

The Conversion of St Paul

(transferred)

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

> January 28, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, we welcome you and invite your full participation in today's worship.

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St. Paul's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on unceded Kumeyaay land. We value the knowledge, culture, and worldview of Indigenous people. We commit to the vital work of educating ourselves, increasing community awareness, and promoting reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbors. As we examine actions and practices that perpetuate harm against Indigenous communities, we pledge to work toward a meaningful and respectful relationship as we follow their example in honoring this sacred land. - Approved by the Cathedral Chapter, May 2023

Organ Voluntary

Andante Sostenuto (Symphonie Gothique)
Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Welcome and announcements

§ Please stand as you are able for the tolling of the bell.

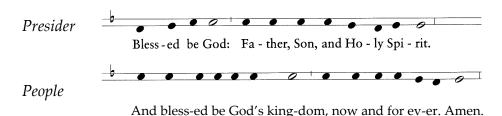


Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900). Music: Aurelia, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876).

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

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Presider

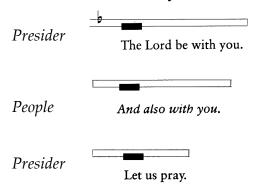
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria (choir) from "Kleine Orgelmesse" Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day



Presider

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.**

§ Please be seated.

The Lessons

The First Lesson is read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 26:9-21

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."

After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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Chant: William Knyvett

- 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.

The Second Lesson is read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

Galatians 1:11-24

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.

The Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

Answer Thanks be to God.

§ Please stand as able when the Presider stands.

Alleluia Verse (Cantor, then all repeat)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

I chose you and appointed you that you should go and / bear fruit,* and that / your <u>fruit</u> should abide.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

The Holy Gospel Matthew 10:16-22

The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

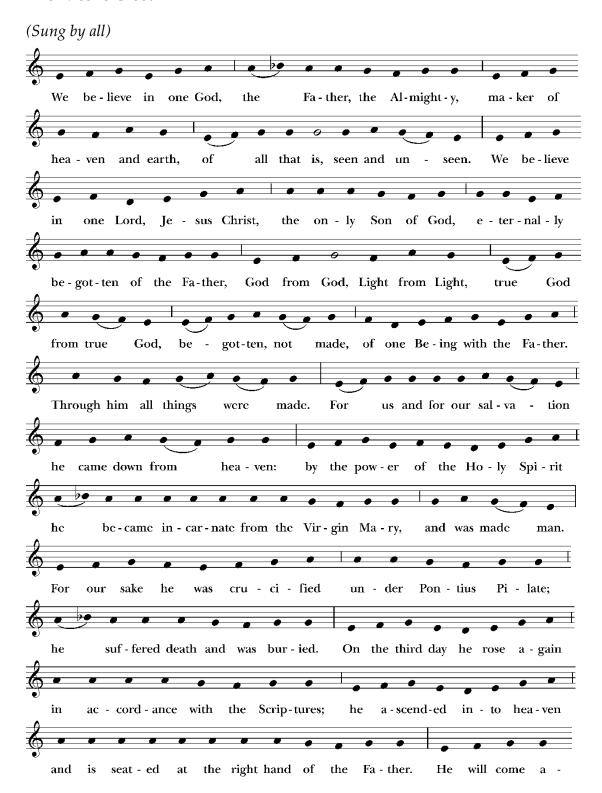
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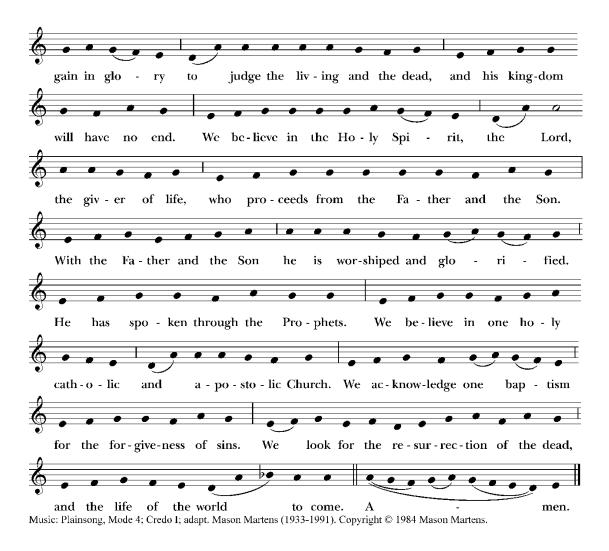
The Sermon

The Very Rev. Penny Bridges

§ After a moment of silence, please stand as able for the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed





The Prayers of the People

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

The Deacon bids the prayers.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The Leader and People pray responsively.

