

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*We are called to gather around the sacred story and table of Christ  
where all are invited to be fed and everyone's story matters.*

*"All Guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ."*

*The Rule of St. Benedict*



**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Liturgy of the Word and Prayer**

**February 7, 2021, 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.**

St. Paul's Sunday Morning Zoom Services  
*Lynne Jacobson, M.Div., Presiding*

Readers: 8:00 AM

Sunday, February 7th, 2021

First Lesson	<u>1. Pat McMahan</u>
Psalm	<u>1. Vince McMahan</u>
Second Lesson	<u>1. Rebecca Smith</u>
Nicene Creed	<u>1. Vince McMahan</u>
Prayers of the People	<u>1. Vince McMahan</u>
The People	<u>1. Pat McMahan</u>

*Please be mindful that everyone will be muted during the prelude, readings and musical selections throughout the service.*

St. Paul's Sunday Morning Zoom Services

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Readers: 10:30 AM

Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

First Lesson	<u>1. Lucinda Brunner</u>
Psalm	<u>1. Peggy Downen</u>
Second Lesson	<u>1. Lucinda Brunner</u>
Nicene Creed	<u>sung</u>
Prayers of the People	<u>1. Sandra Lee</u>
The People	<u>1. Jackie Mounts</u>

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**Prelude:** *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling* Will Thompson  
Kathleen Johnson, Organist

# The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Hymn: # 423 Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise Vs. 1, 4

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the treble clef staff. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the next two lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,  
in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

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Opening Hymn continued

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Presider Blessed be God: the Holy Trinity.  
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.



## The First Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31

Lector        A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Lector        Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People        **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm: 147:1-12, 21c**

Lector        Let us read sections of Psalm 147 responsively.

1 Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*

**how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!**

2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; \*

**he gathers the exiles of Israel.**

3 He heals the brokenhearted \*

**and binds up their wounds.**

4 He counts the number of the stars \*

**and calls them all by their names.**

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \*

**there is no limit to his wisdom.**

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*Psalm continued*

6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, \*  
**but casts the wicked to the ground.**

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; \*  
**make music to our God upon the harp.**

8 He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
**and prepares rain for the earth;**

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
**and green plants to serve mankind.**

10 He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
**and for the young ravens when they cry.**

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
**he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;**

12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
**in those who await his gracious favor.**

21 Hallelujah!

## The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Lector            A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Lector            Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People            **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: # 773 Heal Me Hands of Jesus Vs. 1, 2



1. Heal me, hands of Je-sus, and search out all my pain: re -  
4. Fill me, joy of Je-sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and



store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.  
heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

## **The Gospel: Mark 1:29-39**

**Presider**      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

**Presider**      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

Lynne Jacobson, M.Div.

# The Creed: I Believe In God Almighty Vs. 1

1. I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that  
be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and  
sea. I be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for  
us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir - it and of  
Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## The Creed: I Believe In God Almighty Vs. 2

2. I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci -  
fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied— True Life there had tru - ly  
died. I be - lieve that on the third day Christ was  
raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed to God  
right hand. He will come to judge and save.

The musical score is written in a single system with five staves. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the accompaniment is written on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

### The Creed: I Believe In God Almighty Vs. 3

3. I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with-  
in One church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give-ness frees from  
sin; in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the  
break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's ev - er -  
last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The key signature consists of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The music is divided into five systems, each with a vocal line and corresponding lyrics. The lyrics are: "3. I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with- in One church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give-ness frees from sin; in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed." The score ends with a double bar line.

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.

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*Nicene Creed continued*

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.

## Prayers of the People

Intercessor May your light open the eyes and hearts of those in leadership in America and throughout the world to enable them to make wise decisions for the good of all.

