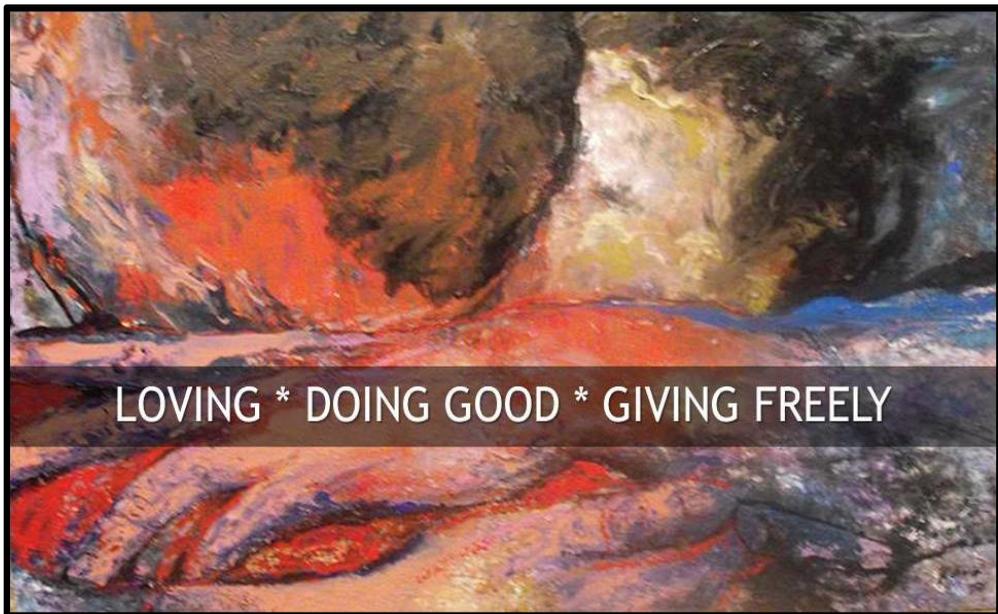


St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
February 24, 2019, 10:30 A.M.**

Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn # 390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation

Priest Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Priest 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 S 280 Glory to God in the highest

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heav - enly
 King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, —
 you a - lone — are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most —
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God — the — Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day - Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Genesis 45:3-11,15

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

The Psalm

Psalm 37:1-12,41-42

Lector Let us read verses of Psalm 37 responsively, starting with the pulpit side and answering from the organ side.

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
 dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the LORD *
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- 12 But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.

41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; *
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

42 The LORD will help them and rescue them; *
**he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.**

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Lector A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn # 593 Lord, make us servants of your peace

The Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Barbara A. T. Wilson

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(Silence)*
For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors,
and for those who are alone.

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;
People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Intercessor For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Jeff, our Diocesan Bishop, and for all other ministers;
People For all who serve God in his Church.

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We especially pray this week for Gail, Puzz, Joyce Kotvan, Chris Rogers, Zachary and the Jacobs family, Marilyn, Dorothy, Margaret, Patty, Kathy, David, Clark, Myrna, Terry Costello, and Rosemarie.
(The People may add their own petitions.)

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;
People For your mercy is great.

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;
People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
(The People may add their own petitions.)

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People Who put their trust in you.

Priest Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and

strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

The Confession of Sin

Priest Let us confess our sins to God.

All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. **Amen.**

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

The Peace

Priest The Peace of the Lord be always with you!

People: And also with you!

(Then we greet one another saying, "Peace be with you.")

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

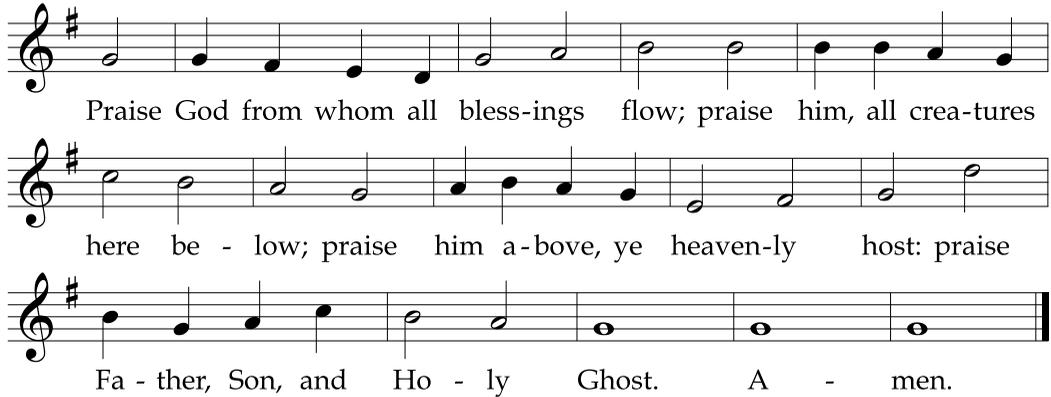
Priest Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Anthem

