

The Liturgy of the Word

We stand to sing and pray.

Processional Hymn # 632 O Christ, thy word incarnate

Priest Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Gloria in excelsis: Glory to God



In 2 *f*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God, hea - ven-ly King, al -
- might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
poco rit.
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
a tempo mp *poco cresc.*
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son — of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin — of the world; have

mer - cy on us; _____ you are seat - ed at the right
hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our _____ prayer. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, _____
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.

The Collect of the Day - Proper 28

Priest The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Priest Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

We sit to hear the lessons.

The First Lesson

Judges 4:1-7

Lector: A reading from the Book of Judges.

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123

Lector Let us read Psalm 123 together

1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Lector: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

We stand to sing and hear the Gospel.

Gradual Hymn # 536 Open your ears, O faithful people

The Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?

Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Reverend Ed Bird

Silence for meditation

We stand to affirm our faith by reciting the Nicene Creed.

The 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 for Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Intercessor Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying: God of grace, hear our prayer.

Holy God, you welcome us into your joy and entrust us with your gospel. In hope for the world to come and with love for the world you made, we offer our prayers for your church, your earth, and your people.

Silence

Intercessor God of grace,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor For your church, in this community and around the world, that your good news may be proclaimed to all.. We pray especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Jeff our Diocesan Bishop, and Ed, our Priest. *For the congregations of the Niger Delta in Nigeria, our companion dioceses of Southeast Mexico and Renk in the South Sudan;

Intercessor Intercessions and thanksgivings are offered today for the clergy of our Diocese: our Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and their ministries in parishes, as well as our clergy in specialized ministries such as chaplaincies, teaching and hospice care.

Silence

God of grace,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor For our city of DeKalb: For the safety of all our residents and students, help us end poverty, racism, and gun violence; for our leaders and police who are fighting increasing gun and drug activity; for our neighbors who are most in need of social and economic opportunities. Guide us to work together to continue becoming the city of love you made us to be, especially in diversity, economic growth, and safety for all.

Silence

God of grace,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor For those who govern— grant them wisdom and a commitment to justice. We pray especially for Donald, our President, Bruce, our Governor, and Jerry, our Mayor.

Silence

God of grace,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor For your creation, that we may be the caretakers you intend.

Silence

God of grace,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the young, that they might be nurtured in love and for the old, that they might be secure in your care.

Silence

Intercessor God of grace,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor For those who suffer from anxieties and ills – give them relief. For all those who care for the suffering and those in their charge. We pray especially for Gail, Susan, Mike, Marilyn, Dorothy, Margaret, Kathy, Erin and Mandy, David, Patty, and Rosemarie.

Silence

God of grace,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor We give thanks for all those celebrating birthdays, especially Dean Judkins, and those celebrating anniversaries.

Silence

God of grace,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor We remember before you those who have died that your steadfast love may shelter them in the peace of your eternal light.

Silence

God of grace,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor For all those needs still unnamed but placed before you now.

(The people may add their prayers either silently or out loud.)

Silence

Intercessor God of grace,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor All this we pray with gratitude for your eternal love and extravagant grace; in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Every week we will pray for a different international church in the Anglican Communion as part of the Anglican Cycle of Prayer. We also will pray weekly for churches and ministries in the Diocese of Chicago and our Companion Dioceses as part of the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer.*

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Then we greet one another saying, "Peace be with you."

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYERS

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)

