

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2025



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.

Prelude

Chuck Sheaffer

Opening Hymn #423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. 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)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

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 Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The first lesson is from Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

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

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse--

who can understand it?

I the LORD test the mind

and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1



- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The second reading is from I Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our

proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn Levas #43 Because He lives

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 6:17-26

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

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

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

"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: Fr. Brian Dawson

The Prayers of the People

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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.**

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 thy peace which passeth 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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn #493 O for a thousand tongues to sing

Doxology

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

Glory to you for ever and ever.

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

By your will they were created and have their being.

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

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

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

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

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

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)

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,

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

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.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

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-against 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 ev-er. A-men

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have
 7 mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - dem - er, re - deem - er, of the
 12 world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

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 are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Gluten free wafers are available. If you want just a blessing, please come to the altar rail and cross your arms over your body.

**Communion Hymn WLP #773 Heal me hands of Jesus—See insert
 Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn Levas #1 Lift every voice and sing

Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia. Grace be with you.

Thanks be to God.

Go in peace.

We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Chuck Sheaffer

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Coffee Hour-Parish Hall following Worship

Enjoy coffee or tea and something delicious each week in the Parish Hall. Spend a little time getting to know your Christian brothers and sisters before heading out to enjoy your Sunday.

St. Paul's This Week

**Tues, Feb 18-Noon Day Prayer & Jump Start Bible Study-
Noon, in Guadalupe Chapel, Parish Hall**

Tues, Feb 18-1 pm, Knit One, Pray Two, Parish Hall

Wed, Feb 19-Morning Prayer-10 am-Zoom-

Contact church office for link-209-522-3267

Thurs, Feb 20-Mid-Week Eucharist, Guadalupe Chapel



Prayer and Praise

Remember those who have asked for our prayers

Alexa, Pam, Deacon George, Suzan, Robin, Denise, Priscella, Laurence, Louisa, Marlene, Mark, Toni, Mauro, Loretta, Kelly, Gabriel, Joy, Ken, Bonnie, Alfred, Clare, Michael, Rocky, Susan, Dennis, Michael, Elaine, Ishmael, Lisa, Mary, Bob, Mary, Howard, Cheryl, Marti, Daniel, Tony, Joanne, Carol, JoAnne, Linda, Janet, JoHanna, Sasha

Those who have transitioned:

Christine Jayne, January 25, 2025

Those in the Military:

1st LT Sam Birch, USA

Lt Col Nathaniel P. Wallace, USAFR

Cap Jeavieve Campbell

Cap Fred Campbell

Special Prayers:

Please keep the Clergy, Vestry and Wardens of St. Paul's in your prayers.

Ministries of St. Paul's

Knit One, Pray Two-Tues, Feb 18-1 pm in the Parish Hall

February Ministry Schedule

Dates	Feb 2 nd	Feb 9 th	Feb 16 th	Feb 23 rd
Clergy	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian Dc. Greg
Acolytes	Judy T.	Nancy S. Judy T.	Nancy S. Jim P.	Nancy S. Judy T.
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Lectors	Stephanie G. Theresa G.	Nancy S. Stephanie H-W.	Joyce B. Alex S.	Barbara V. Judy T.
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Greeters	Carolyn L. Greg B.	Phil M. David L.	Greg B. Claudine R.	Ishmael H. Carolyn L.
Vestry Rep.	Ann M.	Joyce B.	Nancy S.	Peter K.

Lenten Studies 2025

Fr Brian will be offering two options for Lenten studies this year. One will be in person on Tuesdays following Noonday Prayer and the other on Zoom early Sunday evenings. Both will be focused on a newly published book called Turning Over Tables - A Lenten Call For Disrupting Power by Kathy Escobar.

We would like to put in a bulk order for the books so *if you intend to come to the studies and would like a copy please add your details to the sheet in the entrance of the church or contact the parish office.* The price will depend on how many we buy but should be approximately \$15.

Another Lenten book study opportunity will be on mornings from 11 AM-noon on 4 Thursdays after morning Eucharist. The dates will be March 13, 20, 27 and April 3. We will be discussing the book, Can You Drink the Cup? written by Henri Nouwen. Books will be available for \$3. The study will be led by Rex Adamson. All are welcome for one or all sessions. This is a short book of only 4 chapters and is easy reading on a profound topic related to the question Jesus asked the apostles, "Can you drink the cup I drink?" A sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex.

Pancakes....Pancakes....Pancakes

Shrove Tuesday

March 4th will be Shrove Tuesday.....our time to enjoy marking the night before Ash Wednesday by eating pancakes. This year will be a fundraiser for Boy Scouts as they flip and serve pancakes as the delicious way to move into Lent.

And....back by popular demand, Chuck's Talent Show! Want to participate? Contact Chuck, 209-765-1214.



The flowers at the altar today
are given to
The Glory of God,
Grateful for His Many Blessings

Message from Cn. Anna

Friends,

Please support our siblings in Christ in the Diocese of Los Angeles and their communities as they struggle with and recover from the various wildfires.

Donations can be made through Episcopal Relief and Development here: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/>

Thanks,

Cn. Anna

Checks may be sent to:

Episcopal Relief and Development, P.O. Box 3006, Harlan, IA, 51593-0024, marked "CA Wildfire Relief"

Contact the church office, 209-522-3267, with questions.

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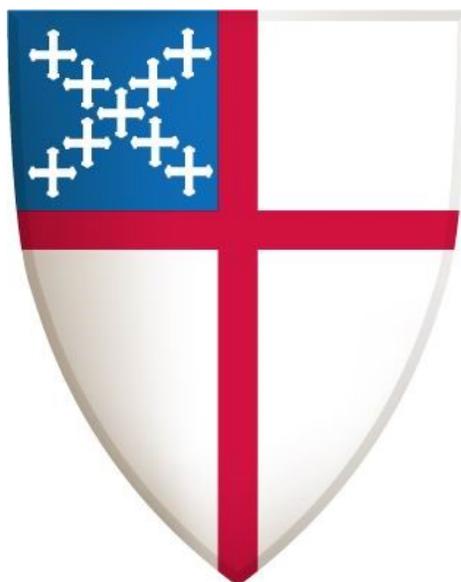
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