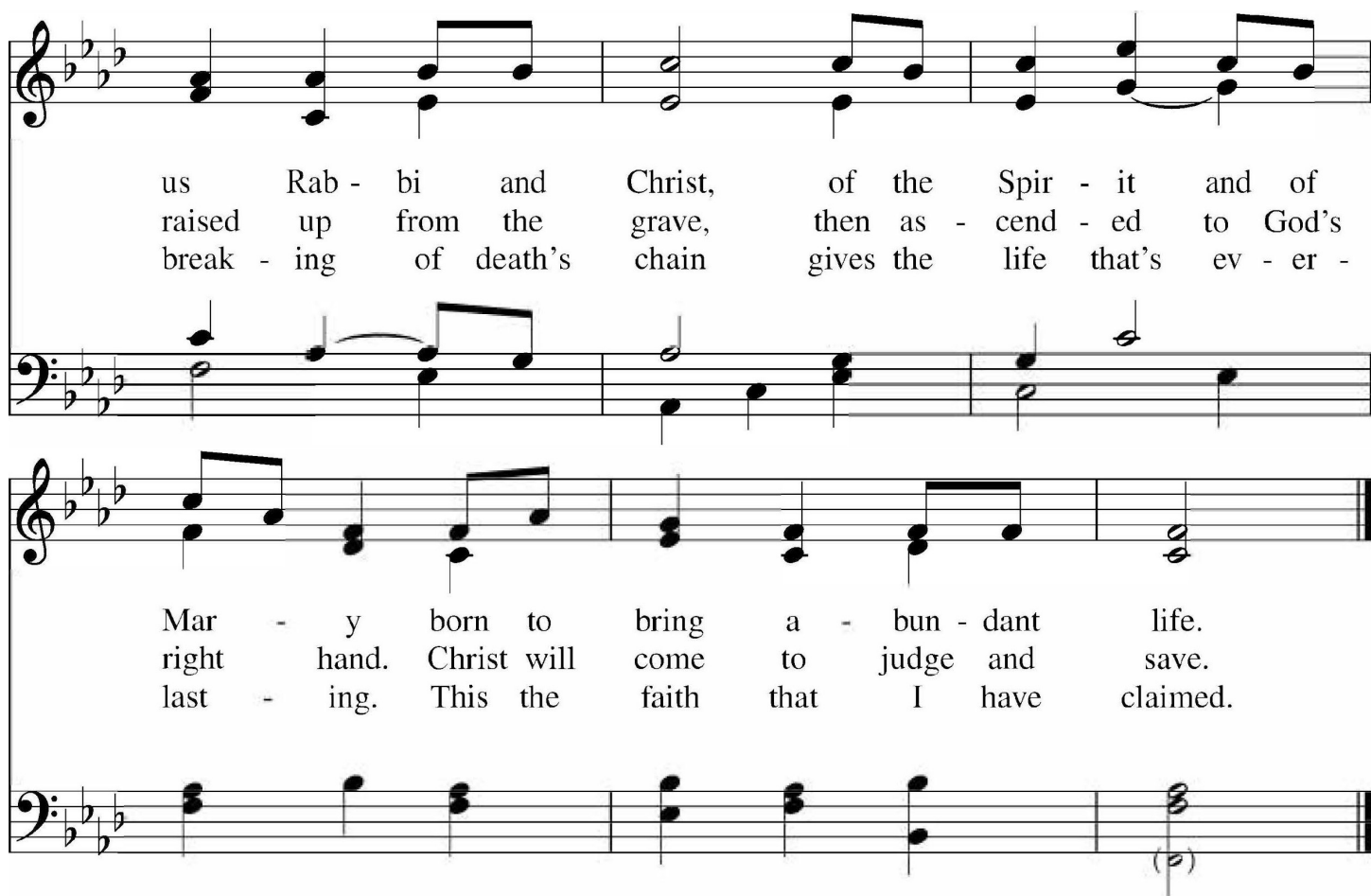
*The Nicene Creed is the historic statement of faith of the Church. It helps to knit the Church together across peoples and places, time and space. We pray it together as a single body, a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.*



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; Our Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston; The Crossing; MANNA Community; The Cathedral Chapter; Episcopal Boston Chinese Ministry; and for Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders. 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*

### Beautiful Savior

*Beautiful Saviour! God of creation! Child of God and humanity!  
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee, light of my soul, my joy my crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming  
spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes the sorrowing spirit sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight and the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky*

*Beautiful Saviour! God of the nations! Child of God and humanity!  
Glory and honor, praise adoration, now and forevermore be thine, Amen.*

Arr: Carl F. Mueller (1892-1982)

## 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.*

## Transfigure Us, O God

*Refrain* (♩ = ca. 64)

Trans - fig - ure us, O God, trans - fig - ure us, O God.

Break the chains that bind us; speak your heal - ing word, and

where you lead we'll fol - low. Trans - fig - ure us, O

God.

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God.

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## Verses



1. Down from heights of glo - ry in - to the depths be - low,
2. Light for those in dark - ness, the hun - gry have their fill,
3. Par - don for the sin - ner, a shep-herd for the sheep,
4. To the ho - ly cit - y, Je - ru - sa - lem, you go;



1. the love of God self - emp-tied, the love of God to show. \_\_\_\_\_
2. glad tid - ings for the hum-ble, the heal-ing of all ills; \_\_\_\_\_
3. a drink of liv - ing wa - ter for all who thirst and seek, \_\_\_\_\_
4. your face set toward the end - ing, the cross to be your throne. \_\_\_\_\_



1. You light the path be - fore us, the way that we must go.
2. in these we glimpse your glo - ry, God's prom - is - es ful - filled.
3. and feast - ing at your ta - ble, the low - ly and the least.
4. ♪ Shall we jour - ney with you and share your pas-chal road?

