

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul ~ January 29, 2012
Annual Meeting 2012

The Word of God

The Prelude

Rule Beasley

The Opening Hymn

By all your saints still striving

Hymnal 232

By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest,
your holy Name, O Jesus, for evermore be blessed.
You rose, our King victorious, that they might wear the crown
and ever shine in splendor reflected from your throne.

Praise for the light from heaven and for the voice of awe,
praise for the glorious vision the persecutor saw.
O Lord, for Paul's conversion, we bless your Name today.
Come shine within our darkness and guide us in the Way.

Then let us praise the Father and worship God the Son
and sing to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One,
till all the ransomed number who stand before the throne
ascribe all power and glory and praise to God alone.

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The Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.**

Song of Praise

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**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.**

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

Please be seated.

The First Reading

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 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 Chief Priest, 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 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 67 *Deus misereatur*

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

The Second Reading

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 Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Lead me, guide me, along the way, For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.*

I am weak and I need thy strength and power to help me over my weakest hour;
Help me through the darkness thy face to see, Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, be my aid when satan and sin oppress;
I am putting all my trust in thee. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am blind without thy light to see;
Lord, just always let me thy servant be. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

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The Gospel**Matthew 10:16-22***Deacon*

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 for my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People***Praise to you, Lord Christ.****The Homily**

The Reverend Janet Fullmer

Annual Meeting Reports and Discussions**The Nicene Creed****BCP p358**

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

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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 victims of violence and intolerance; for the people of Haiti, The Sudan, Palestine, and all places of need;

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 Katharine, our Presiding Bishop, Nedi, our Bishop; in our diocesan cycle of prayer, for St. Paul's, The Dalles; for Marilyn Roth and the discernment committee; for all who minister at St. Paul's, and all those, lay and ordained, who minister in the world. We give thanks for the vestry and representatives of St. Paul's in 2011, and we pray your guidance and blessing upon the election of the vestry and representatives for 2012. We pray in particular for those we now name....

We thank you for our parish, diocese, church, God's Kingdom on earth, and for the joy of worship and ministry:

For all who serve God in the Church and the world.

In our congregational cycle of prayer, we pray for Dick Scherzinger, Phil Swartz, Barbara Telfer, Jerry Browne, and Sandy Leibham. We pray for healing for Harriet Langfeldt, Bill Van Nice and Georgia Giacobbe. We pray for all the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

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

The People add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name forever and ever.

We pray for Bob Nichols, Dora Bailey and all who have died; may they have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People 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.

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 Celebrant concludes with the absolution.

The Peace *Please stand*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements and Elections

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Prayer for Peace

Choir

The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.**

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

WLP 858 **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever. **AMEN.**

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

**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.
And 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 forever. 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.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Food, for Holy People.

*All are invited and welcome to receive communion; Please come forward for the bread and wine or for a blessing.
Gluten free bread and grape juice are available; please ask the server if you prefer these alternatives.*

The Communion Hymns

All who hunger gather gladly

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All who hunger, gather gladly, holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

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There is a balm in Gilead

Hymnal 136

*There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,
There is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *Refrain*

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all." *Refrain*

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The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand.* Let us pray.

**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 Closing Hymn

I have decided to follow Jesus

LEVAS 136

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back, no turning back!

Though no one join me, still I will follow, though no one join me, still I will follow,
Though no one join me, still I will follow, No turning back, no turning back!

The world behind me, the cross before me, The world behind me, the cross before me.
The world behind me, the cross before me. No turning back, no turning back!

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Deacon [Dismissal]
People **Thanks be to God.**

Today's Servers~

*Celebrant: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Deacons: The Rev. Georgia Giacobbe, The Rev. Stephen Schafroth;
Acolyte: Mike Fowler; Worship Leader: Marilyn Roth; Eucharistic Minister: Jeff Krier;
Lector: Barbara Telfer; Prayers of the People: Rosemary Ross; Altar Guild: Janet Mabrey, Kaethe Worcester;
Flowers: Ned & Sandy Kice in memory of Rosemary Deems Applegate, Bill Deems, Ed and Roberta Kice;
Greeters: Manciu family.*

PLEASE PRAY For our diocese, friends and family;

In our diocesan cycle of prayer: Please pray for St. Paul's, The Dalles.

For Comfort, Healing and Strength: For the repose of soul of Bob Nichols and Dora Bailey; for Julie Reynolds and Rodger Nichols and the Nichols and Bailey families and friends; for Bill Van Nice; Dcn Georgia Giacobbe; Harriet Langfeldt; Cindy Davis; Greg and Laurie Larsen; Bob and Frances Brown; Don Lewis; Patrick Martin; Bliss; Linda, Dudley, Libby McDaniel, Jack Howe and all who are in need of help and strength.

