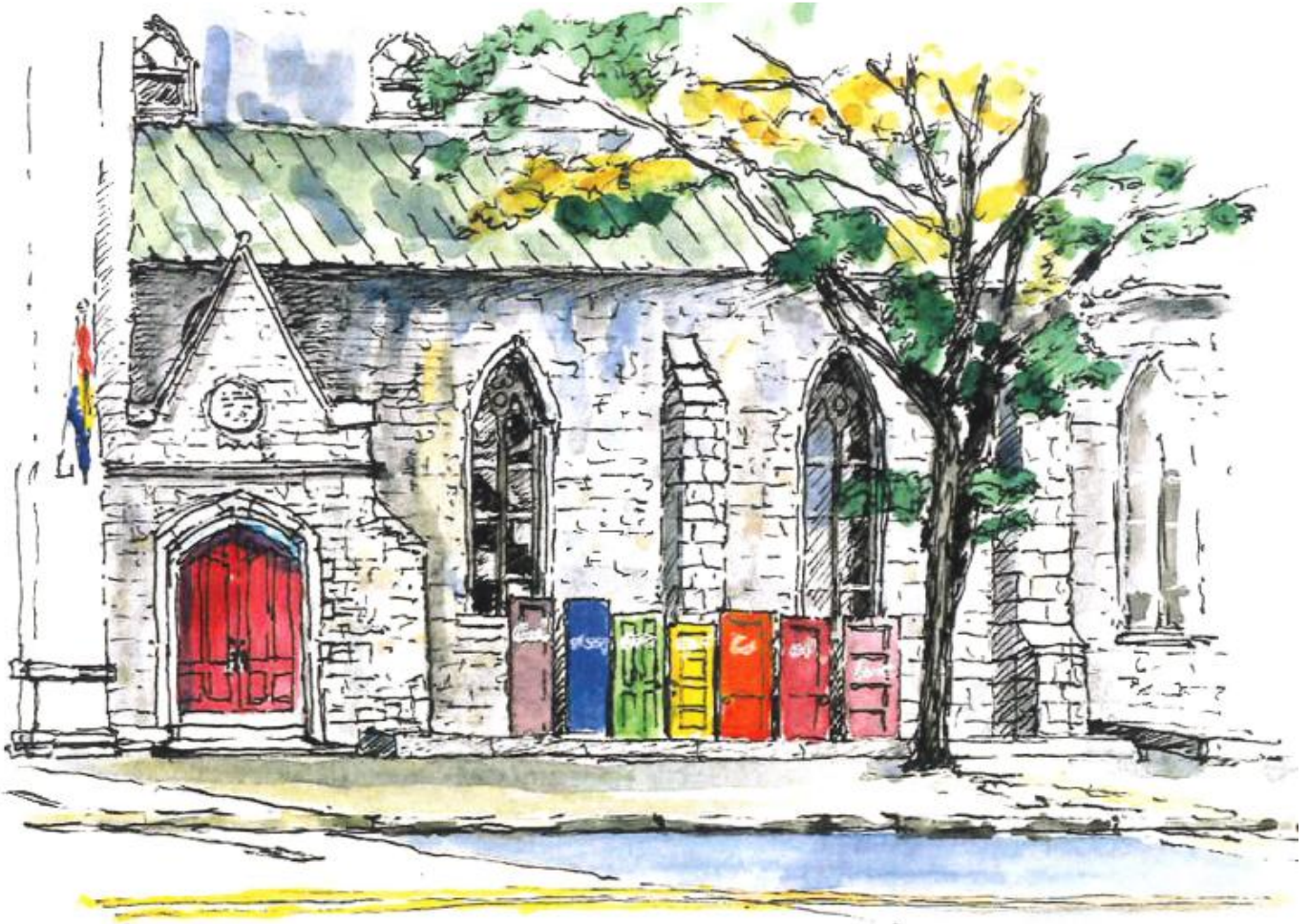




St. Paul's
Syracuse

The Downtown
Episcopal Church



"GOD'S DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL. LOVE

W. ELLIANS

FEBRUARY 9, 2025
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Preludium in B-flat Major*

Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780)

The people are invited to stand

HYMN 705 "As those of old their first fruits brought"

Forest Green

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

CANTICLE 12 "A Song of Creation" *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini*

