

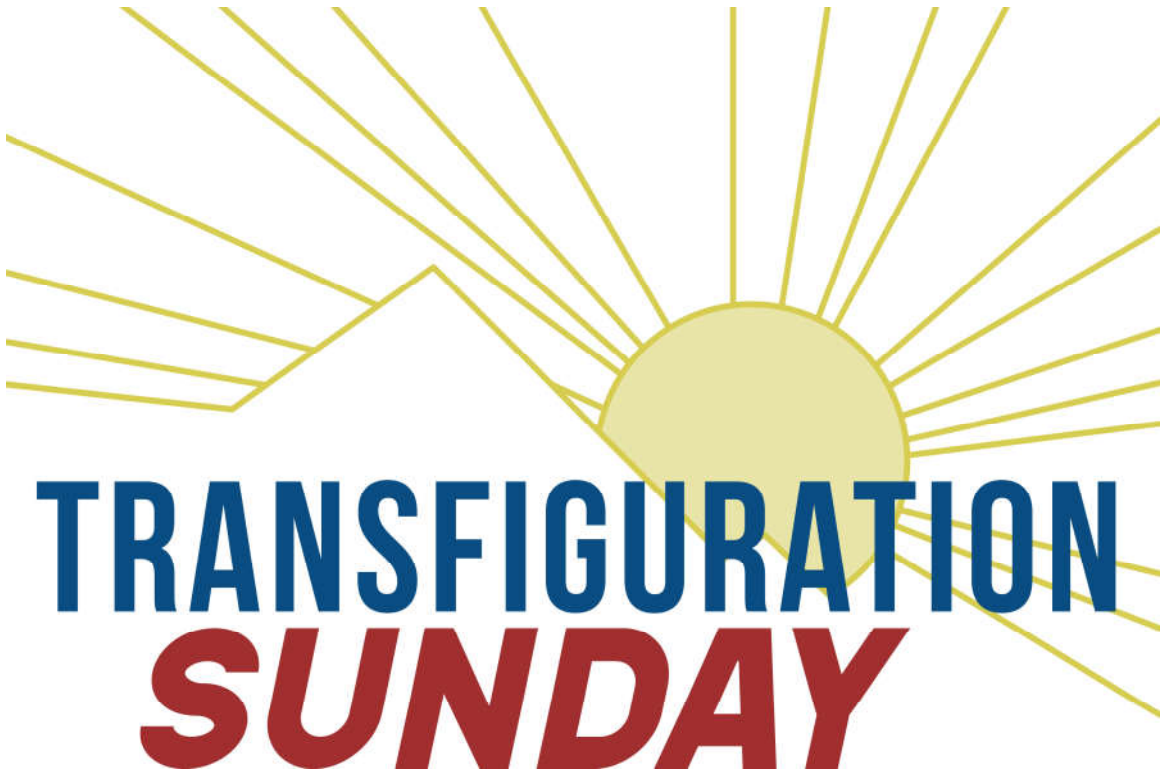
# **Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

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***The Last Sunday after the Epiphany***

***Feb 11, 2024***



## **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.

# The Entrance Rite

Prelude

Chuck Sheaffer

**Processional Hymn #381 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness**

## Introductory Rite

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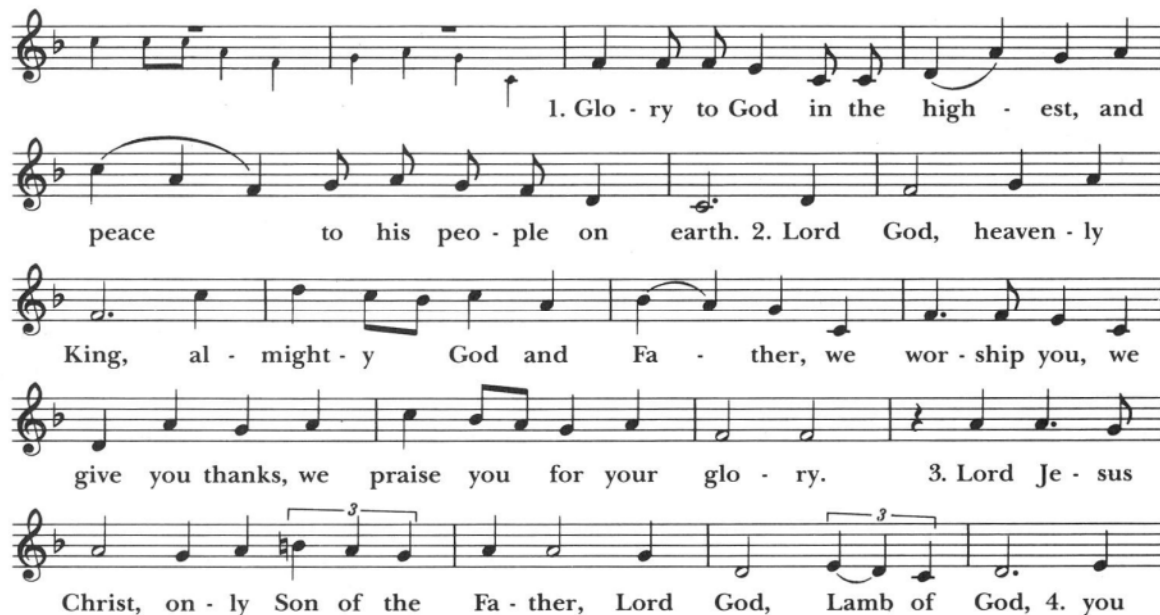
Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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.**

