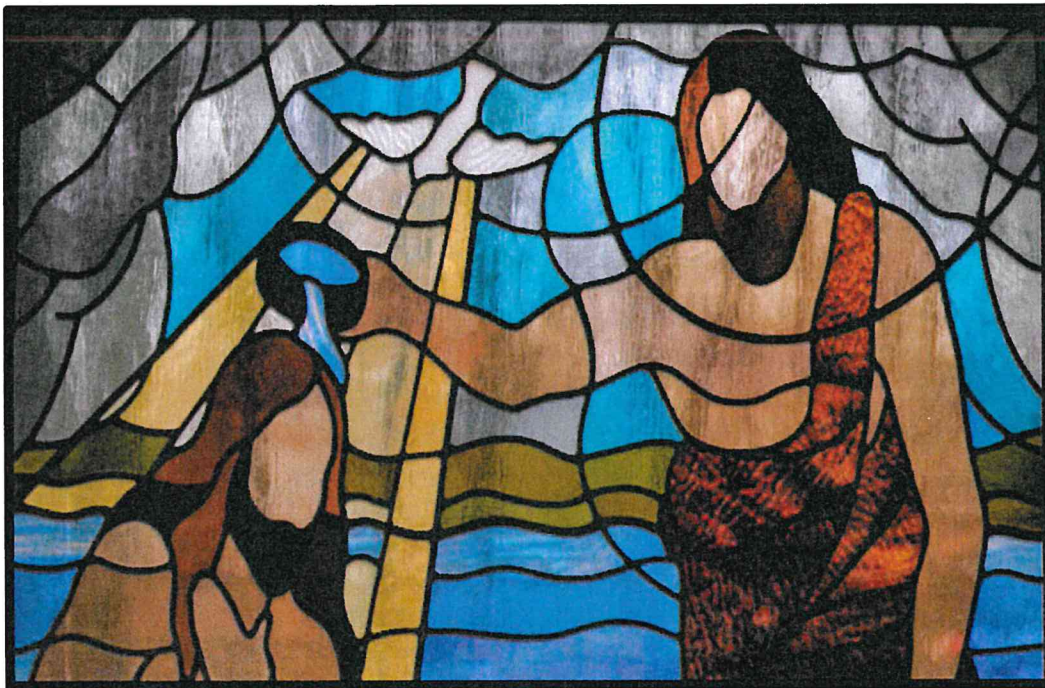


# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*We are called to gather around the sacred story and table of Christ  
where all are invited to be fed and everyone's story matters.*



## **The Feast of The Baptism of Our Lord**

**January 12, 2020, 8:00 A.M.**

### **Rite I**

*"All Guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ."*

*The Rule of St. Benedict*

*Everyone is welcome at the Communion Table.*

**The Holy Eucharist Rite I**  
**The Liturgy of the Word**

Priest                    Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People                    **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**

**Collect for Purity**

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 thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Collect of the Day**

**Baptism of Our Lord**

Priest                    The Lord be with you.  
People                    **And with thy spirit.**  
Priest                    Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**The First Lesson**

**Isaiah 42:1-9**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

## The Psalm

## Psalm 29

29:1 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,\*  
**ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

29:2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;\*  
**worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

29:3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory  
thunders,\*  
**the LORD, over mighty waters.**

29:4 The voice of the LORD is powerful;\*  
**the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

29:5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;\*  
**the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

29:6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,\*  
**and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

29:7 The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.  
The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;\*  
**the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

29:8 The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,\*  
**and strips the forest bare;**

29:9 And in his temple\*  
**all say, "Glory!"**

29:10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;\*  
**the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

29:11 May the LORD give strength to his people!\*  
**May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

## **The Second Lesson**

**Acts 10:34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

## **The Gospel**

**Matthew 3:13-17**

**Priest** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" \_But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

## The Sermon

The Reverend Barbara A.T. Wilson

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Priest Let us join in recommitting ourselves to Christ and renew our baptismal covenant.

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

**People I do.**

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Priest 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.**

Priest 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.**

Priest 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.**

Priest 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.**

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

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

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

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

Priest 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.**

Priest May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us 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.**

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

Priest God be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*(At the following words, the Priest touches the water.)*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

**People**        **Amen.**

*The Priest asperges the people with holy water and these words. The people respond by saying "Amen" and may make the sign of the cross.*

Priest        Remember your baptism!

