

# Saint Paul's Parish

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**The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
February 8, 2026

**Preacher & Celebrant ~ The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee**

**8:00 am - Holy Eucharist**

We extend a warm welcome to everyone who has joined us this morning.  
We pray you experience the presence and love of Christ  
as we worship together!

### Saint Paul's Staff

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**Welcome & Announcements***All stand as able***Processional Hymn**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
 nought be all else to me save that thou art.  
 Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
 I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 Thou my great Father and I thy true son;  
 Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
 Thou mine inheritance, now and always;

**“Be thou my vision”**

Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
 High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.  
 High King of heaven, my victory won,  
 may I reach heaven's joys,  
 O bright heaven's Sun!  
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
 Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931);  
 Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody, adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927

**The Word of the Lord**

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: 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 in excelsis** (*Please stand as able*) “Glory to God”

Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

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## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together. **S**et 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.**

*Please be seated for the readings*

## The Old Testament

**Isaiah 58:1-12**

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments,

they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose:  
    to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
    to let the oppressed go free,  
        and to break every yoke?  
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
    and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
    and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
    and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
    the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
    you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.  
If you remove the yoke from among you,  
    the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry  
    and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
    and your gloom be like the noonday.  
The LORD will guide you continually,  
    and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
    like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.  
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
    you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
    the restorer of streets to live in.

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

### **Psalm 112:1-10**

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD \*  
    **and have great delight in his commandments!**  
Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
    **the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
**and their righteousness will last for ever.**

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
**the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
**and to manage their affairs with justice.**

For they will never be shaken; \*  
**the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
**their heart is right; they put their trust in the LORD.**

Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
**until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor, \*  
**and their righteousness stands fast for ever;**  
**they will hold up their head with honor.**

The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
**the desires of the wicked will perish.**

## The Epistle

## 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him” -

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

“For who has known the mind of the Lord  
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

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

## Gospel Response

“Blessed Jesus, at thy word”  
(Verses 1 & 2)

Hymnal 440

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

## The Gospel

John 6:25-59

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
People: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true

bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Gospel Response**

"Blessed Jesus, at thy word"  
(*Verse 3*)

[Hymnal 440](#)

**The Renewal of Baptismal Vows** *(Please Stand As Able)*

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**People:** I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

**People:** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People:** I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People:** I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People:** **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People:** **I will, with God's help.**

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

Celebrant: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*Please stand, sit, or kneel as able for the prayers.*

Intercessor: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,

**All:** **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,

**All:** **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,

**All:** **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: For zealous preachers of the word, that by the Holy Spirit, they open the ears of their hearers to the good news of salvation and their eyes to the loveliness of God's wisdom. *Silence*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, grant that we may be your faithful witnesses, and that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Joseph Bennett, in whose memory the altar flowers are given, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We remember before God all who are in any need and who cry out for the presence of God.....

*(Please add your own intercessions or thanksgivings out loud or in the silence of your heart.)*

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers:

Celebrant: All these things we pray, O Lord, in confidence of your mercy. Supply us with all things needed and beneficial to us and to our faith, and keep from us all things harmful, that we may rest our fears in you and be granted a clear conscience and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

*Please kneel as able*

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*Silence may be kept.*

All: 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.

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## Commissioning New Parish Leaders

*The newly elected and appointed leaders gather at the front of the altar.*

Warden Emeritus: On behalf of the congregation of St. Paul's Parish, I present:

Mary Beth Durkin & Chris Barrett as wardens,  
David Williams as clerk of the vestry,  
Jim Miller as treasurer,  
Tim Huber, Kagan Kronberg, and Andrea White as vestry members,  
Cathy Schrull as delegate to Diocesan Convention.

Celebrant: Have these leaders been elected by the congregation or appointed by the vestry in accordance with the bylaws of our congregation?

Warden: They have.

Celebrant: (to the new leaders) Do you commit yourselves to carry out the responsibilities of the office to which you have been appointed?

Leaders: I do.

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your commitment to follow Christ and to serve this congregation in his name?

Leaders: I do.

Celebrant: (to the congregation) Will you do all in your power to support these leaders with your prayers, your honest yet gracious communication with them, and your willingness to help them carry out Christ's ministry in this church?

