

The Word of God

PRELUDE

Andante from Concerto in G Minor

G. F. Handel

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hail to the Lord's anointed

Hymnal 616

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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.*

GLORIA

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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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

PSALM

Psalm 27:1, 5-13



The LORD is my light and my salvation.

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid? *Refrain*

⁵One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the
days of my life;

⁶To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple. *Refrain*

⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his
shelter; *

he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.

⁸Even now he lifts up my head *

above my enemies round about me.

⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *

I will sing and make music to the LORD. *Refrain*

¹⁰Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

¹¹You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

¹²Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

¹³You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation. *Refrain*

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Amazing grace

Hymnal 671

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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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 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

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

O Jesus, I have promised (8:45 service)
Psalm 95 (11:00 service)

Hymnal 655
Michael Bedford

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Celebrant 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.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

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.

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The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember _____.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, including _____; and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with Paul and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**FRACTION ANTHEM**

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

NOTE ON RECEIVING COMMUNION: All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament regardless of age or denomination. Those who have not been baptized are welcome to receive a blessing or remain in their seats. You may indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. To commune, please proceed up the center aisle to the altar rail. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please return to your seat by the side aisle. Intercessory prayer teams are available to pray with you on either side of nave during the 11:00 service.

COMMUNION MUSIC

The People that Walked in Darkness
Logan Stewart, bass

G. F. Handel

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING**POST-COMMUNION HYMN**

Spread, O spread thou mighty word

Hymnal 530

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso from "Water Music"

G. F. Handel

Epiphany, meaning from the Greek “light shining forth”

The season of epiphany celebrates God’s great work of re-creation promised in advent and commenced in God’s incarnation as Jesus at Christmas. Work done in secret now manifests itself openly by light shining in the darkness—the Star of Bethlehem—that invites the world to witness what God is doing. The color shifts to green symbolizing new life and the mission of Christ—the Church—us—in the world.

FLOWER DEDICATION

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by the Flower Guild.

PRAYER CONCERNS JANUARY 22, 2023

We remember those in need of healing and relief from pain including:

Those with cancer: Ann, Benjamin, Brandy, David, Eric, Jeff, Jimmy, Jody, Sloan, Sarah, and Sheila.

For those in cancer remission: Andie and Zanie.

Those healing from Surgery: Jeanmarie, Kiffin, Kevin, Lorrie, Marian, and Patricia.

Those experiencing a mental health issue.

Those with other needs: Austin Family, Barbara, Becca, Ben, Catherine, Diane, Dillon, Donna, Gene, Hillary, James, Jennifer, Joe, Joyce, Marcie, Marie, Meredith, Michael, Miller, Pettengill Family, Ruth, Sam, Timmy, and for the people of Ukraine.

Those imprisoned, including: Abu-Ali, Charles, Charlie, Chris, CJ, David, Donald, Gary, Gregory, Henry, James, Jessie, Joe, Keith, Linda, Oscar, Pervis, Quinten, Terrance, Tiffany, and Tyrone.

Those experiencing homelessness, including: Andrea, Carol, Cindy, Connie, Deborah, Donna, Jacki, Jeri, Jessica, Joe, Kelsey, Kimberley, Kristi, Laura, Lori, Melissa, Renada, Sharon, and Tiffany.

All veterans and those in military service and their families, including: Benjamin, Brady, Elaine, Evan, Kaitlin, Kalani, Nathan, Patrick, Trevor, and Zach.

8:45 service

The Rev. Dr. Kristine Blaess, Rector
The Rev. Michael Whitnah, Associate Rector
Angela Tipps, Organist and Director of Music
Dr. Susan Kelly, Choir Director
Lectors: David Urban, Gina Urban
Chalice Bearers: Jim Calder, Kris McCusker
Acolytes: Molly Bartsch, Ben Bartsch
Altar Guild: Martha Tolbert, Joan Kleinlein, Ione Smith,
Ashley Herren
Ushers: Jonathan Bartsch, Fant Smith

11:00 Service

The Rev. Dr. Kristine Blaess, Rector
The Rev. Michael Whitnah, Associate Rector
Angela Tipps, Organist and Director of Music
Dr. Susan Kelly, Choir Director
Lectors: Chris Brosend, Lynn Wilson
Chalice Bearers: Paul Fischer, Jennifer Groth,
Alicia Hollis, David Rowe
Acolytes: John Dickey, Isaac Dickey,
JB Roach, Caroline Stewart
Technical Team: Alex Hollis, Jeanne Potter
Altar Guild: Martha Tolbert, Joan Kleinlein,
Ione Smith, Ashley Herren
Ushers: Donna Gunter, Nick Burgess, Susanne Hebden

--- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ---

ADULTS - Sundays | 10:00 a.m. (Nave)

- This week the Annual Congregational Meeting will take place during the Christian Education hour.

YOUTH - Sundays | 10:00 a.m. (Upstairs of St. Margaret's)

- Youth Christian Ed. (6th through 12th): 10-10:50 a.m.
- SNL Sunday Evening January 22, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

CHILDREN - Sundays | 10:00 a.m. (Upstairs of the Parish Hall.)

- Children age 3 through 5th grade.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER – Sundays | 11:00 a.m.

- Prayer is the foundation of our life together at St. Paul's. If you wish to pray with one of our intercessory prayer teams, please proceed to one of the prayer stations on either side of the church after you receive Communion.

--- ANNOUNCEMENTS ---

Pilgrimage | Registration open now, beginning January 23

Pilgrimage is a faith exploration program for adults. First session is January 23, and will run for nine consecutive Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the first-floor classrooms. We will hear from several lay leaders, and explore the many ways in which St. Paul's offers a warm and encouraging environment for parishioners to thrive in their spiritual life.

Prayerfully consider joining us for this great opportunity. For more information contact Joyce Adkins, joyce.adkins@stpaulsmurfreesboro.org, or call 615-631-2869. Child care will be provided as needed.

Wednesday Night Dinners Resume | Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

The weekly menu will consist of pasta with homemade meat sauce (and marinara sauce for vegetarians), tossed salad with dressing, rolls, dessert, and drinks. There is no fee to attend, however donations will be gladly accepted to cover food cost. Any overage will be donated to the Connect ministry. You will still need to make a reservation, so we know how many to expect. For more information or interested in helping contact Terri Donovan at 615-945-4794 or Mike Donovan at 615-210-6344.

A Note from Brenda Sachs

I sincerely thank St. Paul's for your love and support. The service was a great tribute to Steve Sachs. He would be very proud of his church family. Brenda Sachs.

Needs for Coldest Nights

St. Paul's is once again hosting the Coldest Nights Shelter for homeless women and our season is in full swing. Needy women are housed in the first floor of the St. Margaret's building on evenings when the temperature falls below 32 degrees. In particular, the shelter needs disposable cups, chapstick, bottled water, individually wrapped snacks, cough drops and single ride Rover cards. Donations can be left in the church office or parish hall. If you prefer to make a contribution to Coldest Nights for Women, please make your check payable to: St. Paul's Episcopal Church and write Coldest Nights in the memo line. For more information, you can contact Susan Severn at 806-290-1346 or susansevern4805@gmail.com. Thank you for your support of this important ministry.