



The Conversion of Saint Paul  
(transferred)  
The Holy Eucharist:  
Rite Two

January 28, 2024  
8:00 a.m.

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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*

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

## **The Word of God**

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*The Presider says*

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

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

*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 (*Presider and People*)**

**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

*The Presider says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider*       Let us pray.

*The Presider says the Collect.*

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.

*Answer*           **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 67 *Deus misereatur* (said by all)

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- 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.*

## **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.**

§ *Please be seated at the introduction of the sermon.*

## **The Sermon**

The Very Rev. Penny Bridges

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

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Presider*

Let us stand and proclaim our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

*(Presider and people)*

**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 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.*

## Welcome and announcements

*You may give online now by using your phone's camera to scan the quick response code:*



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## The Holy Communion

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**The Great Thanksgiving**      Eucharistic Prayer B

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*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Presider*      Lift up your hearts.

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

*Presider*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*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:

Sanctus   *(Presider and People)*

**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 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. **AMEN.**

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

**The Lord's Prayer** (*Presider and People*)

**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: The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence follows as the Bread is broken.*

<i>Presider</i>	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
<i>People</i>	<b>Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.</b>

## 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.*

§      *After a moment of silence following the distribution of communion, 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 Presider may bless the people.*

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.**

*The Deacon dismisses them with these words*

Let go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*              **Thanks be to God.**

§      *The clergy, altar party, and people depart.*

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*On the cover: "On the road to Damascus" from St. Paul's Cathedral Pauline windows, medallion in second window in south aisle.*

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

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## Ministers of the Liturgy

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

*Preacher & Dean:* The Very Rev. Penny Bridges

*Deacon:* The Rev. Cn. Brooks Mason

*Head Verger:* Cn. Lisa Churchill

*Reader:* Kris Hatch

*Altar Server:* Cn. Lisa Churchill

*Altar Guild:* Martha Duque, Ellen Hargus, Craig Monsell, Mary Rathbun,  
Mary Tranbarger

*Usher-in-charge:* Rich Davis

*Ushers:* Christie Batten, Norm Friesen, Carl Mattina, Mary Rathbun

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*Please locate an exit nearest you.*

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- *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*
  - *Northeast hallway door to Fifth Avenue breezeway*
  - *West chapel (to the left of chapel altar) stairs leading down to landing.*
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