



# St. Paul's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER EPIPHANY

*The Rev. Sarah Phelps, Celebrant (9:00)*  
*The Rev. Robert Fruehwirth, Celebrant (11:15)*  
*The Rev. Candy Snively, Homilist*

HOLY EUCHARIST  
9 & 11:15 AM SERVICES  
FEBRUARY 8, 2026

**Prelude**

Dr. Joseph Khoury, Guest Organist

*Please stand if able*  
**Processional**

Thou Whose Almighty Word

Hymn 371

## Liturgy of the Word

**The Opening Acclamation**

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

*The Celebrant says*

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.*

*The following is sung.*

**Gloria**

Glory to God

Hymnal S278

(Organ)

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.

(Organ)

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.

**Collect of the Day**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
 People *And also with you.*  
 Celebrant Let us pray.

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

*Please be seated.*

*During 9 am service:*

**Children's Processional**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (v. 1)  
*Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.*

Hymn 490

**First Reading**

Isaiah 58:1-9a

A Reading from Isaiah.

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

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

Yet day after day they seek me  
 and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
 and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,  
 they delight to draw near to God.

"Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
 Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
 and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
 and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today  
 will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,  
 a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
 and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,  
 a day acceptable to the LORD?  
 Is not this the fast that I choose:  
 to loose the bonds of injustice,  
 to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
 to let the oppressed go free,  
 and to break every yoke?  
 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
 and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
 when you see the naked, to cover them,  
 and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
 and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
 your vindicator shall go before you,  
 the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
 Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
 you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.  
 Reader           The Word of the Lord.  
 People            *Thanks be to God.*

**The Psalm** Psalm 112:1-9

- 1 Hallelujah!  
 Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
 and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
 the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
 and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
 the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
 and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; \*  
 the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
 their heart is right;  
 they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
 until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
 and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
 they will hold up their head with honor.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

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

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

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

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

Reader           The Word of the Lord.  
People           *Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand if able*

**Gradual**

Be Thou My Vision

Hymn 488

*Remain standing*

**The Gospel**

Matthew 5:13-20

Gospeller       The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People           *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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

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

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

Gospeller       The Gospel of the Lord.

People           *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*People remain standing until the homilist invites all to be seated*

**Homily**

The Rev. Candy Snively

*Please stand if able*

**Nicene Creed**

*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 worshiped 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.*

**Prayers of the People**

People's Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Confession and Absolution of Sin**

BCP 360

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All who are able, kneel. Minister and People*

*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.*

*The Celebrant says*

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.*

*Please stand if able*

**Peace**

BCP 360

Celebrant       The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People           *And also with you.*

Please be seated

## Welcome & Announcements

If you would like to donate online, follow the QR code found here or on the giving card in the back of the pews.

At the end of the announcements, you are also welcome to come forward to make a special donation to Heifer International, a non-profit organization whose mission is to end hunger and poverty, to mark an anniversary, blessing, or other event.



## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Offertory

*If Ye Love Me*

Philip Wilby

St. Paul's Choir (9 am), Voices of St. Paul's (11:15 am)

If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
And I will pray the Father,  
And he shall give you another comforter,  
That he may abide with you for ever:  
Even the spirit of truth.  
And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you,  
And shall be in you.  
I will not leave you comfortless.  
I will come to you.

Please stand if able while the offering is presented

### Offertory Response

*All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.*

### The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer B

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The People remain standing. The Celebrant proceeds

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.*

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

Celebrant and People

### Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymn S128

(organ)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, \_\_\_\_\_ heaven and earth are full\_ of your glo - ry.  
Ho-san-na in the high-est. \_\_\_\_\_ Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Ho-san-na in the high-est. \_\_\_\_\_

*Please stand or kneel if able*  
*The Celebrant 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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

### **Memorial Acclamation**

*Celebrant and People*

*We remember his death,*  
*We proclaim his resurrection,*  
*We await his coming in glory;*

*The Celebrant then continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray to you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. *AMEN.*

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

### **Lord's Prayer**

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*People and Celebrant*

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

#### **Fraction Anthem**

#### **Christ Our Passover**

Hymn S154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Communion

*The Celebrant says*

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 come forward for communion, including children. Please follow the ushers' guidance as you come to the rail.*

*If you would like a gluten-free host, extend your hands palms down. If you would like to receive the wine by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup), keep the bread in your hands and wait for the communion server to come to you. If you would like to receive from the common cup (drinking from the cup directly), please consume the bread first and then make your way to the steps at the end of the rail. A communion server will be there with the common cup. If it is not your custom to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest and the minister will offer a prayer.*

*A priest may be available to provide prayers for healing in the back southwest corner of the church. Simply head to the back during communion distribution and wait for your turn.*

## The Communion Music

O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God  
O Food to Pilgrims Given

Hymn 505  
Hymn 309

## Spiritual Communion Prayer

*For those worshipping with us online*

*In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, 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.*

*Please stand or kneel if able*

## Postcommunion Prayer

*Celebrant and People*

*God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

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## Blessing

*Please stand if able*

## Recessional

Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness

Hymn 381

## Dismissal

Deacon

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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## Postlude

Dr. Joseph Khoury, Guest Organist

*The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Marita Rodriguez & Herman Lainez by Rodriguez & Lainez Families; and in celebration of Glenda and Kevin Swann's 42nd anniversary.*

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES - FEB. 18**

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| 7:00 a.m. | Imposition of Ashes                     |
| 12 noon   | Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes |
| 5:30 p.m. | Family Service with Imposition of Ashes |
| 7:00 p.m. | Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes |



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