



Welcome to St. Paul's!

The Conversion of St. Paul

Annual Meeting

January 24, 2021, 10:00am

Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

Paul, or Saul as he was known until he became a Christian, was a Roman citizen, born at Tarsus, in present-day Turkey. He was brought up as an orthodox Jew, studying in Jerusalem for a time under Gamaliel, the most famous rabbi of the day. Describing himself, he said, I am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin (Romans 11:1).

A few years after the death of Jesus, Saul came in contact with the new Christian movement, and became one of the most fanatical of those who were determined to stamp out this dangerous heresy. Saul witnessed the stoning of Stephen. He was on the way to Damascus to lead in further persecution of the Christians when his dramatic conversion took place.

From that day, Paul devoted his life totally to Christ, and especially to the conversion of Gentiles. The Acts of the Apostles describes the courage and determination with which he planted Christian congregations over a large area of the land bordering the eastern Mediterranean. His letters, the earliest of Christian writings, reveal him as the greatest of the interpreters of Christ's mind, and as the founder of Christian theology. He writes, I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me (Galatians 2:20).

Paul describes himself as small and insignificant in appearance: His letters are weighty and strong, it was said of him, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech of no account (2 Corinthians 10:10). He writes of having a disability which he had prayed God to remove from him, and quotes the Lord's reply, My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore, Paul went on to say, I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me (2 Corinthians 12:9).

Paul is believed to have been martyred at Rome in the year 64 under Nero.

I. O God, who, by the preaching of thine apostle Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

II. O God, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Prelude:

Prelude on an English Folksong

Kimberly McCollum, violin and William Myers, 'cello

*Traditional
arr. Matt Riley*

Announcements/Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

The people sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Celebrant says

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

People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Celebrant says the 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.*

All Standing

Canticle 16 - The Song of Zechariah (*Read in unison*)

Benedictus Dominus Deus

*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.*

*He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,*

*that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.*

*He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.*

*This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,*

*Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.*

*You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,*

*To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.*

*In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,*

*To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

Collect for the Conversion of St. Paul.

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

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

O God, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Old Testament

Acts 26:9-21

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul said to King Agrippa, "Indeed, I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things against the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And that is what I did in Jerusalem; with authority received from the chief priests, I not only locked up many of the saints in prison, but I also cast my vote against them when they were being condemned to death. By punishing them often in all the synagogues I tried to force them to blaspheme; and since I was so furiously enraged at them, I pursued them even to foreign cities. "With this in mind, I was traveling to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, when at midday along the road, your Excellency, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and my companions. When we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.' I asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The Lord answered, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But get up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you. I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles-- to whom I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' "After that, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do deeds consistent with repentance. For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me."

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

Psalm 67

(Read in unison)

Deus misereatur

Antiphon sung by cantor

- 1 *May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.*
- 2 *Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.*
- 3 *Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.*
- 4 *Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.*
- 5 *Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.*
- 6 *The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.*
- 7 *May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.*

Antiphon sung by cantor

The Epistle

Galatians 1:11-24

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, "The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy." And they glorified God because of me.

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:16-22

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

Jesus said to the twelve, "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Mary P. Friel

Nicene Creed

The people stand as they are able. Celebrant and People together say,

*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 Form VI

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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Santosh, our Bishop; Mary, our Rector, Peggy, our deacon, all
bishops, and other ministers.
For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Silence

(The People may add their own petitions)

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray for Frazier Walker and Egan Valliant
who are celebrating their birthdays this week.
Silence

(The People may add their own thanksgivings)

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. The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and with gratitude to all Vestry candidates and Diocesan Convention candidates.

Silence

(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.
Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

***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.***

The Priest, stands and says

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

Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Softly and Tenderly

arr. Philip Keveran

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing

The Celebrant, faces them and says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the created order, and for God's self-revelation to the human race in history;

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:

Sanctus

*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.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

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 St. Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; 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.

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

People and Celebrant

*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.*

Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Communion Music

O Spirit of the Living God

Healey Willan

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

Laura Kaufmann, soloist

Warren Svenson

(b. 1937)

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

*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.*

Blessing

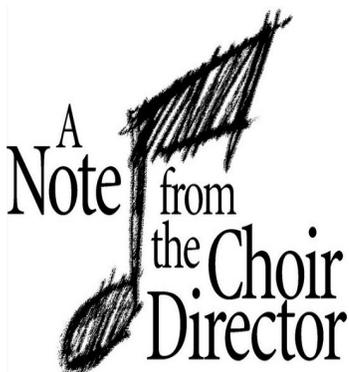
Dismissal

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

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*J. G. Walther
(1684-1748)*



About today's music: We welcome violinist Kim McCollum to St. Paul's-it is always a pleasure to have her here! And we are grateful to Laura Kaufmann and Bill Myers for their musical offerings this morning.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 24, 2021