Congregation: **We will.**

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation I commission you for this work, and pledge you our prayers, encouragement, and support. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this, and in all things, you may do God's will in the service of the kingdom of Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, look with favor upon these persons who have now reaffirmed their commitment to follow Christ and to serve in his name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world, and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn**      "Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless"      [Hymnal 343](#)

### **Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below,  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise him above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

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

Celebrant: 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.

People: **By your will they were created and have their being.**  
 Celebrant: 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.

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

People: **By his blood, he reconciled us.**  
**By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

**Sanctus**

**Hymnal S-129**

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

might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*You may stand, sit or kneel.*

Celebrant: 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.

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,

**People:** **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant: 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.

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

Celebrant: 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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

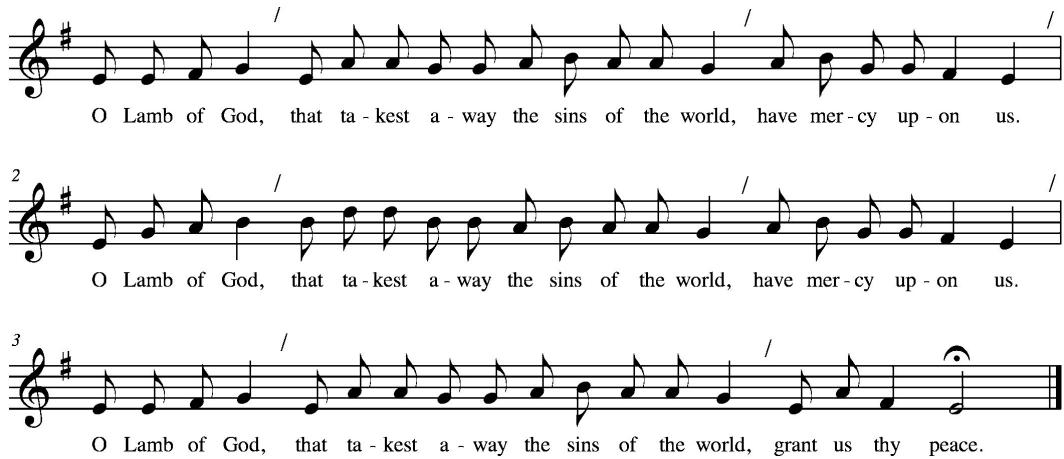
Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**All:** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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** A brief silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei***



1  
O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

2  
O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

3  
O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way 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.

- Please follow the ushers directions for receiving the Eucharist at the altar rail.
- Let an usher know if you prefer to remain seated at your pew for distribution of the Bread and Wine.

**Communion Hymn**

“I am the bread of life”

[Hymnal 335](#)

**Postcommunion Prayer**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation. Give to us always your living bread, that having been

nourished in soul and spirit, we may be witnesses to your transforming love. Through the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we offer this prayer. **Amen.**

## **Blessing**

Celebrant: Go out, nourished by the bread of heaven, and take care to walk in the ways of wisdom. Discern carefully between right and wrong. Understand what the will of the Lord is. Feed on Christ and be filled with the Spirit. **Amen.**

And may God give you a wise and discerning mind;  
May Christ Jesus fill you with life in all its fullness;  
and may the Holy Spirit overflow in you in songs of joy and praise forever.

## **Recessional Hymn**

“Immortal, invisible, God only wise”

[Hymnal 423](#)

## **Dismissal**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **Postlude**

“Be thou My Vision”

David Terry

The altar flowers today are given by Bill Bennett in memory of  
Joseph Bennett.

**Altar Flowers** - If you would like to request Altar flowers for a particular Sunday please see the Flower Chart in the back of the church, fill out an envelope located in the back of the church, send an email request to [dszen@yahoo.com](mailto:dszen@yahoo.com) or contact the parish office.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HIGHLIGHTS:

**At 10:30 am** - We are **soft launching** our redesigned Contemporary Worship service at St. Paul's. One of the key drivers behind this work has been **welcoming our youth and families more fully back into worship.**

**Sunday School** - To support this shift, **Church School will now take place from 11:45 to 12:30.**

**Super Bowl Party** - This evening we will be hosting our 11th annual Super Bowl party in the Guild Room! We're setting up our big screen TV and you're invited. Men, women, children. It doesn't matter who you're rooting for. Or even if you like football. Just bring yourself, your favorite appetizer, beverage or snacks. Kickoff is at 6:30, we'll start gathering around 6:00.

