

THE HOLY
EUCCHARIST
WITH HOLY BAPTISM
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER
THE EPIPHANY:
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 12, 2025
AT 10:15AM

I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach
to the end of the earth.

Isaiah 49:6b

WELCOME! St. Paul's Church builds bridges — to God, to one another, to the city and beyond. We are glad you have joined us today.

Today is one of four occasions in the year designated by the Prayer Book as a baptismal day. Each of the four days has its particular theme which enhances our understanding of one aspect of this Christian sacrament. Today, we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord and read of this moment with John the Baptist where Jesus is revealed to be Messiah. God proclaims him the beloved Son and anoints him with the Holy Spirit. We administer Holy Baptism today in the context of the hope that through it, all are adopted as children of God.

This service booklet, *The Book of Common Prayer* (red), *The Hymnal 1982* (blue), and *Wonder, Love and Praise* (“WLP,” green paperbound) provide the resources needed for participation in our worship. Please silence your cell phones.

MUSIC NOTES

This morning's opening voluntary features two pieces about water on this Baptism of our Lord Sunday. The first written by John Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) has a continuously flowing left hand part symbolizing the flowing water of the Jordan River. The chorale that the piece is based on is played by the feet. Several centuries later John Ferguson (1941-2025) borrowed the same idea in his arrangement of Robert Lowry's hymn tune *Shall We Gather at the River*. The water flows between these two pieces with the same writing technique.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

Readers: James Dorr, Tim Dewart (8:00)

Gary Scott, Thomas Holiday, Nancy Curtis (10:15)

Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Grear (8:00)

Louise Moore, Melinda Johnston (10:15)

Crucifer: Wayne Least

Altar Guild: Louise Moore, Nancy Reale, Nancy Grear, Jane Newcomb,
Lila Kennedy

Ushers: Al Zenner, Gretchen Zenner, Jennifer Bleecker, Philip Bleecker

ASL Interpreter: Luane Haggerty (10:15)

Live-Stream Operator: Anita Chen (10:15)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29 (*Sung by ALL at 10:15 am*)

Chant: J.W. Meachen



- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you / gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and / strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his / Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of / holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory / thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty / waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful / voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of / splendor.

- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the / cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of / Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a / calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild / ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the / wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of / Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees / writhe *
and strips the forests / bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the / Lord *
all are crying, / "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the / flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for / evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his / people; * *2nd part*
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of / peace.

SECOND LESSON

Acts of the Apostles 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

✠ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *sung twice before Gospel and once following Celtic Alleluia*

The musical notation is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff begins in 6/8 time and contains the melody for "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,". The second staff continues the melody, changing to 9/8 time for "Al - le - lu - ia," and then back to 6/8 time for "Al - le - lu - ia!".

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Jay Burkardt

HOLY BAPTISM

*This morning we welcome
Madiit Malual Thongjang
into the household of God through Holy Baptism.*

✠ Hymn 490 (stz 1) I want to walk as a child of the light

Houston

The congregation may be seated.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

BCP, page 301

After the candidate has been presented, the congregation STANDS and the Presider addresses them, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to
support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

✠ THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BCP, page 304

- ✠ PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE page 305
- ✠ THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER page 306
- ✠ THE BAPTISM page 307

After the candidate has been baptized, the Presider says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People **We receive you in to the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

- ✠ EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please greet one another in Christ's Name. Words of welcome and announcements are then made.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM From the Rising of the Sun F. A. Gore Ouseley
From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered up unto thy name. For my name shall be great among the heathen, thus saith the Lord!

- ✠ AT THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

SUNG AT 10:15, HYMN 705 (stanza 3)

Forest Green

**With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to thee
 To serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity.
 O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy Son,
 Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

- ✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

From *A Mass for a Soulful People*

The image shows a musical score for the Sanctus and Benedictus. It consists of five staves of music in a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with measure 1 and ends with measure 6. The second staff starts with measure 7 and ends with measure 13. The third staff starts with measure 14 and ends with measure 20. The fourth staff starts with measure 21 and ends with measure 27. The fifth staff starts with measure 28 and ends with measure 34. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly - Ho - ly, ho - ly - , Ho - ly Lord God - of hosts - Hea - ven and earth - are - filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in - the - high - est - . Bless - ed is - He who - comes in the name - of the Lord - of the Lord - Ho - sa - nna - in the high - est, ho - san - na in - the - high - est.