Prayer List

Please call the parish office to place a person on the prayer list, they will be on the list for four weeks. *We will bold the names of the people who are coming off the list after this week so you can call if you want them to stay on.*

Please keep the following members and friends of St. Paul's in your prayers:

Thomas Miller	Michael Millison	Don Wood	Larry Webster
David Wiley	Linda Fleetwood	Caleb Schneck	Jennifer Hutcherson
Sally Clark	Scott Miller	Marlyn Siegel	Laura White
Richards Tillman	Jane Mashburn	Jimmy Miller	Anne Rowland
Ron Brown	Henry Pupke	Dot Abbott	The Rev. Kevin Cross
Chelsea Ward	Sandy Northern	Chad Henry	Marcie Taylor Thoma
Kathryn Marchi	Elizabeth Lepre'	Reese Brown	Abbey Rapoport
Irene Kaufmann	Allison Kelly	Christina Smith	Trish Reynolds
Becky Richardson	Helen Schultz	Juanita Wooten	Charley Johnson
Debbie Ambrose	Mary Franklin	Larry Samuels	Larry Webster
Whitney Wealing	Monica Bistrichan	Pete Caesar	Anthony Loiacono
Brenna Wilson	John Perkins	Judy Parranto	Rick Ferrell
Carol Thomas	Carolyn Lee Crouse	Sierra Dombayci	Barbara Pearson Rac
Jim Cordes	Archie Carroll	Betty Grally	Joyce Dever
Iris Hager	Kenny Comley	Mike Olds	Michael Chamberlain
JoLou Klingler	Nancy Connolly	The Reverend Elizabeth Felicetti.	
Ann-Marie Grusch	Jessica & Will Oesterling	Cynthia Klingler Isaacson	
Louis & Janet Palmatary	The Rev. Pete Stanton	Nick Mandarano	Jack Moore

All those suffering with the coronavirus

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday: Annual Meeting

Tuesday: Vestry meeting at 7:00pm in Donaldson Hall

Wednesday: Holy Eucharist at 11:00am, with music.

Thursday: Staff meeting 9:00am—10:00am

Mid-week Service:

Please join us at 11:00am for an informal Eucharist service. Afterwards you are invited to stay for meditation and healing prayer. This week we will honor Lydia, Dorcas and Phoebe-Witnesses to the Faith.

Next Week's Readings:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28
Psalm 111

Altar Guild and Flower Guild

The 2021 schedule is in the back of the church. Please make sure to pick up your copy.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

We are collecting canned soup for Martin's House in Ridgely. Please bring your donations in between now and Super Bowl Sunday, February 7.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, *Bishop*
 The Rev. Mary Friel, *Rector*
 The Rev. Peggy Samuels, *Deacon*
 Julia Morris-Myers, *Director of Music*
 Mike Olson, *Senior Warden*
 Bob North, Jr. *Warden*
 Myron Richardson, *Treasurer*
 Michele Miller, *Parish Administrator/Assistant Treasurer*
 Peggy Andrews, *Registrar*
 Laura Bittinger, *Parish Nurse*
 Laura Kaufmann, *Cantor and Bell Choir Director*
 Chris Pupke, *Lay Reader Director*
 Dan Rugg, *Head Usher and Acolyte Director*
 Arline Mayer, *Volunteer Office Assistant*
 Jordyn Britton, *Housekeeping*
 Coleman Sellers, *Sexton*

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and with gratitude to all Vestry candidates and Diocesan Convention candidates.

The Vestry

'21 Sally Cooper
 Dan Rugg
 Tracy Wilson
 '22 Peggy Andrews
 Dan Macari
 Matt Ward
 '23 Mark Freestate
 Alan Griffith
 Catherine Kirchner



The mission of St. Paul's Parish, Centreville, is to be a strong and caring community of faith, rooted in Christ, welcoming, serving, and loving all.

	1/24	1/31
<i>Ministry</i>	10:00am	10:00am
<i>Lector</i>	Mike Olson	
<i>Ushers</i>		
Commerce St. Usher:	Sally Cooper	Steve Parkhurst
Liberty St. Usher:	Bill Clark	Doug Kaufmann
Inside Church Usher:	Bob Ozinga	Bob North
<i>Counters</i>	Byron Luna	Peggy Andrews
<i>Tuesdays</i>	Diane Freestate	Gail Brown
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sally Cooper Diane Freestate Arline Mayer	Laura Kaufmann
<i>Flower Guild</i>	Elizabeth Lepre'	Sally Clark

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