Verses 1, 3 & 5

1. O all ye works of God now come to
2. O sun and moon and stars of heav'n your
3. O heat and cold, O night and day, O
4. O earth and sea, O all that live in
5. O let his peo - ple bless the Lord like

thank him and a - dore; O an - gels sing and
end - less praise out - pour; O chang - ing sea - sons,
storms and thund - er's roar, O fields and for - ests,
wa - ter or on shore, O men and wo - men
right - eous souls of yore; let those of ho - ly,

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of the deep waters, you call us from the safety of the shore to an adventure of the spirit; open wide our arms to embrace the world you dare to serve; through Jesus Christ, who gives life in abundance.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated

LESSON • Isaiah 6:1-13

Lector A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice

of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" And he said, "Go and say to this people:

Keep listening, but do not comprehend;
keep looking, but do not understand.'

Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes,
so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears,
and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed."

Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said:

"Until cities lie waste without inhabitant,
and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate;
until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the
land.

Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled."

The holy seed is its stump.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God**

THE RESPONSE

Psalms 71:1-6 *Confitebor tibi*

Peter R. Hallock (1924-2014)

The Antiphon is first sung by the Choir and repeated by All, and then as indicated.

Organ: *Everyone:*
When I called you answered me;
O Lord, your love endures for ever.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise. I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, because of your love and faithfulness;

Antiphon

For you have glorified your Name and your word above all things. When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me. ***Antiphon***

Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me. ***Antiphon***

The LORD will make good his purpose for me; O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands. ***Antiphon***

EPISTLE • 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Lector

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

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Lector

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People

Thanks be to God.

The people are invited to stand

GRADUAL HYMN 763 "As we gather at your Table"

Rachel

1. As we gath - er at your
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to

Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your Word, help us
wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life; send us

know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be
forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is

stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we
 strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for -
 claim it as our own; teach us through this ho - ly
 give as you for - gave; may we still be - hold your
 ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 im - age in the world you died to save.

Please remain standing

HOLY GOSPEL • Luke 5:1-11

Celebrant
People
Celebrant

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus read from the book of the prophet Isaiah, and began to say, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in

the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

*Celebrant
People*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Philip Major

A brief silence follows the sermon.

The people are invited to stand.

NICENE CREED

The word “creed” comes from the Latin credo, translated here as “we believe.” Credo is not simply belief in accurate propositions, but more deeply a sense of relationship or trust—an alternate translation might be “we give our heart,” “we trust,” “we rely upon.” Developed in the fourth century as a means of unifying a divided church, the Nicene Creed has been used by Christians in worship for almost two

thousand years, and connects us to our ancient ancestors in the Communion of Saints. The Creed is used in worship not because it comprises a list of doctrinal statements one must affirm in order to be considered a Christian, but rather as a song of praise and confidence in the Holy Trinity: God in three persons who creates, redeems and sanctifies a holy people.

All

**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.**

Please remain standing.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

St. Paul said, “If I do not have love, I am nothing, ... I gain nothing, ... I am a noisy gong.” Love God with all your strength and love your neighbor as you love yourself.

We pray for the Church Universal, for all who strive to be Christian, who love God and show love to all others they meet. We are especially grateful to the Vestry, the old and the new members, and our Rector Philip.

Silence is kept.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge: **Let me never be ashamed.**

May God bless this nation, and may our leaders look first to benefit all with less authority and fewer riches: enlighten our president, our governor, our members of Congress and our local officials. Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly.

Silence is kept.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge: **Let me never be ashamed.**

We pray for the city of Syracuse and Central New York. Bless our land and people. Guide our mayor and all elected to office, that they make decisions which display wisdom and love.

Silence is kept.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge: **Let me never be ashamed.**

We remember those in the world who suffer from war, hunger, injustice and cruelty. We pray especially for Ukraine, South Sudan and Yemen, wracked by war and destruction. Deliver us all from oppressors and the evil that threatens many men and women in the world.

Silence is kept.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge: **Let me never be ashamed.**

We remember and pray for all who are in any kind of trouble because of poverty, sickness, abuse, sadness, loneliness, depression or addiction. We pray especially for *n.* and those we name, silently or aloud.

The people add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge: **Let me never be ashamed.**

We remember those among us who have died, those we have loved, and those who loved us, especially *n.* and those we name, silently or aloud.

