

"I have a dream."

"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."

"THE TIME IS ALWAYS RIGHT TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT."

-Martin Luther King Jr.

"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

*"only in the darkness
CAN YOU SEE THE STARS."*

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is,

"What are you doing for others?"

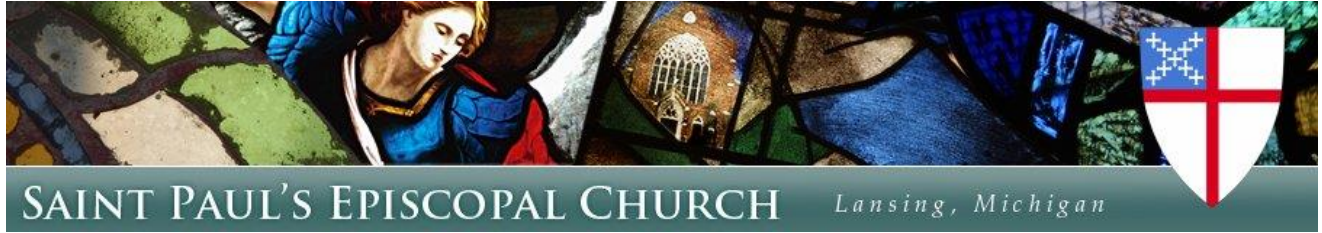
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Epiphany 2: Martin Luther King, Jr. - January 19, 2025 Holy Eucharist - Rite II

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY:
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
JANUARY 19, 2025

PRELUDE

Meditation

Marcel Dupre

OPENING HYMN

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

HYMN 423

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt. Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

Officiant
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA

S278



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The people say the following together

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are invited to sit for the readings

THE FIRST LESSON

EXODUS 3:7-12

Reader A reading from Exodus.

The Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 77:11-20

- 11 I will remember the works of the Lord,*
and call to mind your wonders of old time.
- 12 I will meditate on all your acts*
and ponder your mighty deeds.
- 13 Your way, O God, is holy;*
who is so great a god as our God?
- 14 You are the God who works wonders*
and have declared your power among the peoples.
- 15 By your strength you have redeemed your people,*
the children of Jacob and Joseph.
- 16 The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled;*
the very depths were shaken.
- 17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered;*
your arrows flashed to and fro;
- 18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the world;*
the earth trembled and shook.
- 19 Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters,*
yet your footsteps were not seen.
- 20 You led your people like a flock*
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

Reader A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

Help us, O Lord

HYMN 628

1 Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts: to
 2 Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that
 3 Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that

stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.
 all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your Name.
 yearn - ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 6:27-36

Then, all standing, the clergy person reads the Gospel, first saying

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

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Donna McNeil

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 worshiped 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

O Lord, Love incarnate, for this You have come among us to set the captive free, to give sight to the blind, to free the oppressed, to proclaim the good news to the poor. Help us follow the footsteps of Christ and live out Your Love. **May Your Kingdom of justice come.**

O Lord, You who search the human heart, You are concerned with our world, attentive to every act of injustice, suffering, oppression and deceit. May the Holy Spirit enlighten our hearts that we may rebuke ourselves on account of sin, righteousness and judgment, and turn back to You. **May Your Kingdom of justice come.**

Now we whom You have freed cry out to You with one voice: Help us who have received mercy to be merciful to those who are oppressed and wronged and we ask that according to Your mercy and grace, that we may receive Your compassion. **May Your Kingdom of justice come.**

O Lord, Your love and mercy have been revealed on earth; For the sake of Christ and all those who follow Him, establish your Kingdom of justice. Grant strength and courage to those struggling with illness and those who care for them; for those on our parish prayer list and those whom we now name either silently or aloud _____. **May Your Kingdom of justice come.**

O Lord, comfort those who mourn and welcome those whom have died into your eternal Kingdom. **May Your Kingdom of justice come.**

The Officiant concludes the prayers saying

O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Then the Officiant and people say together

