



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The
Fifth Sunday
after the Epiphany

Suffolk, Virginia

February 5, 2023

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist at 9:30

Voluntary: **Prélude** –Théodore Dubois

The Liturgy of the Word

The Opening Salutation: p. 355

A Hymn: ***Christ whose glory fills the Skies*** #Z

The Collect of the Day: p. 216

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.**

Today's Readings from Holy Scripture

The First Lesson: **Isaiah 58:1-12**

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.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

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

Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

**Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

**Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.**

The New Testament Lesson: **I Corinthians 2:1-12**

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.

The Gospel Lesson: **Matthew 5:13-20**

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.”

The Sermon: The Very Rev. Dr. Keith Emerson

The Nicene Creed: p. 358

The Prayers of the People: Form I p. 383

Birthdays: Alex Bangley, Sugar Barrow, Deidre Dickens, Elizabeth Flowers, Frances Ossman, Bill Owen, and Catherine Sage.

Anniversaries:

Parish Prayer List: Ronnie Aylward, Magdalene Barnes, Abbi Blake, Sylvia Bourcier, Arthur Buchanan, Juel Carr, Dot Cross, Connie Garris, Connie Happel, Richard Harrell, Patricia Hundley, Elizabeth Jenkins, Peggy Moore, Dixie Peachy, Frances Pettit, Doreen Pickering, Sandi Rekkedal, and Lyn Snyder.

The Departed: Billy Wilson.

The Confession & Absolution: p. 360

The Peace: p. 360

The Offertory

The Anthem: *This Little Light*

arr-George Mabry

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B: p. 367

The Sanctus: **#S129**

The Lord's Prayer: p. 364

The Fraction and Anthem:

The Communion of the People:

Every person who has been baptized into the Christian faith and life in the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church regardless of age or denominational affiliation.

You may stand or kneel at the Altar Rail. Gluten-free wafers are available. Communion wine is served in individual cups, which, once consumed, members place on a tray located in the Chancel area. If you are not able to negotiate the Chancel steps the priest will be happy to bring communion to you at your pew.

Most Sundays a member of the congregation will be available to pray with you privately after you receive communion. This person will be standing at the Prayer Desk next to the pulpit. We encourage you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for healing and grace.

The Communion Hymn: *Be thou my vision* **#488**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion: p. 366

The Blessing:

The world is too dangerous
and too beautiful for anything but love.
May your eyes be so blessed you see God in everyone;
your ears, so you hear the cry of the poor.
May your hands be so blessed
that everything you touch is a sacrament;
your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with love.
May your feet be so blessed you run
to those who need you.
And may your heart be so opened,
so set on fire, that your love—your love—
changes everything.

And may the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
be among you this day and remain with you always.

A Hymn: *I want to walk as a child of the light*

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The Dismissal:

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

An Organ Voluntary: **Grand Choeur** –Théodore Dubois

Announcements

Communion-to-Go Bags are still available if you are not able to attend next week's service and plan to watch on Facebook Live.

Calendar

- Today **A Celebration of Holy Eucharist** at 9:30.
 Souper Bowl lunch after the 9:30 service.
- Wed. **Women's Bible Study** at 10:00.
- Thur. **The Choir** rehearses at 7:00.
- 2/12 **A Celebration of Holy Eucharist** at 9:30.
 St. Valentine after the worship service
- 2/19 **Make a Joyful Noise** after the service.
- 2/21 **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** in the Parish Hall from
 6:00-7:30.
- 2/22 **Ash Wednesday Eucharist** in the Chapel at noon.
 Ash Wednesday Eucharist with Choir in the Church at
 7:00.
- 2/26 St. Paul's Lenten Program—**Parables & Paintings**—after
 the service.

Assisting in Today's Service

<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>L.E.M.</u>	<u>Vestry Ushers</u>
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The Treasurer:

The Parish Office: **757-539-2478** Open M-F 9:00am-12:00

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