



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons*

## **The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 31, 2021**

*The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer. The service is printed here in its entirety.*

### **The Opening Hymn**

*O for a thousand tongues to sing  
Hymnal 493*

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

*The Celebrant says*

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

*The people say together*

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 Gloria**

Hymnal S 278

### **The Collect of the Day**

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The First Lesson — Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the Lord replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

## **Psalm 111**

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! \*

they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*

and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*

the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works \*

in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*

all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*

because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;

he commanded his covenant for ever; \*

holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*

those who act accordingly have a good understanding;

his praise endures for ever.

## **The Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

### **The Sequence Hymn**

*From all that dwell below the skies*  
Hymnal 380

### **The Holy Gospel — Mark 1:21-28**

*Celebrant*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People*         Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*         Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **The Homily**

The Rev. Hazel Smith Glover

### **The Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

*All say together,*

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.*

### **The Prayers of the People - Form III**

BCP 387

*Intercessor*    Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People*            *That we all may be one.*

*Intercessor*    Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*People*            *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

*Intercessor*    We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People*            *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

*Intercessor*    We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*People*            *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

*Intercessor*    Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People*            *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

*Intercessor*    Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*People*            *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

*Intercessor*    Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Roy and Lila Ravenell.  
*People*            *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

*Intercessor*    We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*People*            *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

*Intercessor*    Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for those on our prayer list, especially the Ravenell family.

We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially: Sofia, Trip, Candler, Geoff.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Celebrant 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 concludes with an absolution.*

**The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

**The Holy Communion**

**The Offertory**

*Jesu, joy of man's desiring*  
J.S. Bach

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer B*  
BCP 367

*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.

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:

**The Sanctus**

Hymnal S 128

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 for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant 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 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 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.

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**The Fraction Anthem**

Hymnal S 154

**The Communion Anthem**

*Ave Verum corpus*  
W.A. Mozart

*Celebrant* 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.

## **The Blessing**

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## **The Closing Hymn**

*God of mercy, God of Grace*  
Hymnal 538

## **The Dismissal**

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### **Parish Notices are sent via email and posted on the church website and Facebook page.**

If you are not receiving emails from the church, please contact Lesley Williams at  
parishadmin@stpaulsnewnan.org.

The church website is [www.stpaulsnewnan.org](http://www.stpaulsnewnan.org).

The Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/StPaulsNewnan](https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsNewnan)

### ***Remember in your prayers:***

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Roxanne Wallis, Malcolm Velasca, Kiran Force, Alice Magnan, Annie Bulford, Margaret Crary, Trina Hall, Tyler Chapman, Anna Endres, Kimberly Leitch, Candy Waldron, Peter Funnell, Kirk Goodell, Bo Warren, Brittany Jones, Ralph Hajosy, Judy Causey, Amanda Howell Eber, Jeff Lawhead, Billy Newman, Phil Watkiss.

We pray for those with timely concerns: Don Doggrell, Brink Howard, Adam Harrison, Linda Waskan, the Ravenell family.

We pray for those who are sick and those who love them, and for those who have died because of the coronavirus; for those who are oppressed by fear and for those who are losing the income that sustains them. Let us also pray for those in the medical, scientific, research and pharmaceutical communities devoting their time and talent to the cause of global health. And, let us pray for all our elected officials and all those who hold the common trust that their wisdom and compassion for all people will increase.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Jennifer, Bill, Nicole, Philip, Mark, Kay, Geoff, Renee, Heather, Lisa; the Clergy and Staff: Hazel, Mason, Lesley, Dawn, Elisabeth, Mary Margaret, Britney, Mary, Kimberly, Cole.

We pray for members of our armed services and their families: Phil Kearney, Kevin Bradley, Joe Clay, Tom Choate, Linda Boyce, Dariel Johnson, Sean McGraw, Steven Puckett, Bill Tudor, Jr., Scott Woodward, Luke White, Tommy White, Zach Simkins, Jacob Britt, Morgen Davis, Luke Eason, Michael Rafferty, David Norwood, Arron Essex, Adam Harrison, Sam Vermilyea, Charles Mathews, Nick Watts, Cameron Everett, Lanier Sealy, Beau Massenburg.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Sofia Young, Trip Taylor, Candler Budd, Geoff Mattera.

We pray for those who have died: Roy and Lila Ravenell, family of Nicole Edwards. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.*

## *Parish Announcements*

**Annual Parish Meeting TODAY** -- The Annual Parish Meeting will take place via Zoom on January 31, 2021, beginning at 11:30 a.m. The meeting link has been shared via email and Facebook. The 2021 Financial Budget will be presented and three vestry members will be elected.

**Virtual Coffee Hour** -- Thanks to host volunteers, we have resumed our virtual coffee hours via Zoom, beginning at approximately 11:15 a.m., following the morning service. Simply grab your own coffee and go to <https://tinyurl.com/stpcoffeehour>. We ask you to put yourself on mute when not speaking to help cut down on feedback. If you would like to host a coffee hour, please contact Kay Lewis, Parish Life Vestry Liaison, at [kayblewis@gmail.com](mailto:kayblewis@gmail.com). **There will be no coffee hour today due to the annual meeting taking place.** Coffee Hour will resume on February 7th with hosts Frank and Kellie West.

**Godly Play: Sundays at 9:30 a.m.** -- Godly Play is a Montessori-based curriculum that includes storytelling, interaction, exploration, and creativity to teach and enliven Bible stories. In Godly Play, for ages 4 through 5th grade, marvelous things happen as children "work, play and wonder together at the awesomeness of God." Email Elisabeth Copeland at [elisabeth@stpaulsnewnan.org](mailto:elisabeth@stpaulsnewnan.org) for the Zoom meeting link.

**Adult Formation: Sundays at 9:00 a.m.** -- Join us for a study of Matthew Kelly's book, Rediscover Jesus, on Sunday mornings from 9:00 until 9:40. If you've never tried Adult Formation at St. Paul's, please make us your New Year's resolution for 2021! We have a very congenial group and thoughtful, prayerful discussions of various topics related to how we can better live the way Jesus came to earth to teach us. The 2021 code and password are as follows: 745 1980 5848 with password 4SYWAY. Email Lauren Gallagher at [laurengallagher77@gmail.com](mailto:laurengallagher77@gmail.com) with any questions.

**EYC: Sundays at 5:00 p.m.** -- EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) meets online or in person weekly during the school year for fun, fellowship with other youth, and learning more about God's love. Friends from other churches are always welcome! Email Mary Margaret Stewart at [marymargaret@stpaulsnewnan.org](mailto:marymargaret@stpaulsnewnan.org) for the details.

**Virtual Children's Choir: Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.** -- Children in grades 2 and up are invited to join our St. Paul's Virtual Children's Choir for the coming year. There is no upper grade/age limit. To register your child if you have not already done so, email Dawn Harrison at [dawnie.harrison@gmail.com](mailto:dawnie.harrison@gmail.com).

**Prayer Requests** -- Prayer requests for the parish prayer list or the confidential Daughters of the King prayer list may be submitted online at <https://tinyurl.com/stpprayers> or you may also contact Hazel+ directly.

**Other Financial Gifts** -- Many of you have asked how you can continue to give financially to St. Paul's as well as contribute to the rector's discretionary fund or our Peace and Purpose campaign during this time. You may mail a check to the church, set up one-time or regular payments via your bank, or make an online payment via credit card. Please visit <http://www.stpaulsnewnan.org/give/> for detailed instructions.



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**CLERGY AND Staff**

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