God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Susan, our bishop; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world. God of love,

People Hear our prayers for the church.

Silence

God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love.

God of freedom,

People Hear our prayers for the world.

Silence

God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice of their own. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us.

God of justice,

People Hear our prayers for the earth.

Silence

God of peace, we pray for this community: For our local leaders; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home.

God of peace,

People Hear our prayers for this community.

Silence

God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the unsheltered; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons. We pray for [the Leader offers prayers on behalf of the congregation].

God of mercy,

People Hear our prayers for all who are in need.

Silence

God of grace, we pray for those who have died: For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light. We pray for [the Leader offers prayers on behalf of the congregation].

God of grace,

People Hear our prayers for those who have died.

Silence

The Presider says the concluding Collect

Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Deacon says to the People

Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

Silence may be kept.

Deacon and People together

Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:

You create all people in your image

and call us to love one another as you love us.

We confess that we have failed to honor you

in the great diversity of the human family.

We have desired to live in freedom,

while building walls between ourselves and others.

We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,

while making judgements of others based on the color of skin,

or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience. We have tried to love our neighbors individually

while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.

Forgive us, Holy God.

Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.

Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.

Restore us in your image,

to be beloved community,

united in our diversity,

even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,

Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. Amen.

The Presider 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.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

- *§* The People offer each other a sign of the Peace.
- *§ Please be seated.*

The Offertory

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The Holy Communion

At the Offertory, Anthem

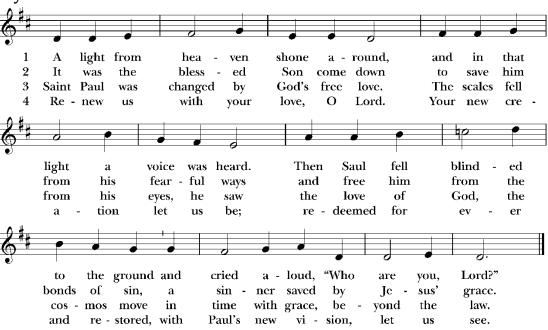
Hodie Paulus apostolus Luca Marenzio (c. 1553-1599)

Hodie Paulus apostolus lumen orbis terræ inclinato capite pro Christi nomine martyrio coronatus est. Alleluia.

Today the apostle Paul, light of our terrestrial ball, whose head once lowered in martyrdom to the name of Christ, today is crowned. Alleluia.

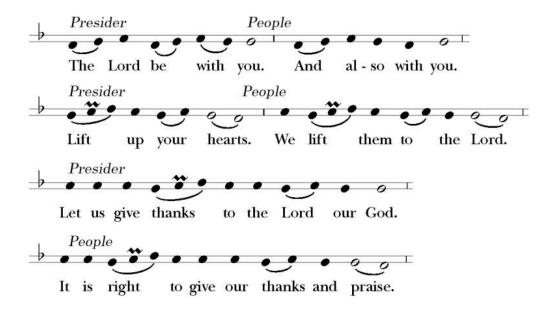
§ Please stand as able for the following hymn.

Hymn 256



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§ Please remain standing as able for the Great Thanksgiving.

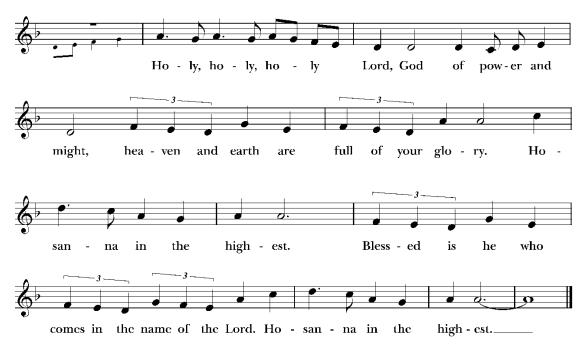


The Presider continues

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

Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

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:



Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932). Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

The Presider 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.

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,

Presider and People

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

The Presider continues

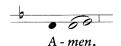
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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 the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed 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.

Presider and People



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



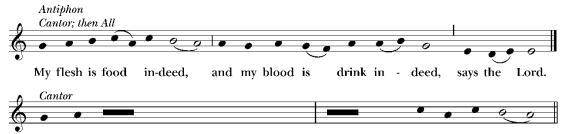
Setting: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

The Fraction: The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence follows as the Bread is broken.