## Gloria



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord 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 Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen**

## The Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha,

“Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” <sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” <sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” <sup>10</sup>He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

## **The Psalm**

Psalm 50:1-6

<sup>1</sup> The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; \*

he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

<sup>2</sup> Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*

God reveals himself in glory.

<sup>3</sup> Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.

<sup>4</sup> He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.

<sup>5</sup> “Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice.”

<sup>6</sup> Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.

## **The Epistle**

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

<sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.<sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn Levas #115 Spirit of the Living God**

## **The Holy Gospel**

Mark 9:2-9

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

**All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were

talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Homily**

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.**

## **Blessings and Celebrations**

### **Birthday 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 *him/her*, 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 servants, that *their* weakness may be banished and *their* strength restored; and that *their* health being renewed, *they* may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **For the Election of a Minister**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for St. Paul's, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi**

**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;**

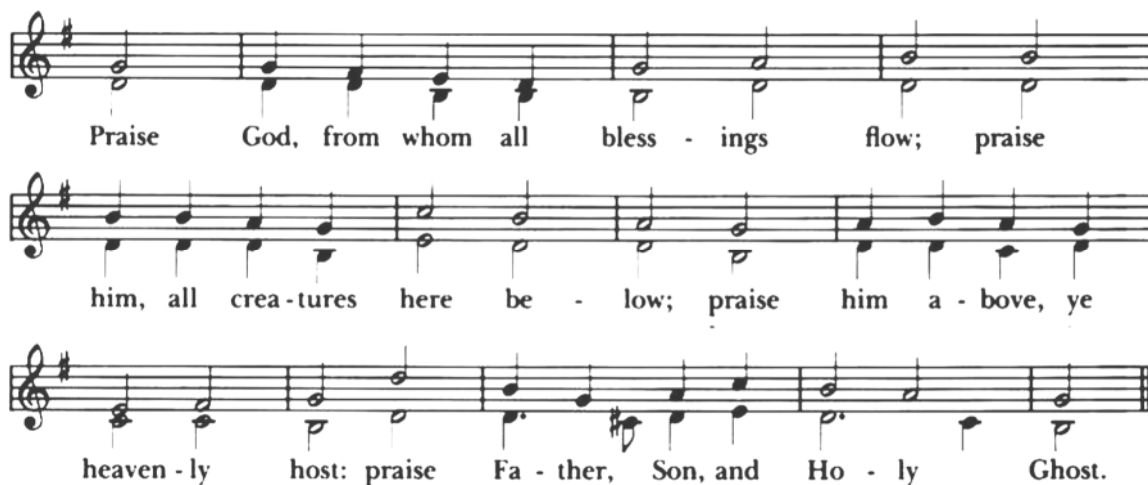


where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

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.

### Offertory Hymn Levas #96 He is King of Kings



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

## The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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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.

