



St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Altus ~ Oklahoma

- E.O. Nielsen -

*The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

*February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026*

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*Please silence cell phones*

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**  
**RITE II**

*Prelude*

*Organist*

*Please stand, if able, for the Processional Hymn and remain standing through  
the Collect of the Day*

**Processional Hymn**

**Hymnal 542**

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,  
2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an- cient feuds for - get - ting,  
3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;  
the whole round world com - plete, from sun - rise to its set - ting:  
cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:  
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,  
the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.  
to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.  
to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

*Celebrant*    Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.    **BCP 355**

*People*        And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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*

**Gloria (Intro)**

**BCP 356; Hymnal S 280**

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**

**BCP 215**

*Celebrant*: The Lord be with you.

*People*: And also with you.

*Celebrant*: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### A Reading from the book of Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

*The people will recite the psalm responsively by the whole verse, or in unison.*

## **Psalm 15**

*Domine, quis habitabit?*

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
    who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
    who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
    he does no evil to his friend; \*  
    he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
    but he honors those who fear the LORD.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
    and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
    nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things \*  
    shall never be overthrown.

## A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Unison or harmony*

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult  
 2 as, of old, Saint An - drew heard it  
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship  
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows,  
 5 Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies,

1 of our life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his  
 2 by the Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and  
 3 of the vain world's gold - en store; from each i - dol  
 4 days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in  
 5 Sa - vior, make us hear thy call, give our hearts to

1 clear voice sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me;"  
 2 toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.  
 3 that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 4 cares and plea - sures, "Chris-tian, love me more than these."  
 5 thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

## The Holy Gospel

**Matthew 5:1-12**

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon**  
**The Reverend David Braddock**

*(The People Stand, if able)*

## **The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

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 Form III (kneeling or standing) BCP 387**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

In our Anglican cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Church of England. In

our Diocesan cycle of Prayer: Pray for Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe,

our Bishop Poulson Reed and our Priest David Braddock. Pray for

Christ Memorial, El Reno. Pray for The Rev. Richard Brewer and his

wife Angela, The Rev. Nancy Bridges and her husband Tim and The

Rev. Patrick Bright. In our Parish cycle of Prayer: Pray for Joyce

Kenner, Ken and Susan Kenner and Jon and Billye Kidwell and Jenna

Buentello.

Remember the birthday of Kally Tuttle and The anniversary of the Ordination of The Rev. Suzanne Mollison.

*(Your own petitions and intercessions may be added at this time either silently or aloud).*

*Celebrant*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The Confession (kneeling)**

**BCP 360**

*Celebrant/ Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son *Jesus Christ*,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

**The Absolution**

The Celebrant 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 (All stand)**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*Announcements (seated)*

*Birthdays and Anniversaries*

(in unison)

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) N. as *he/she/they* begins another year. Grant that *he/she/they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his/her/their* trust in your goodness all the days of *his/her/their* life/lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory (seated)

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Instrumental music played during collection.**

**Hymn 707**

*For this Sunday undesignated checks or cash in the plate offering is designated for the priest discretionary fund.*

**The Doxology (stand)**

**Hymnal 380; vs. 3**

**(Play through one time)**

"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. (pause) Amen"

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**Prayer C, BCP 369**

*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 him thanks and praise.

*In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*By his blood, he reconciled us.*

*By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Celebrant and People*

**Sanctus**      *(intro)*

**BCP 362 Hymnal S130**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full --- full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest,  
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest,  
Hosanna in the highest.

*(bells)*

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

*(bells)*

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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." (bells)

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord *Jesus Christ*: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through *Jesus Christ* our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

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

*People and Celebrant*

**BCP 364**

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei  
(Sing)

Hymnal S 164

Jesus, Lamb of God have mercy on us  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world  
give us your peace, give us your peace

*People and Celebrant*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

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

**Instrumental music played during communion. Hymn 711**

*The ushers lead worshippers to the altar rail.  
All baptized individuals are invited to communion.*

Post Communion Hymn (*seated or kneeling*)

Hymnal 654

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:  
 to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,  
 follow thee more nearly, day by day.

Post Communion Prayer (*kneeling or standing*)

BCP 365

*Celebrant* 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.

**The Blessing**

*Celebrant continues*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts  
 and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son *Jesus Christ* our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,  
 and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the  
 \*5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

1 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of  
 2 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
 3 love up - on my way, from the cross the  
 4 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that  
 5 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of

1 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 2 cross for - sake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 3 ra - diance stream - ing adds new lus - ter to the day.  
 4 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.  
 5 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

**Dismissal** (standing)

**BCP 366**

*Officiant* Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord. And make a difference in the world.

*People* We will. Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary

Hymn 335

### **This week at St. Paul's:**

*Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>* 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

*Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>* 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

CELEBRANT:	The Reverend David Braddock
LAY EUCHARIST MINISTER:	John Womack
LECTORS:	First Lesson: John Womack The Epistle: Jessie Craighead
USHERS:	Lynn Sharp and Cassy Howard
CRUCIFER:	Perry Robison
ALTAR GUILD:	Cassy Howard
HOSPITALITY:	
LOCK-UP:	John Womack



*The Head of this Church: Jesus Christ*

Presiding Bishop:	The Most Reverend Sean Rowe
Bishop of Oklahoma:	The Rt. Rev. Poulsom Reed
Priest-In-Charge:	The Rev. David Braddock
Senior Warden:	John Womack
Junior Warden:	Cassy Howard
Vestry Members:	
Seat 1	Perry Robison-2029
Seat 2	Cassy Howard-2029*
Seat 3	Nancy Davidson-2027*
Seat 4	Jon Kidwell-2027
Seat 5	John Womack-2028*
Seat 6	Rick Stebbens-2028
Treasurer:	Nancy Davidson
Parish Clerk:	Nancy Davidson
Pledge Clerk:	Jon Kidwell
Guild Directress:	Iva Nell Templer

\*second term

Each term expires in January three years from election.