Fraction Anthem: My flesh is food indeed

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Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. [Ant.] Music: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991). Copyright © 1971 Mason Martens.

The Invitation

This is the table, not of the church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed; come, not because the Church invites you; it is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here.

[The Iona Community Worship Book]

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

After the Invitation has been given, please be seated until you are ushered to the communion stations at the Crossing. Please take your purse or valuables with you.

At Communion time we will offer the Host with the option to have it partially intincted (dipped) by the Eucharistic Minister into the wine and placed in the communicant's hand. For the time being we will not offer the option of drinking from the Common Cup. You may choose to receive only the dry Host or to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament.

As you come forward, please use one of these three gestures to indicate your preference:

- ❖ *To receive the host with wine, extend both your hands, palm up.*
- ❖ To receive only the host, extend one hand, palm up.
- ❖ To receive a blessing, cross your hands at your shoulders

If you need to receive a gluten-free wafer, please go to the station at the extreme left.

At the Communion, Agnus Dei (choir)

Haydn

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Anthem

Take my life and let it be Stephen Sturk (b. 1950)

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my intellect, and use every power as thou can choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

After a moment of silence, please stand as you are able for the following prayer

The Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All 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.

The Deacon may send forth the Lay Eucharistic Minister.

The Blessing

May the light of Christ blind us to all else save God alone;

may the strength given unto Saint Paul be shared by us;

may the Faith, Hope, and Love of the Eternal Wisdom rest in us to illuminate our minds, possess our hearts and direct our ways, this day and forevermore;

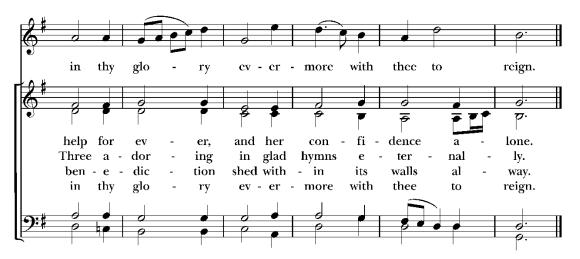
and the blessing of God Almighty,

▶ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn 518





Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1856), alt. Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929). Descant by permission of Church Society, London.

The Deacon dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne in C, BuxWV 137 Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

§ The clergy, altar party, and people depart.

If you choose not to remain for the Organ Voluntary, please leave quietly out of respect for those who would like to stay and listen or pray for a while. Thank you.

Please follow the procession directly to the Great Hall for luncheon and the Annual Parish Meeting.

Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: The Rev. Cn. Richard Hogue, Jr.

Preacher & Dean: The Very Rev. Penny Bridges

Deacon: The Rev. Cn. Brooks Mason *Healing:* The Rev. Cn. Richard Lief

Readers: Allen Mutchler, Robert Heylmun

Intercessor: Carolyn Lief

Head Verger: Cn. Lisa Churchill

Altar Servers: Salvador Arce Guerra, Jim McCabe, Bart Smoot

Thurifer: Ben Hulbert Verger: Don Mitchell

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Mary Tranbarger

Director of Music: Cn. Martin Green Assistant Organist: Gabriel Arregui

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Today's Final Blessing was written by Fr. Rene Bozarth, the Founder of the Society of St. Paul and Honorary Canon of Damaraland, Namibia.

On the cover: The Conversion of Saul "On the road to Damascus" from St Paul's Cathedral Pauline windows medallion in second window in south aisle.

Paul sees a blinding bright light and hears the voice of Jesus. (Acts 9:1-9)

Each window in the Pauline window series contains three medallions, or scenes portraying an event in the life of St Paul, the patron saint of our cathedral.

At the top of each window, an open book displays the motto *Spiritus Gladius* (the sword of the spirit) – see Ephesians 6:10-17.

In the unlikely event of an emergency requiring us to evacuate the cathedral please follow the directions of the ushers and vergers and remain as quiet and calm as possible.

The exit doors are:

- ❖ South porch doors at Nutmeg Street and Fifth Avenue
- ❖ North porch doors to Fifth Avenue Courtyard
- South transept east and west doors to Nutmeg Street and to chapel for stairs (to the left of chapel altar) leading down to exit to parking lot on Sixth Avenue.
- ❖ Northeast exit door to hallway to Fifth Avenue breezeway.

Please locate an exit nearest you.

