

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

## 1st Sunday after the Epiphany;

## The Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2026



## The Baptism of our Lord

To All who are weary and need rest;  
To All who are lowly and want friendship;  
To All who mourn and need comfort;  
To all who pray and all who do not, but ought;  
To All who sin and need a Savior, and to whomsoever will  
come...

The Church opens the door and says in the  
name of the Master

Welcome to St. Paul's

**The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle,**

**Bishop of Texas**  
**2026 VESTRY**

**Senior Warden –**  
**Rebecca Rutledge**

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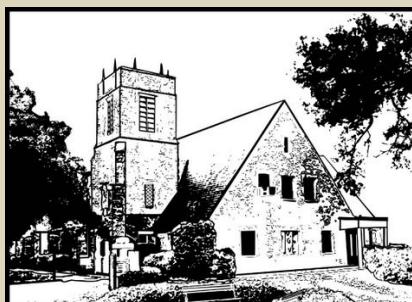
**Jay Todd Cleaver**

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**Liturgy of the Word 8:00am**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:00am**

**Also shown Live Stream on Facebook.**

**Office hours Monday-Thursday**

**9:00-3:00pm**

**Baptism, Confirmation or Wedding:**

**Contact the Church office**

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## Holy Eucharist Rite II

The service is in the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), a blue book.

Hymns are in *The Hymnal*, a maroon book. Hymn numbers beginning with "S" are at the front of *The Hymnal*.

*Or LEV, Lift Every Voice and Sing II Hymnal Or Renew Hymnal*

We are glad that you are worshipping with us today!

"I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." Ps 122:1

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Meg Lovejoy  
**Deacon:** The Rev. Margaret Light  
**Homilist:** Miles Hall, III

**Processional Hymn** *Holy, Holy, Holy* *The Hymnal 362*

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity** *The Book of Common Prayer p. 355*

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** *Glory to God in the Highest* *The Hymnal S 280*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
Have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. .

**The Collect of the Day** *(See Readings Insert)*

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

ALL: **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the Reading.*

### The First Lesson:

**READER:** A reading from the Prophet Isaiah *(See Readings Insert)*

**READER:** The Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm:**

READER: The psalm appointed for today is Psalm 29  
We will read responsively by whole verse

(See Readings Insert)

### **The Second Lesson:**

READER: A reading from the Acts of the Apostle

(See Readings Insert)

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand for the Gradual Hymn and the Gospel reading.*

**Gradual Hymn**

*The Sinless One to Jordan Came*

The Hymnal 120

*Please remain standing for the Gospel reading.*

**The Gospel: Matthew 3:1-17**

(See Readings Insert)

CELEBRANT: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

PEOPLE: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the Gospel*

DEACON: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **The Sermon**

Following the Sermon, all stand and say

**The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*The Book of Common Prayer p. 292*

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.**

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.

**The Prayers of the People**

*(The people may stand or kneel.)*

*(See Reading Insert)*

Leader: 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

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: 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

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: 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

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: 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

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

**Confession of Sin***The Book of Common Prayer p. 360***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 Bishop when present, or 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***The Book of Common Prayer p. 360*

(All stand.)

CELEBRANT: The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
PEOPLE: And also with you.

**Announcements****THE HOLY EUCHARIST****Offertory***"I Come," the Great Redeemer Cries**The Hymnal 680***Doxology v.7***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**The Hymnal 380***The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer A***The Book of Common Prayer p. 361*

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: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks  
to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

**CELEBRANT AND PEOPLE***Sanctus**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord***S-129**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

CELEBRANT: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

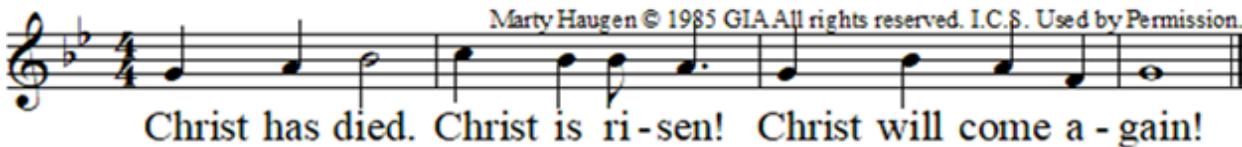
He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

CELEBRANT and PEOPLE:



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Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen! Christ will come a - gain!

