

Season of Epiphany  
January 8th-February 19th, 2023  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church | Natick, MA  
Sunday Worship 8am & 10am  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II



The Word of God

*See insert for readings and hymn numbers*

*"Green" indicates hymns in the Green Wonder, Love, and Praise Hymnal*

*"Blue" indicated hymns in the Blue 1998 Hymnal*

*(Please return this booklet at the end of the service so we can use it until 2/19)*

- ◇ Prelude Music & Welcome Message
- ◇ Opening Hymn (see hymn board or insert)

◇ Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

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

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

16 Glory to God Gloria 3  
Canon

$\text{♩} = 80$

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

◇ The Collect and Readings can be found in the insert

◇ Sequence Hymn (see hymn board or insert)

◇ 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

Form VI, page 392 of the red Book of Common Prayer.

#### ◇ The Peace

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

**All:           And also with you.**

*You are invited to offer one another a sign of Christ's peace and love.*

#### ◇ Announcements

## The Holy Communion

### ◇ Offertory

*We thank you for your offerings, either here today, on line, or otherwise.*

*All gifts of any size help us to make the ministries of St. Paul's happen within these walls and beyond.*

*Congregation may rise in body or spirit as the offering is brought forward.*

**Celebrant:** All things come of thee O Lord.

**All:**           **And of thine own have we given thee.**

### Eucharistic Prayer C

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**All:**           **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**All:**           **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:**           **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## Green hymnal, #857

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow'r and might, heav - en 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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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,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Hagar, Sarah & Abraham, Rebecca & Isaac, and Leah, Rachel & 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.

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

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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

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

**People:** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*All are welcome to receive Communion here at St. Paul's.*

*Let the priest know if you need GF bread.*

◇ Blessing

◇ Post-Communion Prayer

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.

◇ Closing Hymn

- January 15, Hymnal 1982 (Blue), #528
- January 22-February 19th, "Till We Meet Again"  
*See back of this booklet!*

◇ Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

# Till We Meet Again

Words and Music by  
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♩ = 66

Bm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>2</sup>/B Bm<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>11</sup> D/E Em/G D/A D<sup>o7</sup>/A A<sup>7</sup>

May His peace be with you \_\_\_\_\_ till we meet \_\_\_\_\_ a -

4 D F<sup>#7</sup>(<sup>#9</sup>) Bm<sup>9</sup> Em<sup>11</sup> Gm<sup>6</sup>/B<sup>b</sup> D/A D<sup>o7</sup>/A A<sup>7</sup>

-gain. May His peace be \_\_\_\_\_ with you \_\_\_\_\_ till we meet \_\_\_\_\_ a -

8 D G/D D A/C<sup>#</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup> A G D/F<sup>#</sup> D<sup>sus</sup>/E D Am<sup>6</sup>/C

-gain. Till we reach that \_\_\_\_\_ dis - tant shore, \_\_\_\_\_ and we

11 A/B B<sup>7</sup> B<sup>7</sup>/D<sup>#</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> Bm<sup>9</sup> A<sup>#m</sup><sup>9</sup> Am<sup>9</sup> D<sup>13</sup>

shed a tear \_\_\_\_\_ no more, may He give you strength \_\_\_\_\_ to en - dure \_\_\_\_\_

14 Gmaj<sup>9</sup> Gm<sup>6</sup>/B<sup>b</sup> D/A D<sup>o7</sup>/A A D F<sup>13</sup> Gm<sup>6</sup>/E D/A A

\_\_\_\_\_ till we meet \_\_\_\_\_ a - gain, till we meet \_\_\_\_\_ a -

18 1. D F<sup>#7</sup>(<sup>#9</sup>) 2. D D/C<sup>#</sup> Bm Bm/A Em<sup>11</sup> A D<sup>2</sup> D/F<sup>#</sup>

-gain. May His - gain. Ooo \_\_\_\_\_

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