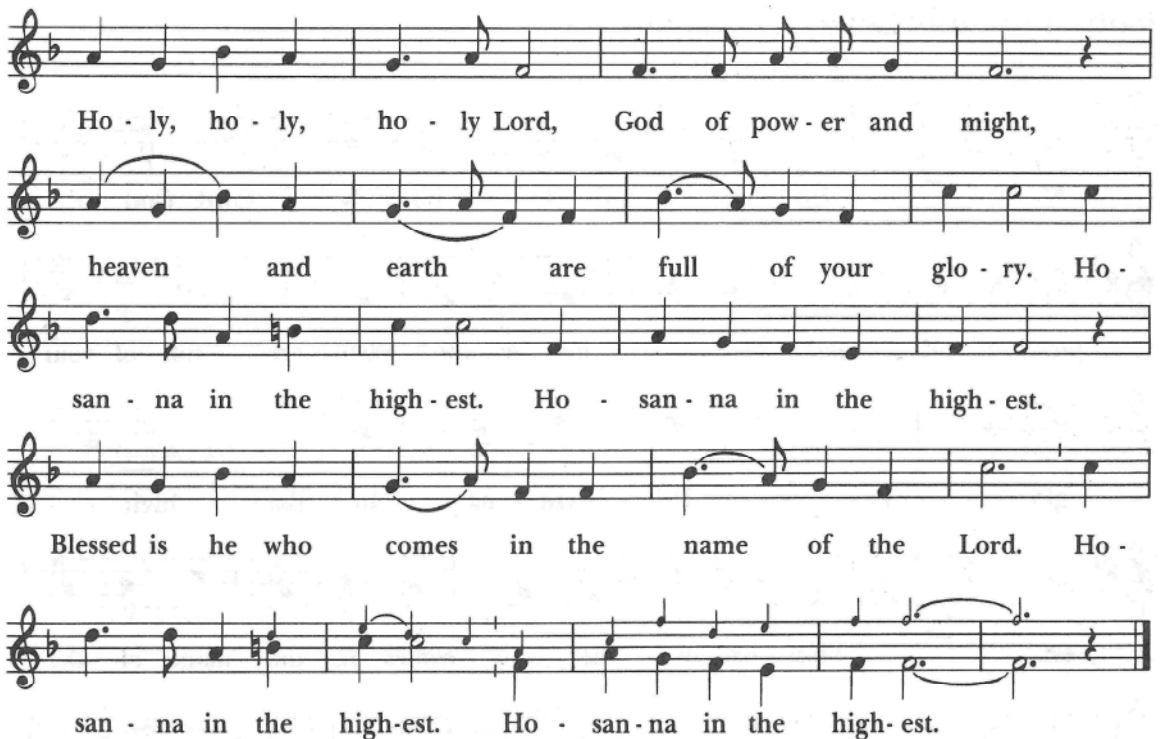
**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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

*Proper Preface*

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father, in your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of us all.

He stretched out His arms upon the cross, and offered Himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night He was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 He 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."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By Him and with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**

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

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa-ther who art in hea-ven, Hal-lowed be thy Name, Thy king-dom  
come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea ven. Give us this day our

dai - ly bread. For-give us our tres - pas es, As we for-give those who tres pass a-gainst us,  
 as we for - give. And lead us not in-to temp - ta - ion, but de - li - ver us from  
 e - vil. Thine is the king - dom and the pow - er and the  
 glo - ry for ever. A - men

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

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

## Agnus Dei

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 - dem - er, re - deem - er, of the  
 world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

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.*

*Gluten-free communion wafers are available on request. Please let one of the ushers know if you'd like to receive gluten-free bread.*

## Communion Hymn #150 Jesus, the Bread of Life

### 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.**

### Final Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*The blessing is bestowed.*

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

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude:

Chuck Sheaffer

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### ***Altar Flowers for 2024***



The 2024 Altar Flower donation list is now posted in the Narthex. You may sign up on the list or send a request to [carolynlist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carolynlist@sbcglobal.net). The donation amount remains \$35. When you donate, your name and the memory, celebration, or honor or your person or event is printed in the weekly Service Bulletin so the congregation can observe with you.

## ***February Ministry Schedule***

	Feb 4	Feb 11	Feb 18	Feb 25
Clergy Homily	Rev. Dondi Rev. Dondi	Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn	Rev. Lyn Rev. Lyn	Rev. Kathie Dcn. Greg
Acolytes	Nancy S Judy T	Nancy S Judy T Anthony M	Annamary P Jim P	Nancy S Judy T Carlos M
Lectors	Rex A Steph G	Barbara V Alex S	Steph HW Ishmael H	Ann M Christine J
Intercessor	Sarah H	Judy T	Linda L	Lora B
Greeters	Christine J David L	William S Claudine R	Carolyn L Christine J	Phil M Ismael H
Ushers	David L Phil M	William S Claudine R	Carolyn L David L	Phil M Ismael H
Vestry Rep	Sarah H	Judy T	Linda L	Lora B



### ***Ash Wednesday Services***

There will be 2 services on Ash Wednesday, Feb 14.  
One service will be at 12 noon with Rev. Lyn and the  
other service will be at 7 p.m. with Rev. Kathie

Please note that Deacon Greg has changed his email address to  
[deacongreg66@outlook.com](mailto:deacongreg66@outlook.com)

### ***Have You Pledged?***

Thank you to everyone who has pledged so far. If you haven't turned in your pledge card yet, there are still some in the church entry.

## ***Prayer and Praise*** as of 2-5-2024



Please pray for healing and comfort for the following people:

Theresa Grieshaber

Pam & Mike Cox

Suzy Cano

Elaine Paradis

Susan Sell

Linda's Aunt Mudge

Deacon George

Ann Mootz's sister-in-law

Michael Thorington

Sharon Andrew's daughter-in-law

Enrique Perez (student of Danielle Verges)

Phil & Anita Machado

Mary Su's mother

Ismael Huggins

Kristina & Rozy Frias

Ken & Trish Hart

☞ Bishop Michael Curry, is home following successful surgery.