St. Paul's Choirs

We Will Praise You Michael Praetorius, Arr., Douglas Wagner

Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Hymn #380, Vs. 3



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures
here be - low; praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest 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.

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

Priest 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.

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

Priest 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 Child, born of Mary, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Priest 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:

Sanctus Holy, holy, holy, Lord S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly - Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

**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.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned 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

(Silence is observed after the bread is broken.)

Fraction Anthem: My flesh is food indeed S 169

Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -
deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my
flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My
flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

1 *All* 2 *Cantor or Choir*

The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. It contains a repeat sign followed by the lyrics 'My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -'. The second staff continues with 'deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my' and includes a first ending bracket labeled '1 All' and a second ending bracket labeled '2 Cantor or Choir'. The third staff continues with 'flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My'. The fourth staff concludes with 'flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

(The Episcopal Church invites all Christians to receive communion. The host is placed in your open hands; please assist in guiding the chalice to your lips, or dip the host in the wine. We have gluten free hosts available, ask the priest at the rail. It is acceptable to receive only the bread or the wine. If you would rather not receive communion, you are invited to come to the rail for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will say a prayer for you.)

Communion Hymn #657 Love divine, all loves excelling
Prayer after Communion

Priest Let us pray.

All

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Announcements

Special Prayers

Priest

God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant Gretchen Schlabach, Heidi Haverkamp and Freyja Rasmussen-Johns as they begins another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest

O God, whose beauty and intention fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Epiphany Blessing

Priest

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn # 391 Before the Lord's eternal throne

The Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church
DeKalb, Illinois, Diocese of Chicago
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Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Sundays

8:00 AM (spoken service); 10:30 AM (with music)

Child care for infants & young children is available

Sundays 9:15 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. in the Nursery.

Christian Education Classes

Sundays: Christian formation classes for all ages.

Children meet in the St. Timothy Center, Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:15 AM

Adult Formation meets in the Conference Room or Parish Hall

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Maureen Gerrity, Junior Warden,

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Terry Dickow, Donna de Oliveira

Today's Ministers

The Reverend Barbara A. T. Wilson	Presiding
Adam Frieberg	Eucharistic Minister
Bill Cummings	Second Chalice
Gretchen Schlabach	Acolyte
Donna de Oliveira	Lector
Jacob Maas	Intercessor
Marv Kombrink	Usher
Jocelyn Prall	Altar Guild
Lori Judkins	Flower Guild
Lori Judkis	Coffee Hour
Julie Rogers, Brittany Altepeter	Nursery
Rick Johns	Counter

Today, Sunday, February 24, 2019, Seventh Sunday of the Epiphany		
The Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
Nursery and Childcare Available	9:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
Choir Rehearsal	10:00 A.M.	Parish Hall
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
Coffee Hour and Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall

This Week - February 24, 2019 through March 3, 2019				
Thu	Feb 28	Children's Choir Rehearsal	6:00 P.M.	Sanctuary
		Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.	PH/Sanctuary
Sun	Mar 3	The Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Kids USA Training	9:00 A.M.	Parish Hall
		Nursery/ Childcare	9:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr
		Choral Anthem Rehearsal	10:00 A.M.	Parish Hall

		The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Coffee and Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall

Announcements

Welcome! If you are worshipping here for the first time, please sign our guest book. You are welcome to join us for refreshments after the service in the Parish Hall.

Celebration of New Ministry

We will celebrate The Reverend Barbara A.T. Wilson's installation as Rector at St. Paul's on **Tuesday, April 30th**, at 7:00 PM. The Right Reverend Jeffrey Lee will preside and The Reverend David Pike will preach. A reception will follow. All are welcome!

