

The Episcopal Parish of St. Paul Duluth, Minnesota

The Presentation of Our Lord
Holy Eucharist
February 2, 2025
10:00 am

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall after this service. All ages welcome!



I'm New

Welcome! If you would like to stay in touch, please fill out a visitor card in the pew and place it in the offering plate after the announcements.

About Our Worship Today

Worship in the Episcopal Church is participatory and embodied. We stand and kneel, make the sign of the cross at times, sing and breathe together, and walk forward for communion each week. You are welcome to participate at your own comfort level. You will likely see people engaging differently at different times. One of the gifts of the Episcopal tradition is that there are a variety of 'right' ways to participate.

Restrooms

Exit at the side door at the front of the church and go down the hall. They are the first and second doors on the left side of the hallway.

What do I do?

This service booklet will give you the words you need and instructions. The words in **bold** print are said by everyone. Hymns can be found either in this booklet or in the blue or green hymnals in your pew.

May I have communion?

Yes. All may come forward to receive communion (or the Eucharist.) No one is required to receive. We are serving both bread and wine. You may choose to receive at your own comfort level, both bread and wine or just bread. You may also come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing, or you may choose not to come forward at all. Children may receive at any age.

Worshiping with Kids

Joyful noise is most welcome here. Many families find that sitting close to the front helps children to see and engage better with the service. There is a staffed nursery located down the hall. We also have a rocking chair in the back of church for parents with infants. Children aged three through fifth grade are invited to Children's Church after the opening prayer.

About St. Paul's

We are a community dedicated to following the Way of Love as shown to us by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. Together we practice curiosity, awe, and community to love God, love our neighbors, and love ourselves.

The Liturgical Season

In the Episcopal Church, we follow a circular calendar with special seasons. We are currently in the season of Epiphany. The word Epiphany comes from the Greek word for "manifestation" or "appearance." During this season we read stories about discovering who Jesus is through baptism, the calling of the disciples, and his early ministry. Epiphany continues until Ash Wednesday, which is on March 5 this year.

Weekly Service Schedule

Sundays

8:00 am Rite I

10:00 am Rite II

Wednesdays

5:15 pm Rite II

Stay in Touch

Find out more about St. Paul's or get connected with one of our leaders by emailing Rita in the parish office at office@stpaulsduluth.org.

Prelude

Processional Hymn — In His Temple Now Behold Him



Opening Proclamation

Blessed be the one, Holy and Living God.

And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Opening Collect

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Invitation

Children are invited to come forward for a blessing, then go to Sunday School and return at the Peace.

Gloria



The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray... (Pause for silent prayer) Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84

In the psalm, the **bold** text indicates on which syllable the music moves.

The entire assembly sings the whole verse indicated by "All."

One: How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the **living God.**

The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;

by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,

my King and my God.

All: Happy are they who dwell in your house!

they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you!

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

One: Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,

for the early rains have covered it with **pools of water.**

They will climb from height to height,

and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

All: LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;

hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defend-er, O God;

and look upon the face of your Anointed.

One: For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room,

and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God

than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the LORD God is both sun and shield;

God will give grace and glory;

All: No good thing will the LORD withhold

from those who walk with integrity.

O LORD of hosts.

happy are they who put their trust in you!

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

During the season of Epiphany, we will sing Alleluias from different countries in order to highlight the fact that Jesus came to redeem the whole world.

This Alleluia is from Syria.

All sing:



Choir: My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before all the peoples.

The Alleluia is repeated.

Holy Gospel Luke 2:22-40

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Maggie Nancarrow

A brief contemplative silence is kept after the sermon

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

Deacon

As we join the wise men from the East and humbly offer gifts at the feet of Jesus, let us offer prayers to God who shows the glory of Christ in all the world.

After each of the petitions that follow, the leader says We pray to you, O God.

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

God of the stars of night, accept the prayers of your people. In the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion on us and all who turn to you for help. For you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Deacon

Certain of God's steadfast love, let us now kneel or sit and confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

The Confession of Sin

Please kneel or sit. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

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.

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

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Those who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary will be invited forward after the announcements.

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

Dear Father, we thank thee that all the year through Thy goodness has blest them with gifts ever new. And, oh, wilt thou grant them a happy new year, Dear Father, we pray thee, be thou ever near. Amen.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offering Nunc Dimittus Herbert Sumsion

This piece is part of the rich Anglican tradition of music intended to be sung at Evensong which is why the Gloria Patri is included at the end.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

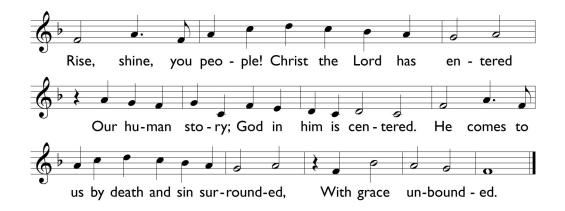
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel

Luke 2.29-32

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Offertory



The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ. ...

Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and joyful hearts:



Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his disciples' feet ...

Therefore, with this bread and wine, we recall your goodness to us.

God of the past and present,
We your people remember your Son.
We thank you for his cross and rising again,
we take courage from his ascension;
we look for his coming in glory
and in him we give ourselves to you.

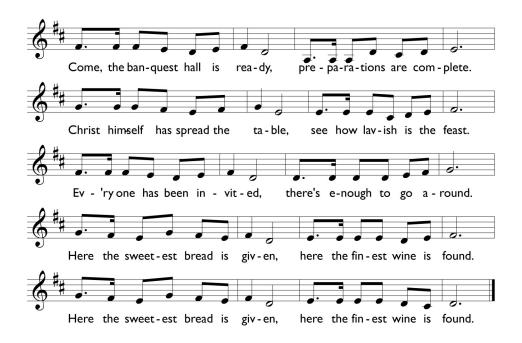
Send your Holy Spirit ... For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; You are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

Praise, glory, and love be yours this and every day, from us and all people, here and everywhere. AMEN. As Christ teaches us, let us pray:

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 and the Fraction Anthem

The fraction anthem is from El Salvador.



Invitation to Communion

Please be seated.

Because we believe that we gather around the Lord's table, all are welcome and encouraged to receive communion.

The bread is typically received in the hand. You may dip the bread or take a sip from the cup. Low-gluten hosts (<.002%) are available for those with wheat sensitivities.

Communion Hymn #324 — Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Sending (Used when Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent to bring communion to those unable to be with us.)

[Name], in the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that [Name], to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one Body because we share one bread, one cup.

Post Communion Prayer

Enriching Our Worship, p. 69

Let us pray.

God of abundance,

you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;

you have united us with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

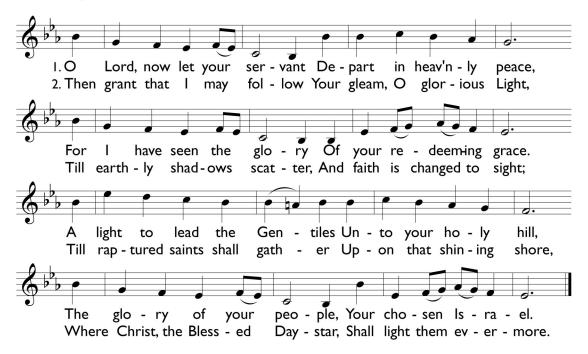
Holy eternal Majesty,

Holy incarnate Word,

Holy abiding Spirit,

Bless you now and for evermore. Amen.

Recessional Hymn —O Lord, Now Let Your Servant



Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve our God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

Prayers at St. Paul's

PRAY for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

For the month of February, please pray for those who serve on Council, Mission Area Teams, Trustees, Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry, Disciplinary Board, Chancellors and for the treasurer of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota.

For those who suffer and those in any trouble:

JoEllen S	Victor S	Jon G	Baby Jack & Family	Paul
Virginia M	Jennifer L	Barbara H	Jenni & Family	Ann A
Pat K	Charles B	Bill D	Bjørn G	Steve & Mary O
Maureen M	Stan H	Wendy R	Tyson	Lucy J
Carol S	Thomas S	Christie S	Mark K	Connie D
Michael K	Tom P	Ann-Sofie	Sally M	Kathy S
Brian A	Gary B	Doug M	John B	Margaret T
Sharon M	John D	Callum	David B	

For those serving in the armed forces:

Lucy Fellman, Ricky Lyle, Nora Maddy

For those who are in seminary or in discernment.

And for those who are in long-term care facilities or are homebound:

Noreen Anderson, JoAnn Chesser, Helen Gruba, Steve Hennessy, Stan Henricksen, Joanne Marinac, Mary Olmsted, Anita Pollock, Robert Sederberg, Carol Spencer

For those who have died:

Marcia Stephens, died on January 24, 2025

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in memory of:

Charles Bostrom



Announcements

Middle School Retreat: Play, Pray and Grow

Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 8-9 Saint Paul, MN

Junior High school students from across ECMN are invited to St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Saint Paul, MN for Pre-YE. The winter retreat will take place on February 8-9, 2025, and will be a space for young people to come together to play, pray, and grow.

This retreat costs **\$65**. Scholarships are available from the Brian N. Prior Youth Scholarship Fund.

Visit www.episcopalmn.org/events for more info about Youth Events.

St. Paul's Scholarship Fund

Applications for new college scholarships for the 2025-2026 school year must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee by **March 15, 2025**. Application and letter of recommendation forms are available through the St. Paul's Episcopal Church website. Click on the Connect tab then scroll down to Scholarships on the sidebar.

