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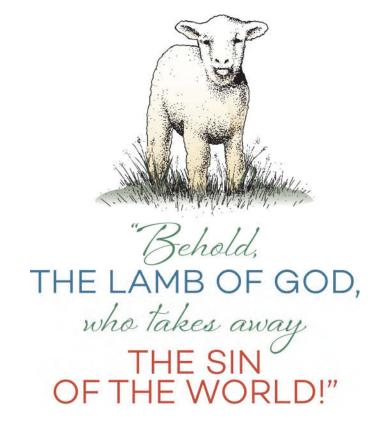


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Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Second Sunday after the Epiphany Jan 15, 2023



Mission Statement

We are a worshipping, inquiring and inclusive community united in Jesus' name to change the world.

Welcoming Statement

We invite everyone to join in the communal life of the body of Christ, through participation and leadership in this congregation, and by fully sharing in the life and sacraments of this church. We affirm that each person is a child of God, and that those of every race, ethnicity, creed, age, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation and gender identity are called to be one with us.

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The Entrance Rite

Prelude Chuck Sheaffer

Processional Hymn #542 Christ is the world's true light

Introductory Rite

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Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: 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.

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Treasurer: Stephanie Gilmer Vestry Clerk: Carolyn List

January Ministry Schedule

	Jan 1	Jan 8	Jan 15	Jan 22	Jan 29
Clergy Homily	Fr. Dondi	Dcn. Greg Morn. Praye	Rev. Lyn	Fr. Dondi	Rev. Lyn Dcn. Greg
Acolytes	Claudine	Judy T Jim P	Nancy S Claudine	Judy T Jim P	Nancy S Claudine
Lectors	Sarah H Judy T	Nancy S Annamary	Barbara V Judy T	Eric G Ann M	Judy T Steph HW
Intercessor	Carolyn L	Roberta B	Judy T	Brandi A	Linda L
Greeters	Phil M William S	Sarah H Eric G	Phil M Luis I	Carolyn L William S	Sarah H Joyce B
Vestry Rep	Carolyn L	Roberta B	Judy T	Brandi A	Linda L

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If you are interested in singing in the choir or ringing bells please contact Chuck Sheaffer. We would love to have you join us!



Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

All: Amen

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." ⁵And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— ⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

The Psalm

Psalm 40:1-12

he stooped to me and heard my cry.

Coming Events

There will be a Celebration of Life Service for Don Sanford at St. Paul's on Tuesday, January the 17th at 10:00 a.m. The service will be followed by a light lunch in the Parish Hall. If you wish to send a card to Don's family, his daughter Francine Wister's address is 321 Las Palmas Ave. Modesto, CA 95354.



- The Annual Meeting will be held in the Parish Hall immediately following the service on Sunday, January 22nd. Along with an opportunity to review the budget for 2023 and hear reports from the previous year, we have two very important tasks to complete at the meeting. The first will be to nominate and elect three delegates and two alternates to represent St. Paul's at the Diocesan Convention to be held in-person at ECCO on November 10 11, 2023. The second is to elect four new representatives to serve a 3-year term on the vestry. Please reach to out to Joyce Bell (bellj1@charter.net, 215-275-6502) if you are interested in serving on vestry or if you have any questions about the upcoming annual meeting.
- ♦ Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper and Talent Show will be on Feb 22nd. If you have a talent that you wish to share, please contact Chuck Sheaffer.
- ♦ Tai Chi continues to meet in the Parish Hall every Tues. and Thurs. from 9 to 10.
- ♦ Food Distribution continues in the Parish Hall the 1st Wednesday of every month from 11 to 12 noon.