**People Jesus, you are the light of the world.**

Intercessor Enlighten and guide your Church wherever we are to be found; we pray especially for our Presiding Bishop, Michael, and for Paula, our Diocesan Bishop-Elect, for Barbara, our Rector and for our St. Paul's Vestry members. We also pray for Congregations in the Chicago-South Deanery: Brent House Campus Ministry at the University of Chicago; the Chapel at Montgomery Place; South Loop Campus Ministry; Grace Place in Chicago; Holy Cross in Chicago; and for our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk: La Santa Cruz in Oaxaca; St. Peter in Geiger Centre.

**People Jesus, you are the light of the world.**

Intercessor May the works of all our lives demonstrate your love.

**People Jesus, you are the light of the world.**

Intercessor May your wisdom enlighten our thoughts and decisions.

**People Jesus, you are the light of the world, hear the prayers of our hearts.**

*Prayers of the People continues next page*

Intercessor In thanksgiving for this new year, for new beginnings and for the promise of the vaccine against COVID-19. (Silence)  
*(The People may add their own thanksgivings.)*

**People Jesus, you are the light of the world and we are grateful.**

Intercessor For those who've asked for our prayers. Remember especially Mother Barbara, Lori, Alex, Gail, Puz, Rosemarie, Dorothy, Margaret, David, Austin, Colleen, Kevin and Jean.  
(Silence)  
*(The People may add their own petitions.)*

Intercessor For all who have died, especially of COVID, that they may enjoy the nearer life with you now and always.

**People Jesus, you are the light of the world, may we always be aware of your light.**

Presider Jesus, as you enlighten our lives, may we also become light for the lives others, we pray, in your most holy name. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you!

**People: And also with you!**

*(Then the Presider and People may offer a sign of peace to one another in the name of the Lord.)*

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

People

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

## The Blessing

Presider

May the peace of God which passes all understanding keep our minds and hearts in the knowledge and love of God, and may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: #411 O Bless the Lord, my Soul Vs. 1, 2, 3

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!  
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!  
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!  
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.  
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.

## Dismissal

Presider Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go out into the world rejoicing in power of the Holy Spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude Sarabande Carl Bohm Kathleen Johnson, Organist

*Join us for Coffee Conversation on Zoom after the service*

## **Announcements, Special Prayers and Blessings**

### **For Birthdays**

God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, especially Bobby Russell, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **For Wedding Anniversaries**

Gracious Creator: You blessed the marriage of these two people with your love years ago, especially. Amid the joys and struggles of their life you have preserved and strengthened the covenant between them; bless and renew that covenant now, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace, so that surrounded by their children, family and friends, they may always rejoice in the gift of their love for one another and for your enduring love that blesses their days together. This we ask through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **For Travelers**

O God, whose beauty and intention fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Opening Hymn: # 423, Immortal Invisible God Only Wise. Words: Walter Chalmers  
Smith (1824-1908), alt, Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniaduaau y Cyssegr*, 1839;  
adapt. John Roberts (1822\*1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt., *The 1982 Hymnal*.

Song of Praise: # 829 Laudate Dominum *Sing, Praise and Bless the Lord*. Words: Psalm 117,  
Taizé Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994), *Wonder Love and Praise*.

Gradual Hymn: # 773, Heal Me Hands of Jesus. Words: Michael Perry  
Music: *Sharpe*, Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *Tunes for Grace, Wonder, Love and Praise*.

The Creed: # 768 I Believe in God Almighty. Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993)  
Music: Domhnach Trionoide, Gaelic melody; harm. Richard Proulx (b. 1937), *Wonder Love  
and Praise*.

Closing Hymn: 411 O Bless The Lord My Soul. Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para.  
of Psalm 103, Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell  
Mason (1792-1872) *The 1982 Hymnal*.

## Household Prayer: Morning

*In the morning, while it was still very dark,  
Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place,  
and there he prayed.*

*As I turn to you in prayer this morning, God,  
bless me with a sense of purpose.*

*As I go out into this day, show me what I am to do. Amen.*

## Household Prayer: Evening

*Everlasting God, you have been here from the foundations of the earth.*

*I give to you this day now ending, with all its gifts and failings.*

*As I rest through the night,  
renew my strength and, in my dreams,  
lift me up on the wings of eagles. Amen.*