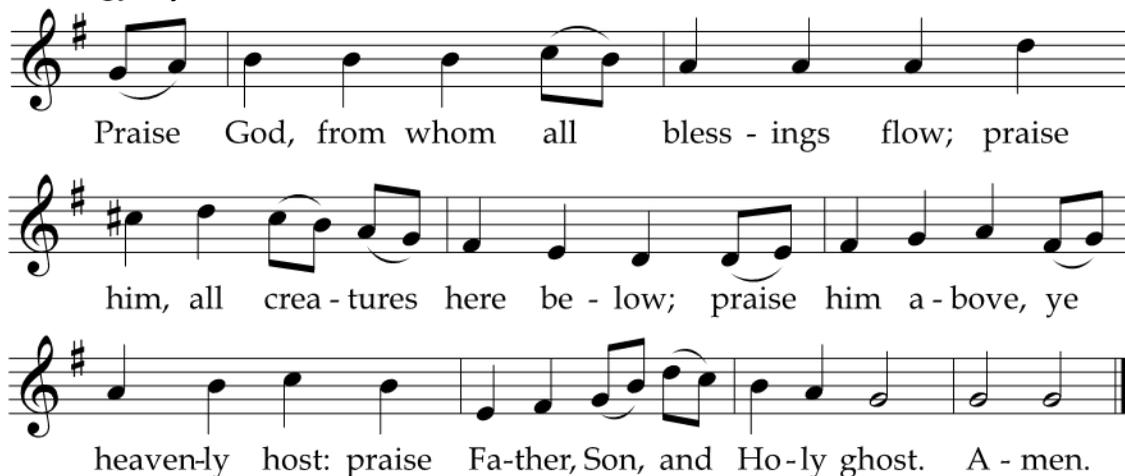
Offertory Anthem

Sing Unto the Lord a New Song

The St. Paul's Adult/Youth Choir

Thomas Morley

Doxology Hymn # 11 v. 3



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye
heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy ghost. A - men.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

Sursum Corda

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise

Priest God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

Priest At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People *By your will they were created and have their being.*

Priest From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People *Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Priest Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People *By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.*

Priest And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord

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.

We remain standing or kneel.

Priest

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Priest Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Priest

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Lord God of our Mothers: God of Sarah, Rachel, Rebekah, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Priest

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

In Unison

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

Silence is observed after the bread is broken

Fraction Anthem: Agnus Dei, Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: ___ have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sins of the world: ___ grant us peace.

slower

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The Episcopal Church invites all Christians to receive communion. The host is placed in your open hands; please assist in guiding the chalice to your lips, or dip the host in the wine. **We have gluten free hosts available, ask the priest at the rail.** It is acceptable to receive only the bread or the wine. If you would rather not receive communion, you are invited to come to the rail for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will say a prayer for you.*

Communion Hymn: # 312 Strengthen for service Lord

Prayer after Communion

When all have received Communion, the Priest leads the following prayer.

Please stand for the prayer and blessing

Priest Let us pray.

In Unison

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Priest

You are the Light of the World. Let your light shine. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and shine through always. *Amen.*

Recessional: # 581 Rise Up, ye saints of God

Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

DeKalb, Illinois, Diocese of Chicago
Member of the Episcopal Church

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Second and Fourth Sundays: 8:00 A.M. (spoken)
Sundays: 10:30 A.M. (with music)

Child care for infants & young children is available
Sundays 9:15 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. in the Nursery.

Christian Education Classes for All Ages

Children and youth meet in the St. Timothy Center;
2nd Sunday in September - 3rd Sunday in May. 9:30 A.M.
Adults meet in the conference room year-round, 9:15 A.M.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Our Wardens and Vestry

Peggy Newby, Senior Warden, Freyja Rasmussen-Johns, Junior Warden,
Pat Brown, Treasurer, Julie Stubblefield, Gretchen Schlabach,
Brad Smith, Linda Lorbach, Marv Kombrink

Today's Ministers

The Reverend Ed Bird	Presiding Clergy
Bill Cummings	Eucharistic Minister
Gretchen Schlabach	Crucifer / Acolyte
Jennie Cummings	Lector
Linda Lorbach	Intercessor
Jane and George Nenonen	Usher
Jane Nenonen	Altar Guild
Jane Nenonen or Mary Lincoln	Flower Guild
Donna d'Oliviera	Coffee Hour Host
Julie Rogers, Brittany Altepeter	Childcare

Today and this Week at St. Paul's

Today, Sunday November 19, 2017, Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost		
SC Small Group Meeting	9:00 A.M.	Parish Hall
Adult Sunday School	9:15 A.M.	Conf. Room
Nursery and Childcare Available	9:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
Children's Sunday School	9:30 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr
Choir Rehearsal	10:15 A.M.	Parish Hall
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
Coffee/Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall
Craft Show	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall
SC Small Group Meeting	12:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
Vestry Meeting	12:15 P.M.	Conf. Room

**Flowers on the altar today are given by Maureen Gerrity
In Honor of the wedding anniversary of
Sara Lou Dudgeon and Kyle Hilgendorf**

This Week - November 19th, 2017 through November 26th, 2017

Thu	Nov 23	Thanksgiving - Office Closed	
		<i>No Adult or Children's Choir Rehearsals</i>	
Fri/Sat	Nov 24/25	Rector's Days Off	
Sun	Nov 26	The Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M. Sanctuary
		Adult Sunday School	9:15-10:15 A.M. Conf. Room
		Nursery/Childcare	9:15-11:45 A.M. St. Timothy Ctr.
		Children's Sunday School	9:30 A.M. St. Timothy Ctr.
		Choir Rehearsal	10:15 A.M. Parish Hall
		The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M. Sanctuary
		Coffee and Fellowship	11:30 A.M. Parish Hall

Announcements

Welcome! If you are worshipping here for the first time, please sign our guest book. You are welcome to join us for refreshments after the service in the Parish Hall.