**People**        **Amen!**

### **Prayers of the People**

Intercessor    In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(Silence)*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**People**        **For our families, friends, and neighbors,  
and for those who are alone.**

Intercessor    For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People**        **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Intercessor    For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People**        **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Intercessor    For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People**        **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless,  
and the needy.**

Intercessor    For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**People**        **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intercessor    For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Jeff, our Diocesan Bishop,  
and for all other ministers;

**People**        **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Intercessor Congregations in the Aurora Deanery: Incarnation, St. Luke's Philippine Independent Church and 1st Asian Church in Bloomingdale; St. Benedict in Bolingbrook; Holy Nativity in Clarendon Hills; St. Andrew in Downers Grove; Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk: San Pedro in Veracruz; Glory Church in Renk

**People** **Lord hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *(Silence)*  
*(The People may add their own petitions.)*

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;

**People** **For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
*(Silence)* *(The People may add their own thanksgivings.)*

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;

**People** **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*(Silence)* *(The People may add their own petitions.)*

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People** **Who put their trust in you.**

Priest Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:  
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and  
strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **The Peace**

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with thee.

**People** **And with thy spirit.**

## The Holy Communion

### The Offertory

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord.

**People And of thine own have we given thee.**

### Eucharistic Prayer II

#### The Great Thanksgiving

Priest The Lord be with thee.

**People And with thy spirit.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People It is meet and right so to do.**

Priest

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**All**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts:**

**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

Priest

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ. And we earnestly thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*The bread is broken.*

Priest Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Priest 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.

*Anyone seeking a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ is welcome to come forward to share the bread (wafer) and wine at the Lord's table. We have gluten free hosts available.*

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

Priest Let us pray.

### **In Unison**

**We praise and thank you, Creator God, for you have not left us alone. Each year you come to us, Emmanuel, God with us in a manger. Each time you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share here. In time or out of time, you will be revealed and we shall see you face to face. Give us courage, God, our strength, to see your Christ in all who suffer, to be hands to the helpless, food for the hungry, and rescue for the oppressed. All of this and more we ask, in Christ Jesus' most holy name. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

May Christ be our new beginning, the hope and salvation of the world, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life be with you always. **Amen.**

### **Announcements, Special Prayers and Blessings**

### **For Birthdays**

God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **For Wedding Anniversaries**

Gracious Creator: You blessed the marriage of these two people with your love years ago. Amid the joys and struggles of their life you have preserved and strengthened the covenant between them; bless and renew that covenant now, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace, so that surrounded by their children, family and friends, they may always rejoice in the gift of their love for one another and for your enduring love that blesses their days together. This we ask through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **For Travelers**

O God, whose beauty and intention fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Dismissal**

Priest            Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People            Thanks be to God.

**Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
*DeKalb, Illinois, Diocese of Chicago*  
*Member of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion*

**Celebration of the Holy Eucharist**  
*Sundays 8:00 AM (spoken service); 10:30 AM (with music)*  
*Child care for infants & young children is available*  
*Sundays 10:15 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. in the Nursery.*

**Christian Education Classes**  
*Sundays: Christian formation classes for all ages.*  
*Children meet in the St. Timothy Center, Sunday mornings, Sept.-May*  
*Adult Formation meets in the Conference Room or Parish Hall*

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Pat Brown, Treasurer, Rebecca Smith, Clerk,  
Terry Dickow, Donna de Oliveira

## Today's Ministers

The Reverend Barbara A. T. Wilson  
 Pat McMahan  
 Vince McMahan  
 Betsy Pool  
 Peg Newby

Presiding  
 Lector  
 Intercessor  
 Flower Guild  
 Altar Guild

## This Week at St. Paul's

<b>Today, Sunday, January 12, 2020, Baptism of Our Lord</b>		
The Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
Kids Hope USA Meeting	9:30 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
Nursery and Childcare	10:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
Choir Rehearsal	10:15 A.M.	Parish Hall
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
Coffee and Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall
"Mysteries of Taize" Class	12:15 P.M.	Parish Hall