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

**Adult Class** - *Being Real – The Power of Vulnerability and Transparency* is the title of our current Adult Christian Formation series. Please join us in the Guild Room at 9:30 am for this intriguing and challenging 5-part series.

**Vestry Meeting** - Our monthly Vestry meeting will be held this Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Guild Room. This will be the first meeting with our new wardens, treasurer and three vestry members.

### UPCOMING:

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** - Everyone is invited to our annual Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 17th, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in Crocker Hall. Come celebrate the final moments before Lent begins with pancakes, new games, beads and balloons! A freewill offering will be accepted.

**Ash Wednesday** - We will have two in-person Ash Wednesday services with Holy Eucharist and the imposition of ashes on Wednesday, February 18th at 10:00 am and 7:30 pm.

**Lenten Series** - Our 2026 Lenten Series will be headed by Fr. John Morrison and will be called "*Les Miserables: More than Merely a Mega-Musical - A road to Redemption.*" Session 1 will start on Sunday, February 22 and include a viewing of the movie in Crocker Hall. The subsequent sessions will be held on Wednesday evening throughout Lent, proceeded by a soup supper. See *Sword Points* for more info.

## **OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE:**

**Name Tags** - Please be courteous to fellow parishioners, newcomers, and guests by extending a warm welcome to them and by wearing your name tag. You can leave them in the baskets at the doors as you leave for refiling. And remember to wear them to coffee hour.

**Coffee Gathering** - Following this service, join us downstairs in Crocker Hall for coffee and a snack.

**Coats & Socks Drive** - During the winter months we continue to collect used coats and new socks (preferably white) to benefit the various agencies in Danbury supported by the Jericho Partnership. Leave the coats on the rack and socks in the basket in the back of the church.

**The Priest-in-Charge Weekly** - Fr. Nate has a weekly e-mail, "*The Priest-in-Charge Weekly*," to communicate things directly from his desk to yours. If you did not receive his e-mail this week and would like to, write Fr. Nate at [priest@saintpaulsbrookfield.com](mailto:priest@saintpaulsbrookfield.com) and let him know.

**Our Facilities** - Our restrooms are located downstairs at the rear of our parish hall. Take the stairway to the right as you exit the sanctuary. The restrooms are located on the far left, across from the kitchen. A play area for our young ones is also set up in the parish hall as well as live streaming and audio of the service on a wide screen TV. In addition, coloring book packages are available for youngsters to use in the pews. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.



## Calendar for The Week

We welcome and encourage parishioners to come to any of these ministries.

Check website for up to date Zoom links - [www.SaintPaulsBrookfield.com](http://www.SaintPaulsBrookfield.com)

Sun., Feb 8	8:00 am - <b>Traditional Holy Eucharist</b> (YouTube Live) 9:30 am - Adult Class, Guild Room 9:30 am - Newcomers Class, Crocker Hall 10:30 am - <b>Holy Baptism &amp; Contemporary Holy Eucharist</b> (YouTube Live)
Mon., Feb 9	11:45 am - Sunday School, Classrooms 6:00 pm - Super Bowl Party, Guild Room
Tue., Feb 10	7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall
Wed., Feb 11	9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room 10:00 am - <b>Holy Eucharist &amp; Healing</b> (YouTube Live) 11:30 am - Prayer Meeting, Guild Room 7:00 pm - Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom 7:30 pm - Vestry Meeting, Guild Room
Thu., Feb 12	9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Fri., Feb 13	10:00 am - St. Paul's Walking Group, Fairfield Hills, Newtown
Sat., Feb 14	7:30 am - John 21:12 Group, Theo's Downtown Diner, New Milford 8:00 am - Men's Prayer Breakfast, Crocker Hall
Sun., Feb 15	10:00 am - PraiseMoves, Zoom 8:00 am - <b>Holy Eucharist</b> (YouTube Live) 9:30 am - Adult Class, Guild Room 9:30 am - Newcomers Class, Crocker Hall 10:30 am - <b>Holy Baptism &amp; Contemporary Holy Eucharist</b> (YouTube Live) 11:45 am - Sunday School, Classrooms



## Next Sunday - The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

10:00 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate

## Readings for February 15th

Exodus 24:12-18 - Psalm 2 - 2 Peter 1:16-21 - John 7

