

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.*



**Reign of Christ
Liturgy of the Word and Table
November 20, 2022, 8:00 AM, Rite I**

The Liturgy of the Word

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

Celebrant

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

People

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 16 - The Song of Zechariah

Lector Let us read Canticle 16 together responsively.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies, *

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *

holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Colossians 1:11-20

Lector: A reading from the Book of Paul's Second Letter to the Colossians.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Luke 23:33-43

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Lord.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Barbara A.T. Wilson

The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;**

**and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy.

Silence

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially for our Presiding Bishop, Michael, our own Bishop, Paula, and our Priest, Barbara, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their lives.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially our President, Joseph, and our Governor, Jay, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially the families of those lost to violence and natural disaster. We pray especially for Gail, Kenneth, Donald, Arthur, Jennifer, Dorothy, Margaret, Colleen, Edward, John, Alice, Chris, Bill, Ruth, Mary, Duane, Bob and Sharon, John and Josh, Eileen, Susan W., and the family of Neal Moran.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Neal Moran, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Celebrant

God our Creator, when you speak there is light and life, when you act, there is justice and love. Accept these, the prayers of your faithful people, and open our eyes and hearts to see your loving response in our own lives and in the lives of your holy people everywhere. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

We stand for the pronouncement of the Peace

The Peace

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

Then we greet one another saying, "May the peace of Christ be yours."

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

"This is what the Lord asks of you and only this, that you act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:6-8)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I

Celebrant The Lord be with you
People **And with thy spirit**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose true promise the Holy Ghost came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to thy Church the power to serve thee as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

People

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel or stand.

Celebrant

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

Celebrant

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

People

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Anyone seeking a closer relationship with God through Christ Jesus is welcome to come forward to share the bread, in the form of a small wafer, and the wine. The wine is available to you in the common cup where you may take a sip or dip your wafer in ("intinct") to receive the Blood of Christ. Alternatively, if you prefer, there are small individual serving cups of consecrated wine to the left of the altar for you. Please know that Holy Communion is given in full by reception of the wafer of bread alone.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL PRAYERS

For Birthdays

Dear God, our times are ever in your loving hands: Encourage and bless your beloved people as they begin another year, especially Dean Judkins. Help them to 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. 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 loving intention fills all of Creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Keep __ (N) _____ safe as they travel, may they be aware that your love surrounds them always. Protect them from all danger; bring them safely home again; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Today's Ministers

St. Paul's Sunday Morning Services

The Rev. Barbara A.T. Wilson, Presiding

Sunday, November 20, 2022

Readers: 8:00 AM

First Lesson

Jane DeGolier

Psalm

Jane DeGolier

Second Lesson

Steve DeGolier

Intercessor

Steve DeGolier

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship for 2023

Please watch for Stewardship materials for pledges for the work of St. Paul's in the coming year. Jennie Cummings is asking if people would be willing to record brief video testimonials on why St. Paul's is your church home. Please contact Jennie and she will tell you more.

Transgender Day of Remembrance

Everyone is invited to join tonight, November 20, 2022, at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (900 Normal Rd in DeKalb) for a service for Transgender Day of Remembrance. We are excited to be back in person to honor the lives lost by transphobia over the last few years. This year in addition to the reading of the names we will be having a pop-up choir; rehearsal is at 6:00 pm on November 20th at St. Paul's, any and everyone is welcome. Please contact Pastor Mack Patrick for more information.

An Evening of Taize

Please join us for forty-five minutes to an hour of meditative sung prayer in the tradition of the Taize Community, France. Our next **Taizé Gathering** is on Friday, **December 2nd**. A prayer event of music, candles and readings from poets and other thinkers. A rehearsal for musicians and readers will be held on December 1st at 7:00 PM.

Grace Place Campus Ministry

Will meet at St. Paul's every **Wednesday at 6:00 PM**. There is a brief service and then a meal. The Ministry welcomes guests to join the students who come to meet for devotions and meals. St. Paul's will also be providing some of the meals along with other Episcopal and Lutheran congregations in Sycamore and DeKalb. St. Paul's will be bringing the last meal of the semester on November 30th.

Flower Memorials

We have revived the practice of making memorial remembrances in the bulletin with flower donations. Look for the flower donation chart in the Parish Hall or simply send a check with a memorial specified.

Service at OakCrest

St. Paul's is again offering a monthly service to the residents at OakCrest. You are welcome to join Mother Barbara on the last Thursdays of the month at 2:00 PM.

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! Like our page and sign up to follow us to get the latest updates on what's going on!

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

Through worship, love and service we welcome everyone 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!

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Marilyn Cleland, Steve De Golier, Pat Brown
Lori Judkins, Rhys Prall*

Household Prayer: Morning

*God of the new day,
at the dawning of the first day
you spoke creation into being and declared it good.*

*You crafted each flower and vegetable
and bird of the air and beast of the land,
and there at all of it was Jesus the Christ.*

*We give thanks for the dawning of this day
and pray we might know your holy triune presence
in all we see and do.*

*Guard our hearts, minds, spirits, and bodies
that we, too, might sing the goodness of creation
and remember your call to be good stewards of it all. Amen.*

Household Prayer: Evening

*Ever-present God,
even on that dark day, in that dark place called the Skull,
you were present to the suffering and those in pain.*

*Be present to the suffering on this night, too,
and rain down mercy and justice upon your beloved creation.*

*Be with us and those we love this night,
and bring us through to the dawning of a new day
filled with righteousness, love, and peace. Amen.*