**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 our Savior 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 Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand. The Officiant says to the people

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor unto the Lord.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

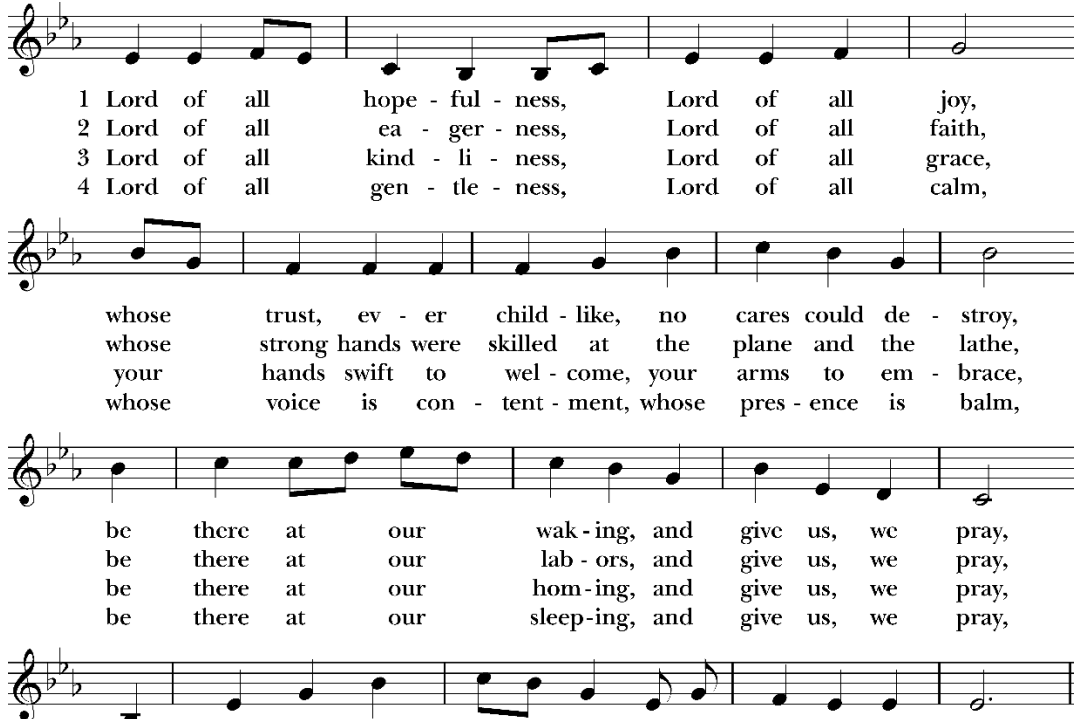
Lift Up Your Voice and Sing

Handel arr. Hopson

OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord of all hopefulness

HYMN 482



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people standing, the Officiant says

The Lord be with you
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Officiant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth who with your eternal Word and Holy Spirit are forever one God. You created us out of the dust of the Earth. Then you breathed into us your holy breath, your Spirit of life, to animate us and to grace us with the equal dignity and preciousness of life which comes from you.

When you heard the cry and saw the affliction of your people in Egypt, you placed a burning bush on the holy mountain as a sign of your unending presence in the midst of our suffering.

When our journey to freedom was suddenly halted by the presence of a great sea, you parted the water before our eyes. When we were in the desert, you nurtured us with your heavenly bread and quenched our thirst with your holy water. You made a covenant with us to be our sovereign God and taught us to seek justice, to correct oppression, to defend the helpless and to plead for the powerless.

When we broke the covenant and turned away from your teaching, your redemptive love remained steadfast. When we were in exile, you spoke through your prophets to keep our vision of freedom and justice alive in our hearts. Through the voice of one crying in the wilderness, you spoke to us and said:

The people say together

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight the paths to freedom. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see your Salvation.

