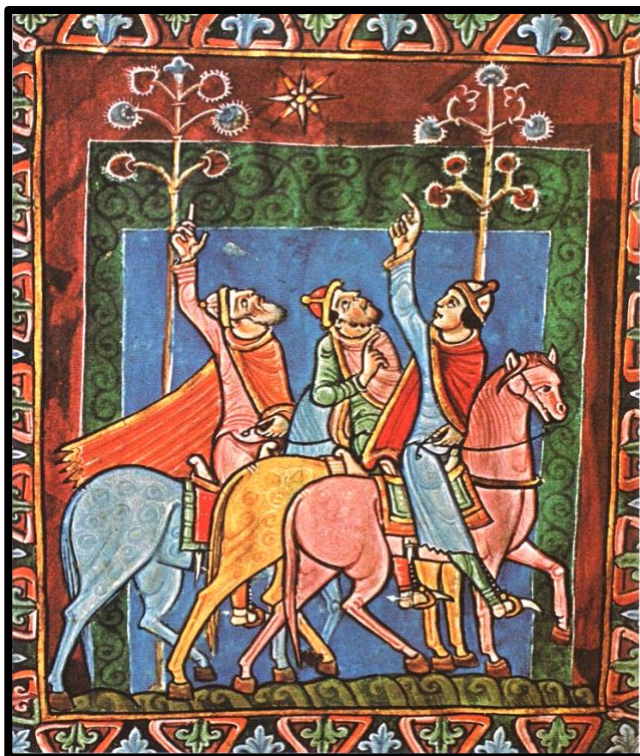


St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*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 Epiphany

January 5, 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

Epiphany

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Priest Let us pray.

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

The Psalm

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.

In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power.

Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem

with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Sermon

The Reverend Barbara A.T. Wilson

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.

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 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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Our Wardens and Vestry,
 Maureen Gerrity, Senior Warden,
 Pat Brown, Treasurer, Rebecca Smith, Clerk,
 Terry Dickow, Donna de Oliveira

Today's Ministers

The Reverend Barbara A. T. Wilson	Presiding
Pat McMahon	Lector
Vince McMahon	Intercessor
Marilyn Cleland	Flower Guild
Jocelyn Prall	Altar Guild

This Week at St. Paul's

Today, Sunday, January 5, 2020, Feast of the Epiphany		
Nursery and Childcare Available	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
Epiphany Luncheon	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall
Taize music rehearsal	12:00 P.M.	Sanctuary

This Week - January 5, 2020 through January 12, 2020				
Thu	Jan 9	<i>No Choir Rehearsals</i>		
Fri	Jan 10	Evening of Taize	7:00 P.M.	Sanctuary
Sun	Jan 12	The Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary

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		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
		Mysteries of Taize 12:15 P.M.	Parish Hall

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.

Epiphany Celebration

Join us for our Epiphany Luncheon and Celebration after the 10:30 AM Service today, January 5th.

Taize: An Evening of Prayer, Meditation and Music

Join us on Friday, January 10th, 7-8 PM, 2020. The first Taize service on December 6th was well attended and well received, including many in the community.

Mysteries of Taize - Sundays from 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 experience that has the ability to soothe our busy lives. Begins next week, **January 12th, at 12:15 P.M., and continues Sunday, January 12th, 19th, 26th, and ends Sunday, February 2nd.**

The Adult/Youth and Children's Choirs

The choirs resume singing for worship services today, January 5th. The choirs will not have rehearsal on Thursday, January 9th. All Choir rehearsals resume for the new year on Thursday, January 16th.

Book Club

The next Book Club meeting will be on Friday, **January 24th, 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*.

Rector's Discretionary Fund Collection This Week

Donations allow us to assist people in need in our community. Checks can be written to "St. Paul's" with "Rector's Discretionary Fund" in the memo. Thank you for your contributions to this important ministry.

Food Pantry Collection is Next Week

Parishioners are reminded that next Sunday, **January 12th**, will 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.

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 - 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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Prayers of the People: Book of Common Prayer, Form VI.

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

Household Prayer: Morning

God of this new morning, you have awakened me to the brightness of your dawn. I begin this day in gratitude, recalling your mercies through the night, anticipating glimpses of your glory in the hours ahead. Make my face shine today with the joy of your grace, so that another is helped to see your presence and find hope.

In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of love, as the sun has set and night has come, I will not be afraid of the darkness, for you are with me. Your glory never recedes, but is always expanding, bringing more and more people into the sphere of your love. Thank you for such boundless grace as

*has been given in Jesus Christ. Make me a prism for the light of
Christ, reflecting his grace to others all my days.
In his name I pray. 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.

Taizé

An Evening of Prayer
Meditation and Music

Friday, January 10, 2020, 7:00 PM

Join us for a meditative candlelit gathering that is simple, beautiful, and more about praying and listening with the whole self than with the mind only. By singing together simple chants, those participating in the way of Taizé are invited to enter into prayer and attention to the sacred. Taizé, an ecumenical community in France, has long been committed to promoting and praying for reconciliation, peace, and unity.



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