Text: Based on Matthew 17:1-9; Mark 9:2-10; Luke 9:28b-36; Bob Hurd, b. 1950. Music: Bob Hurd; choral arr. By Craig S. Kingsbury, b. 1952. Text and music © 2002, 2004, Bob Hurd. Published by OCP. All rights reserved.

## 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

### *THE HYMNAL* 1982 #542 – Christ Is the World’s True Light

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor 1, Tenor 2/Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next two lines. Each line of music is accompanied by three staves of lyrics, one for each voice part. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear cadence at the end of each line.

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,  
2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,  
3 One God, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;  
the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;  
cast out our pride and shame that hin-der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own Christ's sway:  
 when Christ is throned as God all shall for - sake their fear,  
 the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom its bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.  
 to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.  
 to heal its an - cient wrong, come, God of Peace, and reign.

Section: The Church's Mission Title: Christ is the world's true Light Meter: 67. 67. 66. 66 Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959), alt. Music: *St. Joan*, Percy E. B. Collier (1895-?) Copyright: Words: By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: © The Church Pension Fund.

## 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.**

## Postlude

*Musicians*

## When the Saints Go Marching In



## TODAY'S LITURGY

### Participants

The Rev. Dr. Meghan T. Sweeney – Priest-In-Charge  
Margaret Hummel – Lector of First Reading and Leader of Psalm  
David Montgomery – Lector of Second Reading  
Carter Lustig – Acolyte  
Natalie Brelsford – Lay Eucharistic Minister and Intercessor  
Brenda Carter – Pianist  
Jack Blay and Margaret Hummel – Altar Guild  
Kim Koger – Usher  
Lee Hatfield and Chris Gruener – Counters  
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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; Our Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston; The Crossing; MANNA Community; The Cathedral Chapter; Episcopal Boston Chinese Ministry; and for Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders.

### Parish Prayer List – Prayers are Requested 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 Global Village Children's Project, the Centre Street Food Pantry, AA, and NewCity Church.

## SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday Benny Pierron (February 20)!

Happy Birthday Eliza Blay (February 21)!

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

- Today, 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

### 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.

### Episcopal 101 -- Mondays in Lent on Zoom -- Starting February 23

Our friends at Grace Church, Newton Corner and St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls are offering an "Episcopal 101" course on Mondays in Lent. POSP parishioners are welcome and invited to participate. See below for blurb and to register:

Are you new(er) to The Episcopal Church and want to learn more about its history and traditions? Are you a curious Episcopalian with lingering questions? Have you been considering baptism or confirmation but never knew how to take the next step? Then you're in luck! **At 7:00pm on Monday nights in Lent, starting on Monday, February 23, log on to Zoom for Episcopal 101!** We'll have discussions, videos, mini-lectures, prayer, and more. Let us know you're interested in participating or receiving more information by signing up using the QR code:

Contacts and Questions: Rev. Ann Bonner-Stewart ([ann@st-marys-episcopal.org](mailto:ann@st-marys-episcopal.org)) & Rev. Tammy Hobbs Miracky ([pastor@gracenewton.org](mailto:pastor@gracenewton.org))



## **Building Connections: Effective Tools for Community Conversations**

The Newton Human Rights Commission along with seven neighboring HRCs (or equivalents) is organizing the workshop, Building Connections: Effective Tools for Community Conversations on March 1st and 8th from 3-4:30pm led by Essential Partners. We hope to attract Newton community members with a range of perspectives to further constructive conversations across differences.

Registration closes February 17th. Register here:



## **2026 Lenten Meditations with a TikTok Star!**

Episcopal Relief and Development is offering Lenten meditations this year written by Sister Monica Clare, an Episcopal nun, author, and unlikely TikTok star! Sr. Monica Clare's meditations offer an invitation to rediscover—or deepen—holy habits of prayer, worship, and engagement with Scripture. These "holy habits" provide a path to a life that is given shape, meaning, and direction by being rooted in a deeper relationship with God. Use the QR code to learn more and to subscribe:



**“Blessed are the Pure in Heart, for They Shall See God”: *Contemplative Witness in a Broken World* – A Lenten Quiet Day for the Charles River Deanery offered by Br. Keith Nelson, SSJE**

**March 7, 2026 9am – 3pm**

### **Bring Your Own Brown Bag Lunch!**

Hosted by St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Brookline

The way of Christ is a way of the heart. It is also, inevitably, a way of the cross: a path of suffering and self-giving love, for the sake of a broken world. The closer we pay attention to the world’s suffering, the more unbearable that pain can often feel.

As followers of Jesus, how can we recognize and feel this pain without falling apart or going insane?

The Christian contemplative tradition embraces the darkness and crisis of the cross as the very means by which we “lose our life to find it.” By following its disciplines we are given a new heart, and darkness becomes light.

In this day-long program, we’ll slow down, breathe deep, and return to God in body, mind, and spirit. In contemplative prayer we’ll honor our pain for a world

that is unraveling before our eyes without leaping to diagnose, repair, or solve anything. And we'll return to the daily renewed and ready to serve as conduits of a Presence "greater than we could ask for or imagine."

### **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 March 18.

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Lee Hatfield, leebateshatfield@verizon.net

Kim Koger, mkskoger5@gmail.com

## **Elected Parish Leaders at St. Paul's**

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

Delegates to the Diocesan Convention: Jack Blay and Tricia Tyler; alternate Kim Koger

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