<b>This Week - January 12, 2020 through January 19, 2020</b>				
Mon	Jan 13	Endowment Committee	6:00 P.M.	Conf. Room
Wed	Jan 15	OakCrest Service	2:00 P.M.	OakCrest
Thu	Jan 16	Children's Choir Rehearsal	6:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
		Ault Choir Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
Sun	Jan 19	The Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Nursery/ Childcare	10:15-11:45 A.M.	St. TimothyCtr
		Choral Anthem Rehearsal	10:15 A.M.	Parish Hall
		The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Coffee and Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall
		Vestry Meeting	12:00 P.M.	Conf. Room

## Announcements

*Welcome! If you are worshipping here for the first time, please sign our guest book. You are welcome to join us for refreshments after the service in the Parish Hall.*

### Mysteries of Taize - Sundays 12:15-1:30 PM

The Reverend Barbara A.T. Wilson will offer a class on the overall mysticism of the Taizé experience, exploring how candles, silent meditation, prayers, readings, and song work together to support both an individual and corporate meditative practice that has the ability to soothe our busy lives. Begins next week, **January 12<sup>th</sup>**, at 12:15 P.M., and continues **Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**. (No class on January 19<sup>th</sup>.)

### The Adult/Youth and Children's Choirs

All Choir rehearsals resume for the new year on Thursday, **January 16<sup>th</sup>**.

### Book Club

The next Book Club meeting will be on **Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020** at 6:30 PM at the home of Mary Short. The discussion will center on Chapter 5, "A Complicated God" from the book *The Changing Face of God*.

### Food Pantry Collection is This Week

Parishioners are reminded that this **Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**, is be Food Pantry Sunday. Please place your donations in the baskets provided. No glass jars, please. **Contributions may be made at any time during the month, not just today.** We hope that everyone will participate, even in a small way.

### Annual Meetings

The Annual Budget Meeting is scheduled for 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall on Sunday, **February 2<sup>nd</sup>**. This is an informational meeting to explain the 2020 Budget. The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, **February 9<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 AM. Voting will be held for Vestry Members and Diocesan Convention delegates. Light breakfast will be provided at each meeting.

## **All Parishioners! Come to the Parish Cafe!**

So that we can all continue fellowship and welcome newcomers, please plan on taking coffee or tea (with savories and sweets) on Sundays after church at our Parish Cafe. Many of us are enjoying conversation and connections there. We recall when people have joined us and how we invited them for coffee after church and they joined us there, bringing their enthusiasm and energy and faith. We recall, too, people who bring the blessings of their family life and wonderful food to our Parish Cafe. **This is the place to be.** Please plan on coming and staying awhile as often as possible.

## **Prayer List and Healing Liturgy**

If you would like to add someone to be prayed for in The Prayers of the People, you can fill out one of the sheets available on the table near the Narthex and give it to the ushers. Or call or email the Parish Office. Names will appear for six weeks, but can be continued if the need continues. There will be a special healing liturgy, usually on the fourth Sunday of each month, as part of the Sunday service. Those who would like to come forward for healing will be prayed for and anointed with oil specially consecrated by the bishop.

## **For more information about St. Paul's**

Go to our website, [www.stpaulsdekalb.org](http://www.stpaulsdekalb.org) - to hear the Sermons, Announcements, Schedules, Mars Hill Newsletter, etc. The Church of St. Paul is on Facebook! Like our page and sign up to follow us to get the latest updates on what's going on!

## **St. Paul's is an affirming and inclusive Christian community!**

Striving through worship, love and service to welcome all people just as God created you. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender expression, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we! All are welcome, no exceptions!

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**Household Prayers.** Long, K. B. (2013). *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year A*. Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville, Kentucky.

## Household Prayer: Morning

*God, you make old things pass away and declare new things to be.  
As I am renewed in my baptism this morning, help me to  
confirm my baptismal vows in my life today. Amen.*

## Household Prayer: Evening

*Holy One, you stretched out the heavens and spread out the earth,  
and in that context I give you this small day that I have lived.  
Now may I sleep, safe and secure in your covenant promise to me  
that I am your beloved child, in whom you are well pleased.  
Amen.*

### ***A word about the Household Prayers:***

These prayers are printed on a page of their own so that you can tear them out and use them in your devotions at home. These prayers come from an anthology titled *Feasting on the Word*, that includes several liturgies for services. The prayers reflect the readings of the week, including special feast days.