CELEBRANT: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

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

**The Lord's Prayer**  
*People and Celebrant*

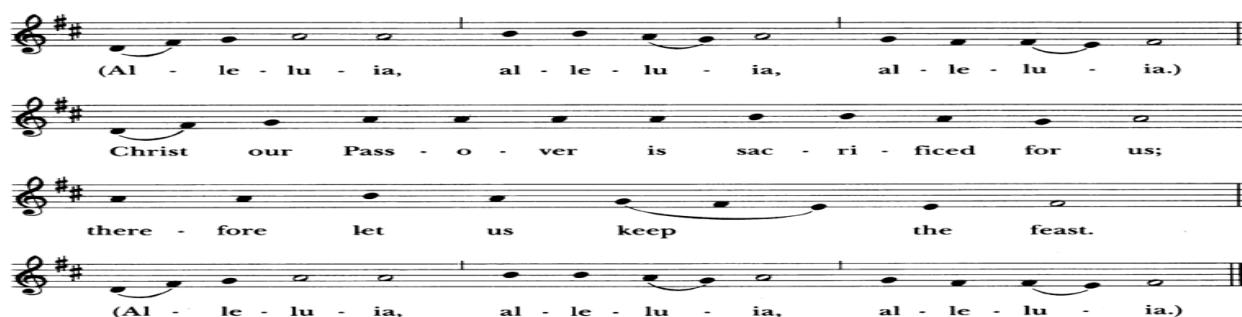
*The Book of Common Prayer p. 365*

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**

**Silence**

CELEBRANT and PEOPLE:  
Alleluia, Christ our Passover



(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

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.

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. (Amen.)

*We joyfully invite all baptized Christians to join us at the table of our Lord.  
If you prefer to receive communion in the pews, please let the ushers know.  
If you do not wish to receive communion, but instead wish to receive a blessing,  
come forward and stand or kneel at the altar, crossing your arms over your chest.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. (Amen.)  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. (Amen.)

**Communion Music:**

*Brightest and Best  
Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized  
When Jesus Came to Jordan*

*The Hymnal 117  
The Hymnal 121  
Choir*

**Post Communion Prayer**

*The Book of Common Prayer p. 365*

**All:** Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Blessing**

**The Closing Hymn:**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the light*

*The Hymnal 490*

**The Dismissal**

*The Book of Common Prayer p. 366*

**DEACON:** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, Jan 11

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Rite II, with Deacon Margaret Light  
 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice  
 9:15 a.m. Bible Study with Mother Meg and Deacon Margaret  
 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Rite II, with Mother Meg

### Tuesday, Jan 13

Breakfast Bunch will eat at 9:00am at IH – 10 Dinner

### Thursday, Jan 15

Game Group at 10:00am

### Sunday, Jan 18

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Rite II, with Deacon Margaret Light  
 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice  
 9:15a.m. Bible Study with Mother Meg and Deacon Margaret  
 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Rite II, with Father Mark

## FEAST DAYS

**Jan. 18** Confession of St. Peter, Apostle

**Jan. 25** Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

### WELCOME VISITORS!

We are glad you are here! Please sign the visitor's book located in the back of the sanctuary. Let us know how we can make your experience at St. Paul's more joyful.

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 stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com.

### Happy Birthday

Houseman, Janson	1/14
Cheek, Mackenzie Rae	1/15
Peterson, Donna Kay	1/15
Quebodeux, Keely	1/15
Howland, Mrs. Arlene	1/16
Hooker, Delmos	1/18
Hoepner, Dottie	1/18
Hall, Mr. Miles, III	1/19
Geis, Clayton	1/24
Jones, Allen	1/25

### Happy Anniversary

**Duos, John & Teri**

**1/17**

1st Sunday after the Epiphany January 11, 2025		2nd Sunday after the Epiphany January 18, 2025	
Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers		Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers	
10:00 AM 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading and Psalm Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 Earl Geis		10:00 AM 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading and Psalm Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-12 Donna Hall	
EM 2nd Readings, Prayers, Chalice Acts 10:34-43 Miles Hall, II  Sermon: Miles Hall, III Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17 Deacon Margaret Light Rev. Meg Lovejoy		EM 2nd Readings, Prayers, Chalice Corinthians 1:1-9 Becky Rutledge  Gospel: John 1:9-42 Deacon Margaret Light	
Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Ray Hancock Ushers: Earl & Pat Geis Altar Guild: Becky Rutledge Eric & Annie Reeves		Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Bill Smith Ushers: Anne Breitenstein & Teri Duos Altar Guild: Bonnie Blanchard Anne Breitenstein Sherlon Jones Haley Morris Allison Maglothin	
Flower Guild: Peggy Delafosse		Flower Guild: Ruth Hancock	

**2 Corinthians 9:7 - Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.**

If you have turned in your pledge, please drop in the collection plate or mail or drop at the office.

