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Thank you for joining us today!

If you are new or visiting, please fill out a card from the pew and place it in the collection so that we may follow up.

Coffee and conversation take place after the service in the parish hall. Follow the hallway at the right front of the church to the right and past the kitchen.



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Serving Today

Officiant	The Rev. Jason M. Miller
Organist	Rob Boccaccio
Music Director	Kerrykate Abel
Readers	Andrea Brown, Courtney Shed
Acolytes	Abby Gerstung, Nathan Matthews

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Organ Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please rise in body or in spirit and join in singing.

♪ Hymnal 121 – “Christ, whose glory fills the skies”

Opening Acclamation

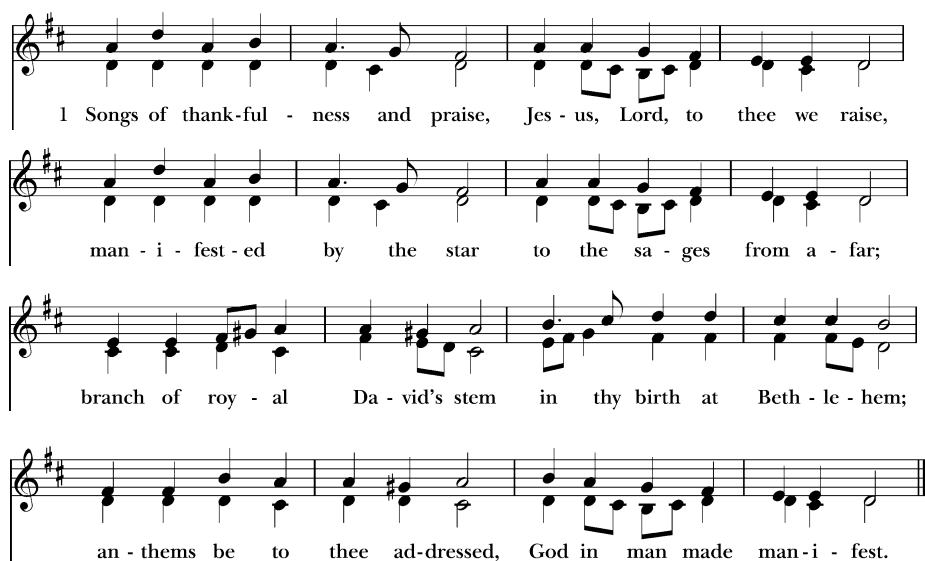
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

♪ Hymn 135 v. 1 – “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.

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The Collect of the Day

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

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.

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength – he says,

"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 40:1-12

Please remain seated and pray the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

I waited patiently upon the Lord; he stooped to me and heard my cry.

He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

Happy are they who trust in the Lord! they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! there is none who can be compared with you.

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! but they are more than I can count.

In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure (you have given me ears to hear you);

Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, and so I said, “Behold, I come.

In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: ‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.’”

I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

The Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn

CELTIC ALLELUIA

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The Gospel

John 1:29-42

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking

for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Please rise in body or in spirit.

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.

The Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

For this community, the nation and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

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

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Steve, our Bishop, and all Bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation:

**Irving & Margaret Brewster, Malinda Gay, Tim George,
Susan Grinslade, Marje Hagberg, Barbara Harrison,
Susan Lee, Mary Arlene Leney, Carri Ludwig, Gail
Michaels, Sue Petherick, Toni Spence, Grace & Norman
Zaccagnino**

and those we now name aloud or silently in our hearts.

Time is given for the people to name those for whom we pray

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your name for ever and ever.

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

Silence or the people may add their own petitions

Lord let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; In your
compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your
Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your name; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**
Please greet one another with a visible sign of God's peace.

Announcements

Please be seated for a brief list of announcements.

Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness offer our gifts to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn

Please rise in body or in spirit and join in singing.

🎵 *The Doxology – Hymn 380, verse 3*

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," an - gel hosts are sing - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
"San - to, san - to, san - to," can - tan se - ra - fi - nes. "San - to, san - to,

ho - ly is the Lord our God. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is God, the Lord of
san - to, Dios es el Se - ñor. San - to, san - to, san - to es fuer - te nue - stro

might. Your glo - ry fills the heav - ens, your glo - ry fills the
Dios. Tu glo - ria lle - na los cie - los, la tie - rra lle - na es -

earth." Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na is our song.
tá." Ho - sa - na en las al - tu - ras, ho - sa - na la can - ción.

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy

to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat; This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant, Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray, **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please come forward to receive communion one row at a time. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms when approached with the bread.

Communion Music

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and

Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

... be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

♪ Hymnal 533 – “How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!”

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

Annual Meeting Notice

In accordance with New York State Religious Corporation Law (NYS RCL Chapter 51, Article 3, §43.4), the Annual Meeting for St. Paul's will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2026, at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall at 4275 Harris Hill Road, Williamsville, NY 14221. At the meeting, there are three (3) three-year terms for vestry members and one (1) two-year term for warden up for election. Convention delegates for the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western New York will be elected.

Convention Delegates Needed

2026 will be a particularly important year in the life of our Diocese, with the election of our new Bishop. Those who are willing to put their name in the running for Convention Delegate will be asked to attend the Convention on Friday, October 23rd, 2026 and Saturday, October 24th, 2026, at Chautauqua Harbor Hotel in Celoron, New York.

In general, delegates can vote their own conscience and in the way that they feel moved by the Spirit. The Vestry will weigh in on and provide guidance based upon conversations within the congregation. This is a great opportunity to connect with other Episcopalians in our region and to make new friends or reconnect with old ones. Please prayerfully consider if you may be called to put your name in the running.

If you are interested in running, please let the office know NO LATER THAN Tuesday, January 20th, 2026, so that your name may be placed on the ballot for consideration at our Annual Meeting.

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