☞ Susan Sell's son Bryce for strength.

☞ Please pray for those in war torn areas everywhere; Ukraine, Holy Land, Gaza, Palestine and Afghanistan.

☞ Please pray for the people of Hawaii, especially the victims of the wildfires on Maui.

☞ Pray for the leaders of all nations for wisdom.

☞ Please pray for the American people to listen to God's will on their hearts and do unto others as they would want done to them and their families.

☞ Please pray for all travelers as journey to and from their destinations.

**Please see the weekly email for the entire list.**

(Some of these people have been on our prayer list a long time, that is because they are in need of long term prayer. The list is updated every week)

If you have any prayers or praises you would like added or updated, please contact the church office, phone number 209-522-3267.

## *Shrove Tuesday Talent Show?*



As of January 29, no one has signed up for the talent part of Shrove Tuesday. There are many ways you can share your talent. If you draw or paint, you can bring some of your artwork. If you are a photographer, bring some of your photos. If you sew, quilt, knit or crochet, you can bring pieces to show us. If you would like to read a story or a poem, if you know some magic tricks, if you do woodwork-

ing, if you want to work with a group of people and put together a skit, if you can sing, dance or play an instrument, you are welcome to share your talent with us! If you need an accompanist or background music, just let Chuck know. Any other talents are also welcome! This is the part of Shrove Tuesday that makes it so much fun, please, let's not miss out on all the fun and no one wants to listen to Chuck's jokes all night.

Please, PLEASE, **PLEASE**, call or email Chuck and let him know what talent you will be sharing for our Pancake Supper and Talent Show. Let's not let this traditional fun event fail. His email is [cbshea@pacbell.net](mailto:cbshea@pacbell.net)

I'll be looking forward to seeing our email box being filled with people signing up for the talent show. - Cherie Sheaffer



## *Sunday School*

Sunday School has started again. The classes start at the Old Testament reading during our service. The class is held in the glassed in room at the back of the church. Please come and join the group.





## ***Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show***

February 13, 2024

Now that the whole Christmas season is finished, it is time to look ahead to the time of preparation for Easter. For St. Paul's that means the tradition of enjoying delicious pancakes and reveling in all of our talents.....even with the favorite jokester.

Shrove Tuesday will be February

13<sup>th</sup>. Jim and Annamary Peck have decided to hand over the spatula to someone else after years of capably and cheerfully handling the supper. Chuck Sheaffer will continue to coordinate the talent show part of the evening.

To be able to carry on the traditional way to prepare for Lent new volunteers are needed to:

- ◆ Help with setting up and decorating the hall
- ◆ Organizing the meal, purchasing ingredients, overseeing the kitchen
- ◆ Kitchen help for mixing, flipping, and heating pancakes and sausage/bacon
- ◆ Clean-up
- ◆ Re-setting the hall

As the saying goes.....many hands make light work....all volunteers for any portion of the fun are welcome. Let's handle this together!

Please contact Linda Lowe, 209-496-3937 or [lwlowe@outlook.com](mailto:lwlowe@outlook.com) for more information.



## *Lenten Book Study*

### ***Lenten Book Study at St. Francis in Turlock***

We were invited to join a Lenten Book Study at St. Francis in Turlock by Padre Toni Alvarez. The Lenten Book Study will begin February 21, 2024 at 5:30p.m. for Evening Prayer in the Chapel. The Book Study begins at 6:00

pm. Evening Prayer is separate, you are welcome to join both the service and the book study.

We are very grateful to Padre Toni for his generous offer of hospitality. We are one Beloved Community.

The Book chosen is *Inwardly Digest, The Prayer Book As Guide To A Spiritual Life*, author: Derek Olsen. Padre Toni encourages participants to read chapter 1 prior to the study.

Please email Padre Toni with an RSVP if you plan to attend, Padre Toni's email: [padretoni@diosanjoaquin.org](mailto:padretoni@diosanjoaquin.org). It is very important that if you plan to attend you remember to RSVP to assist with the planning of their space.

St. Francis Episcopal Church at 915 E. Main St., Turlock, California 95380

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by phone 209-402-3017, text or email: [mzgilmer@att.net](mailto:mzgilmer@att.net).

Faithfully Yours,  
Stephanie Gilmer

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Ann Mootz, Chuck Sheaffer, Nancy Silva and Judy Teter

Treasurer: Stephanie Gilmer (non-vestry)

Vestry Clerk: Carolyn List



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