The congregation may remain standing or kneel, as 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 he 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.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

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 his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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.

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Presider The gifts of God, for the people of God.

The congregation comes forward for Communion at the direction of the ushers. The Sacrament is given in both kinds: bread and wine. If you are not able to go to any of the

stations, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O Nata Lux

Thomas Tallis

O Light, born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, with loving kindness receive our prayer and praise. Thou who once was clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost, grant us to become members of thy blessed body.

✠ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

✠-HYMN 637

How Firm a Foundation

Lyons

✠ BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The children and presider invoke God's blessing and the people respond, Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

In Thee is Joy

J. S. Bach

PRAYER LIST

We entrust into your unfailing care, Merciful God...

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Kara Wagner Sherer, our Bishop; and, the Clergy, Staff,
and Lay Leaders of St. Paul's Church

In Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of West Africa

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: St. Paul's Church, Rochester

Nathan, Noreen, Dick, Dawn, Scott, Bertha Simpkins, Jeff, Tom, Bob Potter, Sr., Joyce
Crofton, John, Hank Couch, Ned Atwater, Paula Zanhizer, Amelia Smith, Ella Richard-
Dyson, Dean Arvan, and Bill Dewart

Those who have died.

*Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

FLOWER MEMORIALS

The flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Robert A. Clark, Jane B. Clark, Shirley H. Tappen, David Tappen II, Elizabeth & William
Wandersee

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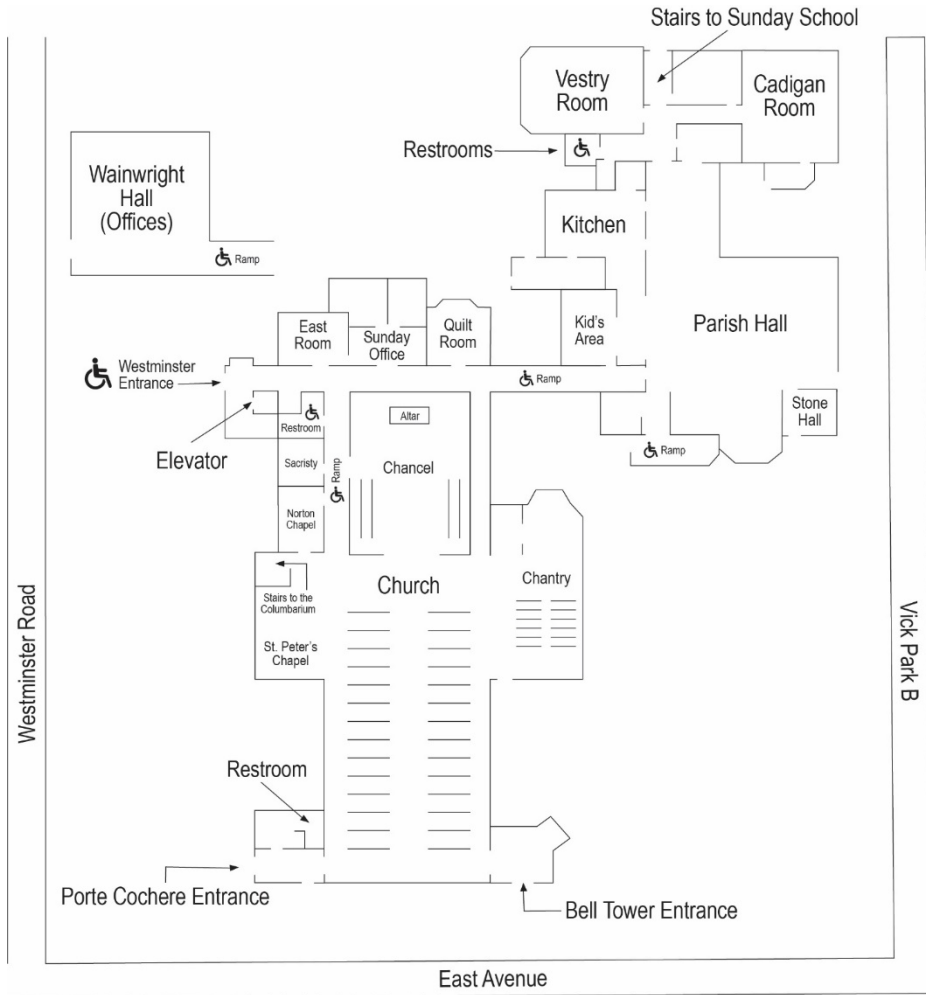
THIRD
Sundays @ 3 pm