The Officiant continues

You delivered us from captivity and led us into freedom. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Officiant and People sing together

SANCTUS

S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The people stand or kneel, as the Officiant continues

In the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, Jesus Christ, into our midst. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to proclaim that the time of justice and liberty had come.

Jesus Christ shared our brokenness in his humanity, and through his own brokenness, he healed us so that we may share in the wholeness of his humanity. He ate and drank with those who were alienated and discriminated against, so that those who follow him may also join in his ministry to bring wholeness to this broken world.

At Cana in Galilee, Jesus turned ordinary water into the wine of celebration, to celebrate with us in anticipation of the coming of your kingdom when all of us, in all diversity, will come together to the table of your heavenly banquet as brothers and sisters in you.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples and said: "Drink from this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for the many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith,

Officiant and People say together

**Christ has died,
Christ has risen,
Christ will come again.**

The Officiant continues

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Jesus comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your eternal Word, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

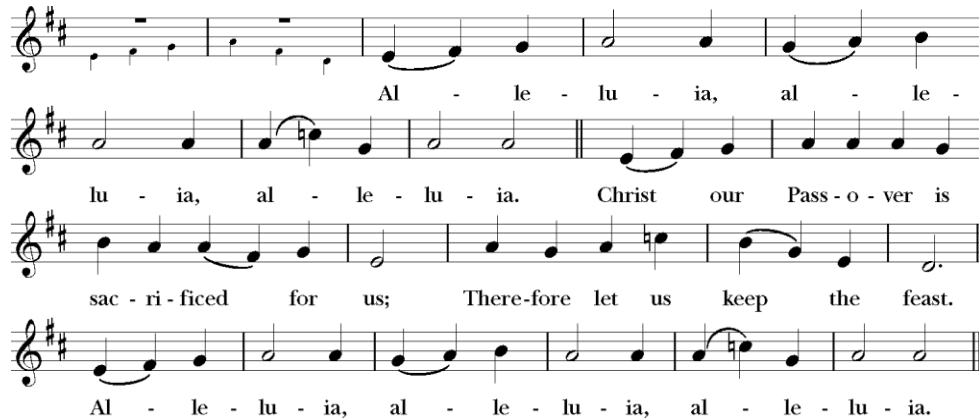
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 FRACTION ANTHEM

S155

The Officiant breaks the consecrated bread



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

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THE INVITATION

Officiant The gifts of God for the people of God. Holy Gifts for Holy People.

COMMUNION

All God's people are cordially invited to God's table, including children. Gluten-free wafers are available; please indicate to the priest that you require this alternative. We will be offering wine from the common cup to those who wish to receive in this manner. The chalice bearer will thoroughly wipe the space from which you drank prior to offering the cup to the next communicant.

Another alternative to receiving the wine from the common cup is through intinction. The priest will place the wafer in your hand; the chalice bearer will pick up the wafer, dip it into the wine, and replace it on your palm. No one is allowed to intinct with their own hand/fingers. This safe guards all who use the common cup. If you wish to receive communion in only one kind (bread), know that you have received full communion.

Those who are not baptized or those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. The ushers will guide you. If you are unable to come forward and wish to receive communion in your pew, please let one of the ushers know.

After you have received communion and returned to your seat, you are invited to silently offer the following prayer or another of your choosing to God. Remember that others are still receiving communion and your quietness will assist in this most holy experience.

Gracious God, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the body of Christ. We ask this in his name. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O Taste and See

Anthony Doherty

COMMUNION HYMN

Now the silence

HYMN 333

Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty
 hands up - lift - ed Now the kneel - ing Now the plea
 Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come Now the hear - ing
 Now the power Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing
 Now the Bo - dy Now the Blood Now the joy - ful
 cel - e - bra - tion Now the wed - ding Now the songs
 Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing Now the Spi - rit's
 vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - an - y
 Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People say together

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING *The People stand for the blessing*

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Love divine, all loves excelling

HYMN 657

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

DISMISSAL

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Prelude on “Hyfrydol”

