



**Order of Service for January 31, 2021**  
**Conversion of St. Paul**  
**Service of Spiritual Communion**  
**9:30 am**  
**Officiating: The Rev'd Fergus Tyson**  
**Preaching: The Rev'd Dr. Norman Knowles**



# Service of Spiritual Communion

## The Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: Part of the Family (screens)

Greeting (screens)

Call to Worship (screens)

Collect of the Day (screens)

## The Proclamation of the Word

### The First Reading

The Gospel I preach to you is no human invention. No human gave it to me, no human taught it to me; it came to me as a direct revelation from Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my past career in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God with fanatical zeal and, in fact, did my best to destroy it. I was ahead of most of my contemporaries in Judaism, and had a greater enthusiasm for the old traditions. But when the time came for God (who had chosen me from the moment of my birth, and then called me by his grace) to reveal his Son within me so that I might proclaim him to the non-Jewish world, I did not, as might have been expected, talk over the matter with any human being. I did not even go to Jerusalem to meet those who were God's messengers before me—no, I went away to Arabia and later came back to Damascus. It was not until three years later that I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and I only stayed with him just over a fortnight. I did not meet any of the other messengers, except James, the Lord's brother. All this that I am telling you is, I assure you before God, the plain truth. Later, I visited districts in Syria and Cilicia, but I was still personally unknown to the churches of Judea. All they knew of me, in fact, was the saying: "The man who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." And they thanked God for what had happened to me.

Galatians 1:11-24 (J.B. Phillips New Testament, *alt.*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn: Children of the Light (screens)

### The Holy Gospel

People: *Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

"Here I am sending you out like sheep with wolves all round you; so be as wise as serpents and yet as harmless as doves. But be on your guard against people. For they will take you to the court and flog you in their synagogues. You will be brought into the presence of governors and kings because of me—to give your witness to them and to the nations. "But when they do arrest you, never worry about how you are to speak or what you are

to say. You will be told at the time what you are to say. For it will not be really you who are speaking but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. "Siblings are going to betray their siblings to death, and parents their children. Children are going to betray their parents and have them executed. You yourselves will be universally hated because of my name. But the one who endures to the very end will be safe and sound.

Matthew 10:16-22 (J.B. Phillips New Testament)

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

### Sermon

Affirmation of Faith (screens)

### The Prayers of the People

Special Litany (screens)

Prayer in Response to COVID-19 (screens)

Prayers for Annual Meeting (screens)

St. Paul's Parish Prayer (screens)

Confession and Absolution (screens)

The Peace (screens)

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory (screens)

Prayer over the Gifts (screens)

Eucharistic Prayer (screens)

The Lord's Prayer (screens)

The Breaking of the Bread (screens)

The Communion (screens)

Prayer for Communion (screens)

Prayer after Communion (screens)

Doxology (screens)

### The Blessing

Closing Hymn: Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining (screens)

Dismissal (screens)

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**Please Note:** There is no Virtual Coffee Time this week. Our Annual Meeting is taking place via Zoom at 11:30 (the Registration Deadline was Jan. 28).

## **Prayers for This Week**

*(Bold italics indicate new or special emphasis this week.)*

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for *the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil*.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle: In the Anglican Church we pray for the *Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada* and in the Lutheran Church we pray for *the dean, council, and congregations of the Ottawa, Ottawa Valley and Seaway Areas of the Eastern Synod*.

In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people of our parish of *St. Paul's, Calgary* and for our clergy *Fergus, Cyril, Norman, Bob, and their families*.

We lift to you our friends, in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands.

In our Parish Cycle, we pray for *the safety and well-being of all members of our Parish, and pledge to stay connected with one another and face the challenges of COVID-19 together; and we especially uphold all who are infirm, immune-compromised, or on the front lines in this battle*.

We pray for our Annual Meeting of Parishioners today, that, filled with gratitude for your faithfulness in the challenging year that is past and trust in you for the challenging year that is to come, we may be open to all that you desire to accomplish in and through us, to the glory of your Name.

We pray for our foster child Desta Keweti.

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health, comfort and strengthen those of our parish who are sick, injured or distressed, and those approaching or recovering from surgery, especially we lift up to you *the family of Joy (Abby's sister); Antony; Judy; Raymond (uncle of Paul); Dinah; the family of John; Debra, Lori and family of Josie; Crystal (niece of Rosemarie); Bill & Pat; Steve; the family of Bob; the family of Carmen; John; the family of Bonnie; Gerald; Gerald and Louise (Shannon's father and mother); Megan and family, Molly (mother of Sian); the family of Simon; Stephen; Dwight (Dorothy-Ann's cousin); Jo; the family of Brenda (relative of the Collers); the family of Joan (mother of Richard); Tracy; Roxie and the family of Andy; Harry (friend of Ian and Kathleen); Julia; the Herritt family in their bereavement; Gina; Gael; Verna and her family; Michael; Barb; Jen; the family of Leslie; Patrick, Jordan; the family of Lene; the family of Helen; Eleanor; Jackie K. (sister of Pauline); Dorothy; the family of Mauricia (mother of Ella ); Max & Rebecca; Anne; Dozy & Obie & family; Karla; the family of Kathy; Kevin; Richard (friend of Anne); Terry; Jerrod; Melissa and her family (friends of Jenn); Dennis; Mike; Val; Martin; Chinazor; Sheila; Melissa and her family; Adrianna; Peggy; Bob and Joanne; Laura (sister of Kim); the family of Douglas; Michelle; Ian; Pat; Christine; Rick (brother of Sheila); Gwen; Jacquie; Gwen (aunt of Julie), Jackie (cousin of Julie), Ellen; Pauline; Monika (mother of Dennis); Kathy (daughter of Bob & Joanne); Trudy (cousin of Iona); Len; Andrea and Andrew's family; Margaret; Marlene; the family of James (father of Allison); and the Rev'd Tim Webster*.

We commit into your eternal keeping our dear sister Kathy Marcine, who departed this earthly life on Jan. 23. Rest eternal grant to Kathy, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her. Amen. We pray for comfort for Kathy's family and friends in their bereavement.

We pray for containment of the COVID-19 coronavirus worldwide; protection for nurses and all those on the front lines or especially vulnerable to its effects, in particular all who are homeless; and full restoration of health for all those who are ill.

We pray for all struggling economically, and all those affected by fires, floods, storms or other natural disasters. We pray for us all to stand together in hard times.

We pray for peace and justice in our own country and throughout the world. *We remember the USA and Iran. We pray for the people Nigeria, and all whose lives have been torn apart by violence. We pray for safe haven for those whom violence has forced to flee their homes. We pray for an end to racism and discrimination, and all acts of hatred. We stand in solidarity with all whose lives have been devastated by human evil and all seeking to make the world as it ought to be.* We pray for protection and guidance for all in law enforcement or our military in danger at home or overseas. May your Holy Spirit guide world leaders to seek just resolutions to all conflicts, that all people may come to know your peace that passes all understanding and war be no more.

We thank you for your healing touch, which sustains us every day; and for all the many healings that have taken place in our parish; and your unending mercy as you hear our prayers.



The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God.