The people add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge: **Let me never be ashamed.**

Be thankful for everything you have. We give special thanks for the generosity of members who have given so much for St. Paul’s Church renovation and pledged to support the church.

Silence is kept.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge: **Let me never be ashamed.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.

CONFESSION

The people are invited to sit / kneel.

Officiant

Let us confess our sins to God.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Officiant 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.

All **Amen.**

The people are invited to stand

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY

*At the Offertory, we return thanks for God's blessings in our lives and invite you to place your contribution in the offering plate in the main aisle or give by texting 73256 entering **stpaulsyr** (all lower case) and the amount you want to give.*

The people are invited to stand as the offering is brought forward

Celebrant All things come of Thee, O Lord.

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

Please be seated.

AN ANTHEM: "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

Fred Gramann (b. 1950)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer 2 from *Enriching our Worship*

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say)

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

**8:00 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

10:00 Hymnal S-125

Richard Proulx (1937-2011)

*The letter 'S' before a music selection indicates it will be found in the front section of the hymnal,
known as the Service Music.*

Celebrant

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with (— and) all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The breaking of the bread symbolizes the activity whereby God emptied Godself of divine power for purpose of reconciling Godself with us. We have no words to accurately describe this divine activity, thus a period of 10-15 seconds of silence is kept following the breaking of the bread and before saying the Fraction Anthem.

FRACTION ANTHEM

8:00

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

10:00 Hymnal S-154

David Hurd (b. 1950)

The people are invited to be seated.

You are invited to consume the consecrated bread immediately after you receive it. If you choose to receive the wine, drink directly from the cup. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please ask the communion minister. The sacrament of communion is complete if the bread or wine is received; it is not necessary to receive both.

COMMUNION HYMN 321– “My God, thy table now is spread”

Rockingham

The People are invited to stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Officiant Let us pray.
All **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

HYMN 376 “Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”

Hymn to Joy

DISMISSAL

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: “A Trumpet Minuet”

Alfred Hollins (1862-1942)

Please Keep These People in Your Prayers:

Destany W., Fred K. and Daniela B.

For those who have died: Marilyn Sharron and Ken McAndrew

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Marion Greenhalgh in loving memory of her parents Russ & Jeanne Greenhalgh and Edward & Marion Hughes, grandparents; and in Thanksgiving of her daughter Alexis.

Our thanks today for the...

Altar Guild: DJ Igelsrud and Ruth Brown

Lay Reader: Barbara Bell / Willson Cummer

Ushers: Doug Mouncey / Willson Cummer and Joseph Von Souder

Flower Guild: Harriet Averill and Sandy Wiley

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The Collect of the Day is taken from "Prayers for an Inclusive Church, 2009."*

Announcements

- * St. Paul's handcrafts group, *Common Threads*, meets Monday, February 10th at 7 p.m. Please speak to Georgette Schmidt or one of our wardens for more information.
- * Please bring your donations for *The Open Pantry* anytime, but especially this Saturday, February 15th from 10 a.m.-noon.
- * The deadline for articles for the March edition of *The Courier* is February 17th. Please send the finished edition of your Courier article to Judy in Microsoft Word or another commonly used format.
- * *The Women of St. Paul's* invites all women and men of the parish to join them for a winter luncheon, Saturday, February 23rd at noon. Please contact Ruth Brown for more information.

.Understanding Episcopal Liturgy

#35 Why do we sing or say one of the Psalms each week during worship?

The Psalms are the oldest part of our liturgy and were sung in the ancient Hebrew liturgies. Think of them as the church's first hymnal. Remarkably, many of them continue to speak deeply to our spiritual conditions in our time and place. The Psalms provide us with a rich language of prayer.

In the lectionary, one of the Psalms, or occasionally one of the Canticles, is appointed as a congregational response to the first scripture reading.

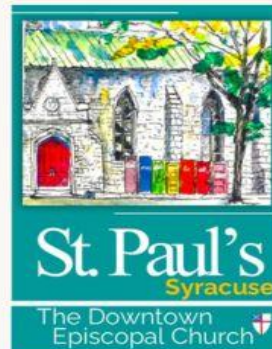
If you have a question about something in our liturgy, I will be happy to answer it. Please ask in person, or send an email to me at revmajor@stpaulsyr.org.

Fr. Philip +



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