Study 1 Kings

Thursdays, 10:00 am, Olcott Room

Led by the Rev. Sue Sommer, we will see how Solomon (not the eldest son of David!) inherited the throne, how it was great until it wasn't, and what happened next. All are welcome. If you weren't able to be part of 1 & 2 Samuel, never fear: we will provide



context. This series meets weekly on Thursdays from January 9 through February 20. Bring a Bible with you to class.

History of Christian Spirituality

Thursdays, 5:30 pm, Parish Hall

Fr. Rick invites you to continue discussing the history and traditions of Christian Spirituality, guided by the Philip Sheldrake book, *The Spiritual Way.* Contact Fr. Rick to get a copy.



Study the Book of Acts

Fridays, 10:00 am, Olcott Room

Join us for a study of the Acts of the Apostles. How did the first Christians learn to walk the Way of Jesus? This is an 8week series, taking place on Friday mornings from January



10 through February 28. Facilitated by Lara Hill, the Rev. Dr. Barb Elliott, and the Rev. Marta Maddy.

Year End Giving Statements

The 2024 Year End Giving Statements were emailed out on Monday, January 27, 2025. If you do not see it in your email inbox, please be sure to check the spam folder. These are what you will include with your 2024 tax returns. For those that don't have an email address on file with the church, your statements were mailed via USPS. Please contact our bookkeeper, Christine Melone at bookkeeper@stpaulsduluth.org, or 218-724-3535, with any questions.

Announcements (continued)

Chum Book Study: Practical Radicals

Tuesdays, 11:00 am, starting February 4, Parish Hall

If you would like to change the world from the way it is to the way it could be, join Deacon Pat to learn how to become a Practical Radical in reading



and discussing the book <u>Practical Radicals—Seven</u>
<u>Strategies to Change the World</u>, beginning February 4 and continuing for ten weeks on Tuesdays at 11 am (skipping Feb. 18 for Chum Assembly). Sign up here! https://www.tfaforms.com/5158982

Rev. Larry Johnson, who self-identifies as a practical radical, will facilitate this book study.

Chum Assembly

Tuesday, February 18, 6:00 pm Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 219 N Sixth Ave E, Duluth

Join in a meal and learn more about the new shelter expansion at the Chum Assembly and Annual Meeting. Please register online: www.chumduluth.org/events

Celebrate Mardi Gras with Chum

Thursday, February 27, 5:00 pm Clyde Iron Works, 2920 W Michigan St, Duluth

Join us for the Expansion Extravaganza to support Chum's operations and shelter expansion. Help us raise critical funds and show your commitment to providing

a safe space for people experiencing homelessness. Event includes food, lively entertainment and more. Tickets are \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door. To learn more visit www.chumduluth.org.



Wednesday Church Nights

2.12 / 2.26 / 3.12

Wednesday Church nights are twice monthly gatherings that include a simple service of communion, a meal, and faith education for teens and adults.

Every Wednesday from September to May:

5:15 Weekly Wednesday Eucharist

6:15 Choir Practice

7:30 Bell Choir Practice Canceled on Holidays

Twice-Monthly Wednesday Programming:

5:15 Weekly Wednesday Eucharist

6:00 Community Meal

6:30 Adult Forum, Middle School & Confirmation

Can you cook in a crockpot?

Our Wednesday Night meals need you! On 2/26 and 4/9, our Wednesday night meals need 3 to 4 folks to sign up to bring a dish that feeds 10-12 people. Sign up to bring a crockpot (or hot dish, or hearty salad) that can feed 10 to 12 people. Visit our Sign up Genius -- the link is in the parish email sent on Thursday. We also need additional dishwashing help and set up hosts for each evening. The Wednesday Night meal is an important part of our community gathering, and a way in which we can feed the hungry both at church and in the neighborhood. It needs your help to thrive. Please support this vital part of our community life by volunteering once this season.

Upcoming:

2.12 The Spirituality of Science

2.26 The Spirituality of Sailing

3.12 Celtic Spirituality: Saints

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Electronic Giving

Lock-Up:

You may donate checks or cash in the alms basins during the Offertory. If you prefer to donate to St. Paul's electronically, you may use this QR code to easily access our website donation page. **Thank you for your generosity.**



Serving Today

Celebrant: The Rev. Maggie Nancarrow
Assistant: The V. Rev. Rick Swenson
Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Patricia Benson

Verger: Kathleen Smith

Altar Guild: Kathy Leonard, Susan Cox, Maggie Malone Lectors: Zabelle Stodola, Olivia Morin-Swanson

Prayer Leader: John Groth

Music: Brad Brunfelt, guitar; Thomas Hamilton, organ;

Chancel Choir; Charles Sundquist, accompanist

Lay Eucharistic Ministers (Chalice): Zabelle Stodola, Olivia Morin-Swanson, Sue Sommer

Acolytes: Eliana Erspamer, Tanis Halverson, Sara Keto

Livestream: Jay Austin

Ushers:

Coffee Hosts:

Bill Dinan, Nancy Schuldt

Rothko Hauschildt

Don Pederson