

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Eucharist
February 15, 2026



Matthew 17:1-9

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
Junior Warden – Ray Hancock
Clerk - Bill Smith
Arlene Howland
Jay Todd Cleaver
Joe Maglothin
Anne Breitenstein
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Don Ball, Jr.
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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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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.

Holy Eucharist; Rite Two

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*

Celebrant: The Rev. Meg Lovejoy
Deacon: Rev. Margaret Light
Homilist Rev. Meg Lovejoy

Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns* *The Hymnal* 494

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation *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.

Glory to God

**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

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE: **And also with you.**
CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

Collect of the day
ALL: Amen.

(See Readings Insert)

Please be seated.

The First Lesson:

READER: A reading from the Book of Exodus 24:12-18 (See Readings Insert)

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm:

READER: The Psalm appointed for today is the Psalm 99 (See Readings Insert)
We will read responsively by whole verse

The Second Lesson:

READER: A reading from the Second Letter of Peter (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

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

The Hymnal 7

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

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

The Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

(See Readings Insert)

After the Gospel

CELEBRANT: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Following the Gospel, all stand and say **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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.

Prayers of the People

(See Readings Insert)

Confession of Sin

The Book of Common Prayer p. 360

The Deacon or Celebrant says .

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Leader 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.**

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

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

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

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 364

People and Celebrant

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

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(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.

and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

CELEBRANT: 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 do not wish to receive communion, but instead wish to receive a blessing,
cross your arms over your chest.*

Communion Hymns

*Let Us Break Bread Together
Christ Upon the Mountain Peak*

*The Hymnal 325
The Hymnal 129*

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

O Wondrous Type, O Vision Fair

The Hymnal 137

The Dismissal

DEACON: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, Feb. 15

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word, with Deacon Margaret Light
 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice
 9:15a.m. Bible Study with Deacon Margaret
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Rev. Meg Lovejoy

Tuesday, Feb. 17

Breakfast Bunch at 9:00am at IH 10 Diner.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 6:00pm.

Wednesday, Feb. 18

Art Class at 9:30am in the parish hall.

Wednesday, Feb. 18

Ash Wednesday Service at 5:30pm.

Thursday, Feb. 19

Game Group at 10:00am in the parish hall.

Sunday, Feb. 22

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word, with Deacon Margaret Light
 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice
 9:15a.m. Lenten Book Study with Deacon Margaret
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Rev. Meg Lovejoy
 Strategic Plan Luncheon after the 10:00am service.

Save the Date:

Wednesday Feb. 25

Lenten Book Study and Light Supper at 6:00pm in the parish hall.

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Happy Birthday

Rathburn, Mrs. Sue 2/01
 Collins, Jerry 2/02
 Darby, Heather 2/14
 Quebodeux, Bay 2/16
 Weiss, Miss Lucy Alena 2/19
 Gilbeaux, Mr. Steven 2/21
 Hathaway, Bailey G. 2/21
 Bromley, Chad 2/22
 Rutledge, Mr. David 2/24
 Bromley, Tammy 2/25

Happy Anniversary

Robert & Brandi Works 2/09
 Foss & Monica Bean 2/12
 Jerry & Wilma Collins 2/26

Last Sunday after the Epiphany February 15, 2026	1st Sunday in Lent February 22, 2026
Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers
10:00AM 1 st Reading and Psalm Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 or 99 Donna Hall	10:00AM 1 st Reading and Psalm Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7 Psalm 32 Anne Breitenstein
EM 2 nd Readings, Prayers, Chalice 2 Peter 1:16-21 Becky Rutledge Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9 Rev. Meg Lovejoy	EM 2 nd Readings, Prayers, Chalice Romans 5:12-19 Miles Hall, III Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11 Sermon: Miles Hall, II Rev. Meg Lovejoy
Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Becky Rutledge Ushers: Anne Breitenstein & Teri Duos Altar Guild: Bonnie Blanchard Anne Breitenstein Sherlon Jones Haley Walton Allison Maglothlin	Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes Vestry Person: Bill Smith Ushers: Ray & Ruth Hancock Altar Guild: Ray & Ruth Hancock Bill Smith
Flower Guild: Pat Geis	Flower Guild: No Flowers during Lent

February 17 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 6:00pm in the parish hall.
February 18—Ash Wednesday service 5:30pm

"YOUR Church Needs YOU!"

We have some exciting news to share!

At our request, Rev. Andrew Terry, Missioner for Congregational Vitality, will be here to lead us in a strategic planning session. Today February 15, following the 10:00am service, Rev. Terry will join us for lunch to map out goals & strategies to move our parish forward.

We need your input and participation ... and your covered dish."

Lenten Book Study

Lenten Book Study will be every Sunday and Wednesday starting Sunday Feb 22 and Wednesday Feb 25.

Sunday at 9:15am in the Guild room.

Wednesday night at 6:00pm in the parish hall. We will also have a light supper.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Call to Feed the Hungry
 Organized in Partnership with Feedthepeople.org.
 There are cards in the narthex with more information.
 Please pick one up as you leave church today.
 Thank you!

Ash Wednesday February 18, 2026
Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers
5:30pm 1 st Reading and Psalm Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Psalm 103 Donna Hall
EM 2 nd Readings, Prayers, Chalice 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Becky Rutledge Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 Rev. Meg Lovejoy

Shield information is due on February 15.