A New Ministry

Two weeks ago, Mother Barbara introduced Annette Forster of Kids Hope USA and Jennifer Tallitsch, principal of Lincoln Elementary School, who spoke briefly at our 10:30 a.m. service about the Kids Hope USA ministry. Jennifer spoke about the specific needs of her students and Annette showed a wonderful video explaining more about the mentoring ministry and a lively question and answer session was enjoyed by everyone.

Anyone interested in learning more about this wonderful new ministry can visit kidshopeusa.org, pick up an information card in the parish hall or contact Pam Kombrink, Director, at pam@kombrink.com or 815-776-0102.

A training meeting for new mentors will be held on Sunday, March 3rd at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall.

Rite I Service

The Rite I spoken service will now be held every Sunday except for the fifth Sundays of each month: March 31st, June 30th, September 29th, and December 29th.

Lent and Adult Formation

Lent begins this year on March 6th with the Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00 PM followed by a potluck soup supper.

While there have been days in the past month or so when it seemed that Winter would never end, the reality is that Spring and the liturgical season of Lent are scant weeks away. This year, we will be observing the season with a Wednesday evening soup and bread supper together with focused group study of Fr. Richard Rohr's, "Embracing an Alternative Orthodoxy." The study begins by tackling the question of what Christians actually mean when we say, "Jesus died for our sins," in the session on "Atonement Theology," at 6 PM on Wednesday, March 13. For those who cannot make the Wednesday evening sessions, the same talk will take place at 9 AM on the first Sunday in Lent, March 10 and Sundays following. Other topics covered through the weeks in Lent will be "Eco-Spirituality," "The Cosmic Christ," "Orthodoxy vs. Orthopraxy," and "Mysticism over Moralism." All sessions are free and open to the public. It is hoped that St. Paul's folk will be joined by others from the larger community who may be interested in the discussions or may just want to sample the soup!

Important Dates For Your Calendar

March 6	Ash Wednesday
March 10	First Sunday Lent
April 14	Palm Sunday
April 18	Maundy Thursday

April 19	Good Friday
April 20	Easter Vigil Saturday
April 21	Easter Sunday
April 30	Celebration of a New Ministry, 7:00 PM Service
May 18	Lobster Boil

Communication!!!!

There are a lot of things happening at St. Paul's! A new form has been developed so that the office can keep up with events and programs and be sure information is communicated to all who should know. In addition, the new Audio Video System in the Parish Hall has many capabilities for streaming, playing DVD's, slide shows, music, etc. To both ends, we are asking that you fill out a Communication and Tech Request Form for your events and email or turn it in to the office. Copies of the form will be available in the Parish Office and on the table in the Parish Hall. If you need help putting an announcement together, Susan is happy to assist.

For more information about St. Paul's

Go to our website, www.stpaulsdekalb.org - to hear the Sermons, Announcements, Schedules, Mars Hill Newsletter, etc. The Church of St. Paul is on Facebook and Twitter! Like our page and sign up to follow us to get the latest updates on what's going on!

St. Paul's is an affirming and inclusive Christian community!

Striving through worship, love and service to welcome all people just as God created you. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender expression, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we! All are welcome, no exceptions!

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Prayers of the People: Book of Common Prayer, Form VI

Household Prayers: **Long, K. B.** (2013). *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year C*. Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville, Kentucky.

Gloria: S 280 Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis, Setting Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), Copyright, Church Publishing, Inc., *The 1982 Hymnal*.

Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow # 380, Vs. 3. Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711) Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?), *The 1982 Hymnal*.

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Prelude: *In The Cross of Christ I Glory*

Earl Larson

Postlude: *The Crusaders*

William Stickles

Household Prayer: Morning

In the morning when I rise, O God, you are with me strong and sure, turning my dreams into insights and teaching me the delights of your law. You preserve my life day after day, and in return, I rejoice at the new dawn. Guard my waiting this day, O Lord, guide my feet and my hands, give me stillness and patience so that I may give delight to myself and to those I meet; in Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord, throughout this day you have rescued us from harm and despair, giving us instead the joy of accomplishment and fellowship with our family and friends. Protect us through the night, Holy One, that in our dreams we will not be shaken but will see you face to face and wake renewed. We take refuge in you; in Jesus' name. Amen.

A word about the Household Prayers:

These prayers are printed on a page of their own so that you can tear them out and use them in your devotions at home. These prayers come from an anthology titled *Feasting on the Word*, that includes several liturgies for services. The prayers reflect the readings of the week, including special feast days.