# St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

Ocean City, Maryland



## Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany February 07, 2021

## Holy Eucharist–Rite II

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel His mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

#### Hymn:

#### Hymnal 1982, #423

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

## The Word of God

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung. The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

The Celebrant may say

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.* 

When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

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

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.* 

Gracious God, through the movement of your Holy Spirit, strengthen us here at St. Paul's by-the-Sea and in the Diocese of Easton as an inviting and welcoming people; receive our worship, nurture our life in Christ that we may evermore faithfully serve all your people, both near and far; this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen* 

#### The Lessons

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading (Lesson) from the Book of Isaiah, the 40th chapter beginning at the twenty-first verse

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.

After each Reading, the Reader may say The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

Hallelujah!

 How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*
 how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

 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.

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!

#### Epistle

A Reading (Lesson) from 1 Corinthians, the 9th chapter beginning at the sixteenth verse.

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.

After each Reading, the Reader may say The Word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

#### Sequence Hymn:

Hymnal 1982, #529

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

2 Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be! Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.

3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North, all Christly souls are one in him, throughout the whole wide earth.

#### Gospel

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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.

After the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord. People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### The Sermon

#### The Reverend Ronald Knapp

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing

#### 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.

#### The Prayers of the People

#### Form V

Deacon or other leader

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy". For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Here and after every petition the People respond Lord, have mercy.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Santosh, our Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Paul, our patron saint, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. *To you*, O *Lord our* God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

#### **Confession of Sin**

A Confession of Sin is said here if it has not been said earlier. On occasion, the Confession may be omitted.

One of the sentences from the Penitential Order on page 351 may be said. The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

#### The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

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

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

#### Hymn:

1 Surely it is God who saves me; trusting him, I shall not fear. For the Lord depends and shields me and his saving help is near. So rejoice as you draw water from salvation's living spring; in the day of your deliverance thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

2 Make his deeds...known to the peoples; tell out his exalted Name. Praise the Lord, whose has done great things; all his work his might proclaim. Zion, lift your voice in singing; for with you has come to dwell, in your very midst, the great and Holy one of Israel Hymnal 1982, #679

## Eucharistic Prayer C

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. Glory to you for ever and ever.

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

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

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. By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed. 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: *Celebrant and People* Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming. Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; 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.

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

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.

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

People and Celebrant
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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

#### Hymnal 1982, #135

#### **Recessional Hymn:**

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise, manifested by the star to the sages from afar; branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem; anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

2. Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme; and at Cana, wedding-guest, in thy Godhead manifest; manifest in power divine, changing water into wine; anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

3. Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fainting soul; manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might; manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill; anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

## Welcome to St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

## Prayer List

Gary & Beverly Cooper, Robbie Whittington Joyce, Sylvia Tyler, Cathy, Shelton Watson, David Rouch, Danny Haberman, Joan Leatherwood, Christopher, Rachel Lee, Cindy Dreslin, Kyle Harmon, Pat Stephens, Shirley Connor, Yvonne Field, Nancy Turnbull, Joe Walcott, Jan West, Scott Burke, Jose Cabrera, Deborah Gooch, Jan Richardson, Joan Kamorowski, Melissa Martin, Ryan Fischer, Hannah Wolf, Julia Rayfield, Debbie Simpkins, Ember Poppiti, Max Long, Cary, Cathy & Mark Baxley, Katlyn, Mary Scott, Etta, Chris Lynch, Tom Stearns, David Warren, Aunua, Letty Trimper Hurst, Ann Smith, Ann Plowman, Margaret Hudson, Matt Leszcz & family, Kenneth Rudia, Catherin Hatfield, Rev. Penny Morrow, James Miller, John Anderson, Judy Hoffman, Andy Hales, Ken Toms, Brannon Thacker, Fr. Joe Rushton, Connie Mayers, Suzanne Zantzinger, Doug Dryden, Brian Friedman, Grace

## This Week We Pray For ...

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We give thanks for the witness of God's people at St. Philip's, Quantico, and their Vicar, the Rev. Ken Thom and his spouse, Arlene.

Local Faith Communities Prayer Cycle: Lighthouse Church of God, Berlin

Birthdays: Daniel Childs, Alexander Mitchell

#### Today's Worship Leaders

Celebrant: The Reverend Ronald Knapp Organist & Music Director: Shirley Hailey Lay Reader: Andy Diaz Altar Guild: Mary Wright

#### ANNOUNCEMENS

#### 2021 Annual Parish Meeting

On Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm we will gather via Zoom to review 2020 activities and look to the future. Please plan to attend! If you are not comfortable using Zoom please let us know by calling the church office, 410-289-3453. We have plenty of time to give you the assistance/instruction you may need to use the program and participate in the meeting.

Nominations are being taken to fill the two expiring vestry positions held by Andy Diaz and Tom Shuster. Nominations will only be accepted prior to the beginning of the meeting. Please contact any vestry member to submit a nomination.

The deadline for annual reports is tomorrow. On Friday, February 12, the report booklet will be emailed to everyone, as well as available at the church office for those who would like to pick up a copy.

#### SPBTS Book Club

Please consider joining the St. Paul's by-the-Sea Book Club for one or all meetings! Our next meeting is Thursday, February 18 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom when we will be discussing *Tiny Beautiful Things*, by Cheryl Strayed. (It is your responsibility to procure the book.) The discussion will be led by Joy Connor.

#### **Memorial Bricks**

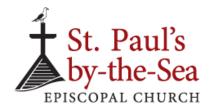
Memorial bricks are again being offered for sale, through the end of the year. Our brick 'garden' is located at the Baltimore Avenue entrance to the Fellowship Commons. The bricks are available in two sizes: 8x8 (\$500 each) and 4 x 8 (\$250 each) Wording is of your choice, and graphics are available. If you are interested in ordering a brick to honor or remember a beloved one, <u>click here</u> to download a brick form. You can also contact Debbie Shuster at 410-213-9658 or <u>ocshu@comcast.net</u>, or the church office at 410-289-3453 or <u>office@stpaulsbythesea.org</u>, and we can forward the order form to you.

Donations are requested to purchase a brick to honor the work of our beloved Mary Wright and ALL the members of the Altar Guild, past and present. Please contact Debbie Shuster if you'd like to participate.

## February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
February 7 <b>V Epiphany</b> 10 am Holy Eucharist w/ Fr. Ron Knapp via Facebook Live	8	9	10	11	12	13
February 14 <b>Last Epiphany</b> 10 am Morning Prayer via Facebook Live 1pm Parish Annual Meeting via Zoom	15 President's Day	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18 4pm Book Club via Zoom	19	20
February 21 <b>I Lent</b> 10 am Holy Eucharist w/ Fr. Ron Knapp via Facebook Live	22	23	24	25	26	27
February 28 <b>II Lent</b> 10 am Morning Prayer via Facebook Live	March I	2	3	4	5	6

**Shepherds Crook** is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in DeWees Hall from 10am to Noon, serving free dry food goods. On Saturdays the NOEL Community will provide free carry out lunches.



### "Love God, Serve the World"

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, Bishop

2021 Andy Diaz Tom Shuster -- The Parish Vestry --<u>2022</u> Jerilyn Andrews John Knotts LB Steele

2023 Karen Gordon Paul Rogers Bob Rothermel

-- 2021 Diocesan Convention --

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