

The Word of God

PRELUDE | *Improvisation on "Ratisbon"*

Sean Vogt

ENTRANCE HYMN | *Christ, whose glory fills the skies (Ratisbon)*
The people stand.

Hymnal 7

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

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The Celebrant says the following prayer

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 | *Angels we have heard on high (Gloria)*

Hymnal 96

Organ only *Angels we have heard on high singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight*

Congregation **Gloria in excelsis Deo.** [sing the next line softly. You are the mountains echoing in reply]
(softly) **Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

The Celebrant prays the Collect

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-7

The people sit.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is

with the Lord, and my reward with my God.” And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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

PSALM

Psalm 40:1-12 | Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

¹I waited patiently upon the Lord; he stooped to me and heard my cry.
²He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.
⁴Happy are they who trust in the Lord! they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
⁵Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! there is none who can be compared with you.
⁶Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! but they are more than I can count.
⁷In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure; (you have given me ears to hear you);
⁸Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, and so I said, “Behold, I come.
⁹In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: ‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.’”
¹⁰I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.
¹¹Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.
¹²You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN | *Christ, when for us you were baptized (Caithness)*
The people stand. Verses 1 - 2 before the Gospel; verses 3 - 4 after the Gospel.

Hymnal 121

THE GOSPEL

John 1:29-42

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;
People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence. *The Leader and People may add their own petitions.*

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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The 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 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 | *I Waited for the Lord*
The people sit.

Felix Mendelssohn

I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me, he heard my complaint. O blessed are they that hope and trust in the Lord.
[Ps. 40:1,3,4]

THE DOXOLOGY
The people stand.

Hymnal 380 v. 3

The Celebrant 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.

The Celebrant proceeds

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,

SANCTUS (*Richard Proulx*)

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People stand or kneel. Then 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. And grant that we may find our inheritance with Blessed 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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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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. 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—indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Intercessory prayer teams are available to pray with you at the back of the nave.*

COMMUNION MUSIC | *Deep River*

Moses Hogan
Stephen Smith, *soloist*

COMMUNION HYMN | *Amazing grace! (New Britain)*

Hymnal 671

O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the mornin' when I rise.
It's your servant bound for glory. O Lord, please hear my prayer.

O Lord, please hear my prayer, keep me safe within Your arms.
It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

When my work on earth is done, and you come to take me home.
Just to know I'm bound for glory. And to hear you say well done.
Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy. Amen.

[Moses Hogan]

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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The people kneel or stand.

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.

The Priest gives the blessing.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN | *Lift every voice and sing (Lift Every Voice)*

Hymnal 599

The people stand.

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the People with these words

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

POSTLUDE

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Nick Burgess, Donna Gunter
Altar Guild: Sue Koechlein, Helen Bayne,
Victoria Atamer, Dixie Groutt
Technical Team: Alex Hollis, Mark Zoll
Flowers by the Flower Guild

PRAYER CONCERNS

For those with cancer: Dennis, Earl, Jeff, Kathy, Katarina, Leigh, Lois, Margaret, Mark, Marsha, Mary Beth, Matt, Maxine, Molly, Pat, Sage, Sherry, Terry, Tim, and Trevor.

For those in cancer remission: Andie, Jim, and Mandy.

For those healing from surgery: James and Linda.

For those with disabilities, their families, and their caregivers.

For those experiencing mental health issues.

For those with other needs: Alyssa, Beverly, Bernice, Beth, Bobby, Dan, Elsie, Grace, Jane, Emily, Erika, Hannah, Henry, Jack, Juanita, Jennifer, Jerry, Kim, Kristin, Linda, Lisa, Marcie, Martha, Miranda, Morris, Nicole, Pamela, Patricia, Regina, Trinity, Vanessa, Waylon, and Zach.

For those imprisoned including: Abu-Ali, Charlie, Corinio, Gregory, Joe, and Michael.

For those experiencing homelessness including: Adrienne, Andrea, Carol, Cindy, Connie, Deborah, Donna, Jacki, Jeri, Jessica, Joe, Kanasha, Kelsey, Kimberley, Kristi, Laura, Leanna, Lori, Melissa, Renada, Sharon, Tiffany, and Trista.

For all veterans and those in military service and their families, including: Benjamin, Brianna, Chris, Evan, Jeffrey, Josh, Kaitlin, Topher, Trevor, and Sean.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE THIS SUNDAY

Holy Eucharist Rite I, 7:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 8:45 a.m.
Children's Church, 8:45 a.m.
Christian Education, 10:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 11:00 a.m.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

10:00 a.m. for all ages

- **Sonshine Group Talk | TODAY |** Parish Hall
Special guest speaker Torben Jenson talks with the whole congregation about ministry with those who have special needs and disabilities. Parent's Group and Rector's Forum resume on February 1.
 - **Catechesis:** Atrium I (Age 3-Kindergarten), Atrium II (Grades 1-3), & Atrium III (Grades 4-5) | Parish Hall, 2nd floor
 - **Youth Christian Education |** Sewanee Room, Parish Hall, 2nd floor
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Congregational Meeting | Sunday, January 25 | 10:00 a.m. | Nave

St. Paul's is entering into an exciting new era! So, let's have a conversation, we want to hear from you. Join for the Annual Meeting and learn about Scatter, the survey platform we will use to open a conversation to hear from you, and talk about St. Paul's and our place in the Murfreesboro community. Let's have a conversation.

WORSHIP:

Additional needs for service in Worship:

- Serve as an **Acolyte:** contact George Carlson, Verger and Acolyte Master, at VistanTN@BenLomand.net or 931-307-9094 (voice or text).
- Serve as an **Usher:** contact us at ushers@stpaulsmurfreesboro.org, or call/text Mary Probert at 615-743-5693.
- Serve on the **Altar Guild:** contact Gina Garner at altar.guild@stpaulsmurfreesboro.org for questions.
- Join the **Flower Guild:** contact Sudi Luboniecki at sudi624@gmail.com, or speak with her on Sunday mornings.
- Serve on the **Tech Team:** contact Dixie Groutt at dgroutt@gmail.com.
- **Children's Choir:** contact Amanda O'Connor at amandalee444@gmail.com if you have any questions.

FELLOWSHIP:

Senior Brown Bag Lunch | Tuesday, January 20 | 11:30 a.m. | Parish Hall
Seniors, bring your lunch and share in fellowship and the occasional craft!

PRAYER:

Evening Prayer | Wednesdays | 5:00 p.m. | St. Andrew's Chapel

In Evening Prayer, we proclaim the glorious works of God in history and in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, as we respond with praise, penitence, prayer, and obedience. Please join us.

STEWARDSHIP:

Offering: To make an offering online with your debit/credit card, scan the QR code with your smart phone camera. A link will appear, click on it to open our website's giving page. You can select the fund you want to give to (i.e. pledge fulfillment, general offering, CONNECT, etc.) and leave a note in the memo line.