Search Committee Small Group Meetings

As you know the next next step in the search process is the small groups. It is vitally important that everyone sign up to participate in one of these groups. The groups will be limited to six participants and a facilitator and scribe from the search committee. The small groups will last no more than 90 minutes. The remaining groups will meet today, 11/19, at 9 to 10:15 AM in the Parish Hall, and at 11:30AM to 1:00 PM in the St. Timothy Center. If we need more sessions they will be scheduled.

Travel, Craft and Hobby Show Today

All are invited to see home- made crafts and/or hobbies at this yearly show. In the years when this show has been at event at St. Paul's displays from post card exchangers to home baked goods have joined knitters, wood workers and ceramic artists in sharing their work with the parish. Please join us.

Advent Devotional

The Advent devotional, *“Practicing Wonder With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind* is available in the Sanctuary and in the Parish Hall. Author the Rev. Dr. Scott Stoner is joined by guest writers Wendy Claire Barrie, the Rev. Viktoria Gotting, the Rev. Canon Scott Gunn, and the Rt. Rev. Gregory H. Rickel.

Ministries Scheduling for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany

December and January are busy times and we often have extra obligations and traveling. Please let the Parish Office and your program areas know of your availability for the upcoming liturgical seasons to help with planning our services and events.

Thanksgiving Holiday

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd for the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be no Adult or Children's Choir Rehearsals.

Giving in Joy, Hope and Thanks

If you have not filled out your Pledge Certificate, more are available in the Sanctuary. They can be mailed to the Parish Office. Please return your Pledge Certificate by Thursday, November 30th..

Episcopal Relief Services - Hurricane Relief Funds

Those wishing to donate to relief efforts for the victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose, and Maria may find a donation page on the Episcopal Relief website, <http://www.episcopalrelief.org>.

Prayer List

If you would like to add someone to be prayed for in The Prayers of the People, you can fill out one of the blue sheets available on the table near the Narthex and give it to the ushers. Or call or email the Parish Office. Names will appear for six weeks, but can be continued if the need continues.

Talking to the Community

We are hoping to send out press releases on the activities at St. Paul's on a regular basis. Please let the Parish Office know of any ideas you have to speak about the parish activities and members.

St. Paul's is an affirming and inclusive Christian community!

Striving through worship, love and service to welcome all people just as God created you. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender expression, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we! All are welcome, no exceptions!

For more information about St. Paul's

Go to our website, www.stpaulsdekalb.org - to hear the Sermons, Announcements, Schedules, Mars Hill Newsletter, etc. The Church of St. Paul is on Facebook and Twitter! Like our page and sign up to follow us to get the latest updates on what's going on!

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Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis* E 20,

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord E 23

Fraction Anthem: Agnus Dei, Jesus, Lamb of God E 27

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Doxology, Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, # 11, Vs. 4

Words: Thomas Ken, alt., Music: Morning Hymn, melody François Barthélémon;
harm. The Church Hymnal for the Church Year, 1917, *The 1982 Hymnal*

Prelude: *This Our Song of Praise*

William Stickles

Postlude: *Ode To Thanksgiving*

Ludwig Van Beethoven

Household Prayer: Morning

Good morning, Lord. I welcome the new day, for it is a gift from you. My petty fears are nothing in the face of your love; in the warmth of your wisdom my anxieties melt away. Make me more faithful than I could be on my own, and use me to reflect your light, for there are so many who need to know of your grace. Walk with me, and show me your way, for I would follow you. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Good evening, Lord. Thank you for bringing me through this day, its trials and its joys. You surprise me with wonder and overwhelm me with love. Keep me in your embrace tonight; inhabit my dreams. If you choose to grant me another day of life, awaken me as one who is eager to serve you well. Amen.