Gordon Young

Assisting in Today’s Service

Crucifer	Greg Wortley
Subdeacon	Amy Wortley
Lector	AJ Walilko
Prayers of the People	Deb McMartin-Finkel
Chalice Bearers	Amy Wortley, Greg Wortley
Counters	Larry Clark, Leslie Hall
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Bobbi Tisdale (chair), Marilyn Earley, Steven Kandow, Maria Wawro
Ushers	John Nevin, Jack Baker, Jamal Dillman-Hasso, Bob Merriman
Coffee Hour	
Greeters	Bobbi Tisdale
Recycling Team	Professional Party Planners
Sunday School Mentors	Carol Thomas, Melissa Blood
Vestry Person of the Day	Leslie Hall

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Assisting next Sunday, January 26, 2025

Crucifer	Debbie Parks
Subdeacon	Henrie Parks
Lector	Elisabeth Richardson
Prayers of the People	Margaret Schulte
Chalice Bearers	Justin Alexander, Debbie Parks
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Opportunities for Prayer
January 19, 2025

We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers: Joanne, Melissa, Tom, Sarah, Heather, Sebastian, Peter, Natalie, Julie, Mark, Chris, Bill, Robin, Samantha, Ian, Leigh, Christopher and Shawn. **Due to privacy concerns, we will now be posting first names only on our prayer list.*

We pray this week for the following St. Paul's members: Isaac, Jennet, & Bronwen Francisco, and Joshua, Carrie, & Wyatt Freeman.

We pray this week for the following community service agency: Haven House, 121 Whitehills Dr, East Lansing, MI 48823.

We pray for our downtown church community: Cathedral Church of St. Mary; Central United Methodist Church; Christ Community Church; and First Presbyterian Church.

We pray for our worshiping communities: St. Luke's, Allen Park; St. Stephen's, Wyandotte; St. Thomas', Gautier, DR.

We pray for those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies.

We pray for: Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York; Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Bonnie A. Perry, our bishop; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A. Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our retired bishop, Wendell Gibbs; Karen C. Lewis, our rector; Donna McNiel, our associate for liturgy and pastoral care; Dick Hamlin and Gail Shafer, our priest associates; our worship ministers, St. Paul's staff and our diocesan household.

**Announcements for the Week of
January 19, 2025 - January 26, 2025**

Lansing Symphony Orchestra will be performing their Winterlude concert at St. Paul's at 3:00pm on Sunday, February 2nd. Tickets are free but you must have a ticket to attend. This is one concert you will want to be present for as the sanctuary's acoustics are perfect for this type of music. This year's concert will feature woodwinds. Through the graciousness of the Tom and Jean Shawver Fund, we are able to provide this gift of music to the community. If you wish tickets, please email (rector@stpaulslansing.or) or leave a note for Karen+ in her mailbox.

The service of Compline is offered Wednesday evenings at 9 pm on Zoom with The Very Rev. Gail Shafer, our priest associate. The current liturgy is from the Book of Common Prayer. A recording of the service will be posted to St. Paul's Facebook page. Please feel free to either join the Zoom meeting, or the service posted on Facebook. The Zoom link will be listed in the weekly email.

Faith and Film on January 24th: Join us at 6:30pm to watch **The Princess Bride** presented by Libby Richardson and Barb Heany. Sign up!

St. Paul's Annual Meeting/Potluck is January 26th at 11:30am. Please plan to attend. Sign up and let us know what dish you will bring to share.

Our Noisy Offering recipient for January - June 2024 is Capital Area Humane Society: CAHS is a nonprofit shelter that relies on volunteers and donations to provide protection and placement for companion animals. Last year they found homes for 1,783 and they spayed/neutered 5,699 pets. The Noisy Offering is collected on the first Sunday of the month.

In case of inclement weather during the winter months, please call the office at 482-9454 after 11:00am to check on cancellations. If you receive a recording stating the office is closed, then all events for that day are cancelled. If the Lansing School District is closed, all church events for that day will be cancelled.