¹ I waited patiently upon the Lord; *

² He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; * he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; * many shall see, and stand in awe,



Prayer and Praise

as of 1-9-2023

- Please pray for Phil Machado who is having a hard time getting over a bad cold.
- Pray for strength, comfort and healing for Deacon Amy Larson as she recovers from illness.
- Rosalie Carmody is home from the hospital, please continue to keep her in your prayers for healing.
- Please pray for Jean, a friend of Sarah Hartman who is having open heart surgery the first part of January.
- Christine Judd is now on a liquid diet and being treated for an infection in her stomach. Please continue to pray for healing and comfort.
- Praise & Thanksgiving, Carol Collier's operation was a success and she returned home Friday. Amen! please continue to pray for healing.
- Please continue to pray for healing for Keith and Ginny Munroe.
- Please pray for healing, comfort and peace for Jeanette Comegys.
- Continued healing for Rj.
- Please pray for our current Vestry and for possible new candidates.
- Please pray for those who maybe alone or struggling in some way during these holiday times.



The chart to sign up for flowers for 2023 is in the narthex. Now is your chance to sign-up for the dates you want before they are taken.

and put their trust in the Lord.

⁴ Happy are they who trust in the Lord! * they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

⁵ Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! *

there is none who can be compared with you.

⁶ Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! * but they are more than I can count.

⁷ In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure * (you have given me ears to hear you);

⁸ Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, * and so I said, "Behold, I come.

⁹ In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *

'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart."

¹⁰ I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; * behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.

¹¹ Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *

I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

¹² You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; * let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,

The New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-19

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have

been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn # 757 Will you come and follow me (see insert)

The Holy Gospel

John 1:28-42

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you. The blessing is bestowed.

Recessional Hymn #535 Ye servants of God

Celebrant: Alleluia, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: Chuck Sheaffer

While St. Paul's is in a period of time without a permanent priest, if you are in need of any services from the church, the protocol is to contact Jeni Statzer our Parish Administrator. If Jeni is on vacation or otherwise unavailable, please contact our Senior Warden, Joyce Bell.

Don Sanford's Celebration of Life Service

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The service will be followed by a light lunch in the Parish Hall. We are providing the food for this meal and would appreciate those who can, to provide a salad for 8-10 people. You can bring your salad to the parish hall before the service. Please let Judy Teter know if you can do this. Her number is 209-847-2656.

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

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn #439 What wondrous love

Closing Prayers

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

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Lord make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand:

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Lyn Morlan

The Nicene Creed

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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 worshipped 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

The Prayers of the People

The Confession of Sin

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Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Rite of Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

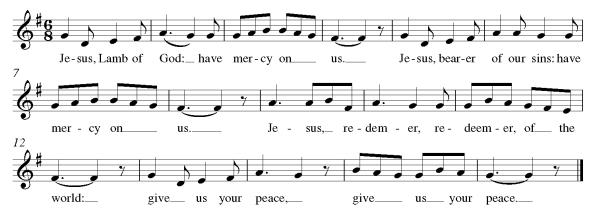
All: And also with you.



Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia.





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

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, 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,

People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

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

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

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. Amen.

Celebrant: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing

The Lord's Prayer

Watch over your *children*, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when they stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if they fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Wedding Anniversary Prayer

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 forever. Amen.

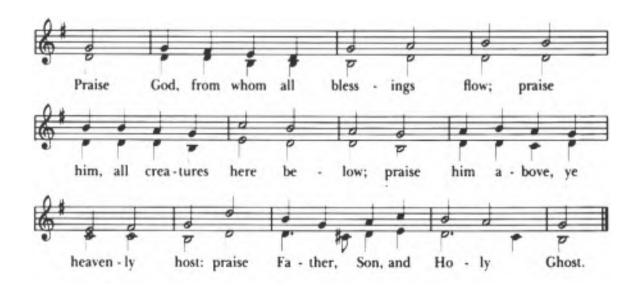
Prayer for the Anniversary of Baptism

O God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Holy Spirit through the teaching of your Son, Jesus Christ, who was first baptized by John in the Jordan River. Bless this *child* of yours on the anniversary of Baptism, that the gifts of the Holy Spirit may ever remain with *them*, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer for the Sick

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servant *N*., that *his* weakness may be banished and *his* strength restored; and that *his* health being renewed, *he* may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Offertory Hymn Levas #137 Just as I am



The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving

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.

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

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