For our Vestry and work groups: Building and Administration: Laurance Kerr, Junior Warden; Jill Durow, Pat Fowler, Jenny Curtis, Jerry Frazier, Treasurer; Relationship/Serving: Andrea Booren, Amy McIlvenna, Julie Reynolds, Diane Walworth; Worship/Education: Diane Walworth, Joanne Manciu, Robert Kirby, Julie Reynolds, Monte Dickinson, Senior Warden; and Deb Hucke, Deputy Clerk.

For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country and for all those who serve and protect us, especially: In Iraq and Afghanistan: Roland Willoughby, Crystal Cornejo, and Brandon Lee; John Bixler, Kelsey Neubauer, Albert South, Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Kevin Gross, Travis Kennedy, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner, Amy and Gavin McIlvenna.

For Kairos #1, Salem Oregon, 2012- May blessings be with the organizers of this first Kairos in Oregon!

Readings for Sunday~February 5

Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-12,21c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

Stewardship Tip: Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be, also." Matthew 6:21

CALENDAR:

Tuesday-Bible Study:	1:00 pm Mill Creek, 3 rd floor Lounge
Wednesday-First Weds of the Month:	8:00 am Outreach Meeting, in the Library; 5:30 pm Creole Potluck to support the New Orleans Team.
Thursday-Healing Service:	12:00 Noon
Saturday-Men's Breakfast	7:00 am Tayler Hall
Sunday- February 5:	9:00 am <i>Intergenerational Hour: Nets for Life</i> 1:30 pm Mill Creek, 3 rd floor Lounge, Eucharist Service

Next Sunday:

**FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH –
BLESSING OF FOOD FOR THE FOOD
BANK, INTERGENERATIONAL HOUR, AND
DISCRETIONARY FUND SUNDAY:**

Whew! Get Ready- next Sunday is

Intergenerational Hour: Watch for the children to enact the plight of keeping safe from malaria bearing mosquitoes~ A serious concern made immediate and accessible for all to understand... and then please think about donating to help us support *Nets for Life*, an ecumenical project which ERD as well as many other relief organizations support.

And, since it is the first Sunday of the month, we'll have a **blessing of food for CAP**- Janeal Booren will take our offerings and make sure that people in need get some extra help. Please remember to set aside some food for those in the community who are in need.

Also next week: Rector and Deacon

Discretionary Funds: We use the undesignated offerings given on the first Sunday of the Month to fund the Clergy Discretionary Funds. Please remember to bring a little extra, if you can, to help those funds, which are used primarily for local people who find themselves in need of basic necessities, but without funds to pay for them.

Typical needs include gas vouchers, medicine, help with rent, special dietary needs, money to pay for fuel...a whole host of things come up, and these funds help us to respond with a helping hand.

Coming up in April: Olan Mills- April 27, 28; photos will be taken for a church directory. Times and more information will be listed in the Messenger.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY- Work continues! Come see, and lend a hand at Janeal's Habitat House: 2419 E. 16th (16th & Thompson.)Workdays are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 8:30 to 12:30. So, put on your work clothes and join the very rewarding, and very exciting, fun!

VESTRY –Vestry news including minutes of meetings, financial reports, and other sundry items of interest-see notebook in the office, and copies of reports on the bulletin board, kiosk in the narthex and web site.

MISSING- Please Check your cars and house: Altar Guild is missing a Home Communion kit. LEM visitors, please look around to see if you might just possibly have the missing kit. Thank you and God Bless.

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSINGS: Epiphany is the traditional season for blessing of homes- it's in the spirit of preparing for hospitality, and for showing forth Christ's blessing of all of our lives. We start off the new year by asking Christ's blessing on our homes and all who enter, and by inviting Christ to dwell in our homes. A blessing can be a simple prayer- and you can do it yourself! The blessing can also be done as part of a lovely liturgy of cleansing and blessing the home with blessed water, with prayers for the rooms as well as the home as a whole, and all who dwell therein. I recommend it! Ask me (Janet) if you'd like to know more or to schedule a blessing.

LOST AND FOUND: We have a lost and found basket in the office...it has scarves, jewelry, keys, gloves galore, a personal notebook...come and see and claim your stuff.

St. Paul's is a loving, welcoming Christian community gathered to be Christ's hands and heart in the world.

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