Evening Meeting Times & Parking Ramp Hours: All evening meetings and classes should begin no earlier than 6:15pm and end by 8:45pm for access to the parking ramp. Regular parking ramp availability M-Th 6:00pm-9:00pm and Saturday & Sunday 7:30am-6:00pm.

Blessing Box: Sign up in the Merrifield Room to fill the Blessing Box for a week.

Bulletin: Please submit information by noon on Tuesday, in writing or by e-mail, to office@stpaulslansing.org to ensure accuracy.

Recycle ink cartridges: Bring your used ink cartridges into the parish office for recycling and help reduce our paper costs. We get discounts on office supplies and paper through the Staples recycling program.

Mission and Outreach: It's time to dig out that favorite soup recipe for Souper Sunday, February 9. We'll make soup, sell soup and buy soup with all proceeds going to the First Presbyterian Food Pantry. Mission and Outreach will match the donations. Pick up your soup containers at the sign-in table. May God bless our efforts to feed folks who are hungry.

Reminder: Please schedule all meetings (in-person and online) with the office in advance. We want to assure you that there is a space for you to meet and that someone will be available to open the building. For online meetings, we want meetings to be available to all parishioners. **Please** notify the office if you have a **cancellation** to ensure building and staff security.

Coffee Hour sign up: We need two family units per week to bring treats, serve & provide cleanup for coffee hour following the 10:00am services. There are signup sheets in the Merrifield Room. Sign up with a friend or extended family. If no one signs up, we will not have coffee hour.

Please sign up to be a Greeter: One of the faith outreaches we have at St. Paul's is the Sunday morning greeters. We can extend our faith by welcoming our fellow parishioners and visitors each week. Remember that you are the first face they will see as they enter the church. A welcoming hand and face always lift our spirit, what a way to start a day and you play an important part in that.

- **Signup sheets are in the Merrifield Room** – Need two greeters at the back door.
- Be at the back door 20 minutes before the service.
- Greeters should remind parishioners to pick up their nametags and ask visitors to fill out the guest book located in the cloister outside the chapel and to join the parish after the service for coffee and fellowship in the Merrifield Room.

St. Paul's Recycling: Please sign up in the Merrifield Room to take some of the recycling either to your home bin or to a recycling drop off center. We are committed to reduce, reuse, and recycle at St. Paul's. See one of the Milnes or Borons for more information.

Altar flower requests: There are openings for the upcoming Sundays for altar flower dedications. Flowers are always given to the glory of God, and then in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a person or occasion. Dedications and **\$120** payment must be received in the church office no later than the Monday before the date of the dedication. **More than one dedication can be made if you and a friend want to share the cost of the flowers.** Altar Flower forms available on the signup table, or you can email your dedication to office@stpaulslansing.org.

Contributions Last Week: For the week of January 12, 2025, St. Paul's received **\$12,305** in contributions as follows:

Pledge Income	\$12,131
Operating Income	\$100
Loose Offering	\$74

<p>This Week at St. Paul's January 19, 2025 - January 26, 2025</p>

Sunday, 01/19:		Barb Heany Away
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion
	11:15am	Coffee Hour
Monday 01/20:		Barb Heany Away
		Martin Luther King Jr. Day
		Office Closed
Tuesday, 01/21:	10:00am	4Cs Meeting - VanAtta Room
	6:00pm	Vestry Dinner - Meeting @ 6:30pm - Hill Room
Wednesday, 01/22:	7:00pm	Bible Study - Zoom
	9:00pm	Compline - Zoom
Thursday, 01/23:	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 01/24:		Office Closed
	6:30pm	Faith & Film (<i>The Princess Bride</i>)
Saturday, 01/25:		
Sunday, 01/26:	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion
	11:15am	Annual Meeting & Lunch - Merrifield Room
	11:15am	Pack lunches for Punks with Lunch - Hill Room

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