A Concert in Honor of
The Rev. Dr. Martin
Luther King, Jr.

January 19, 2025
at 3:00 pm

Featuring the St. Paul's Choir
Augustine Sobeng, Organ Scholar
John W. W. Sherer, Organist & Director of Music



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Thank you for your generosity!

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S

- 8:00 am: Holy Eucharist (Chantry)
- 9:00 am: Sunday Forum (Cadigan Room)
- 10:15 am: Holy Eucharist (Church)
- 11:30 am: Choristers' Rehearsal (Church)
- 11:30 am: Fellowship Hour (Parish Hall)
- 11:30 am: Winter Book Group (Vestry Room)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Monday, January 13th

- 7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

Wednesday, January 15th

- 9:00 am: Wednesday Women AA (Stone Hall)
- Noon: Holy Eucharist (Norton Chapel)
- 7:00 pm: St Paul's Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- 8:15 pm: Young & Restless AA (Stone Hall)

Thursday, January 16th

- 6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Stone Hall)
- 7:00 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- 8:30 pm: Academy Group AA (Stone Hall)

Saturday, January 18th

- 10:30 am: Debtors' Anonymous (Quilt Room)
- 8:00 pm: AA Saturday Group (Stone Hall)

NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ **Bible Study continues today.** Sundays through March 2nd at 9:00 am in the Vestry room. Join your fellow parishioners in *Lectio Divina* -- a prayerful and structured conversation about the day's Scripture lessons. Led by one of the clergy.
- ❖ **Winter Book Group continues today.** "The Light We Give," by Simran Jeet Singh, is a book of hope that shows how each of us can turn away from fear and uncertainty and move toward renewal and positive change. Participants should purchase their own books. We will meet on Sundays, Jan 12 (Part 1), 19 (Part 2), and Feb 2 (Parts 3&4), 9 (Part 5) at 11:30 am in the Vestry Room. All are welcome!
- ❖ **Lost and Found:** Our lost and found is getting very full with items you may have left behind. Check out the table in the Parish Hall and claim your items. Any items left after January 19th will be offered to anybody to take, donated, or thrown away.
- ❖ **St. Paul's is launching a choir tour to Ghana!** This self-sustaining tour is open to anyone, singer or non-singer, interested in the adventure of a lifetime to sing worship services and concerts, plus learn about culture and history. On **February 12th at 7pm**, Jeffery Thyer from the tour agency ACFEA, along with John Sherer and Augustine Sobeng, will give a brief overview of the itinerary and what to expect for the trip being planned for February 2026. All are welcome! For more information, please contact John Sherer at jsherer@stpaulsec.org.
- ❖ **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 26th after the 10:15am Eucharist. Again this year, our Congregational Development Team will work through a mission and ministry discussion, alongside the usual financial reports.
- ❖ **Nominees for Warden and Vestry include:** Ingrid Stanlis (Warden, 3rd and final 2-year term); and Lila Kennedy, Les Kernan, Abuk Mabut (Vestry, first 3-year terms). Bios appear in the latest edition of *The Epistle*. Additional nominations may be made in advance of the meeting; please speak with Erin Glanton, Warden, for more information.

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