

**THE BISHOP'S VISITATION
AND
CELEBRATION OF THE CENTENNIAL OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH**

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ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, FOLEY, AL

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Brief history of the parish

In 1924 the Rev. Joseph R. Walker, a priest from the Diocese of Mississippi, came to Baldwin County to organize missions for the Episcopal Church. One of those eight original mission congregations was St. Paul's in the town of Foley. The young congregation worshipped first at the Odd Fellows Hall, the Masonic Lodge, and the Agricultural Building at Foley Schools until the Foley family donated the property for a permanent home for the young church.

The first buildings included what we now call the Chapel, a Parish Hall, and a Rectory. In subsequent years the campus expanded to the south to include the Outreach Building, a new Parish Hall, and a new worship space which was dedicated in 1990.

Originally a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama in 1970 St. Paul's became one of the founding congregations in the newly created Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. Over the years St. Paul's has been served by 16 priests and been under the spiritual care of 5 bishops.

St. Paul's has been active in the community since its beginnings. Our facilities host numerous civic groups and 12 Step programs. We offer feeding programs, support the work of the local Ecumenical Ministries Incorporated and the Boys and Girls Club of Foley.

The Holy Eucharist and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN

Christ is made the sure foundation

Hymnal 1982 # 518

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

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

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit.

People ***There is one hope in God's call to us.***

Bishop One Lord, one faith, one baptism

People ***One God and Father of all.***

Bishop The Lord be with you.

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

Bishop Let us pray. *(a moment is silence is kept)*

O God, to whose glory we celebrate the founding of this community of prayer and service: We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshipped here, and we pray that all who seek you here may find you, and be filled you're your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who live and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

The people may be seated for the Lessons

A reading from 1 Kings 8: 22-30

Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. 'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

Psalm 84: 1-6 *Read responsively*

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

***The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest
where she may lay her young;
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.***

Happy are they who dwell in your house!
they will always be praising you.

**Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way**

Those who go through the desolate valley
will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

**They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

A reading from 1 Peter 2: 1-5, 9-10

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

GOSPEL ALELLUIA (*the People stand as they are able*)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - - ia.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 21: 12-16

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, 'It is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer"; but you are making it a den of robbers.' The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, 'Hosanna to the Son of David', they became angry and said to him, 'Do you hear what these are saying?' Jesus said to them, 'Yes; have you never read, "Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself"?'

The Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

A moment of silence follows the sermon

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES

Presenters I present Cindy Robison to be received into this Communion, and I present Warren Blackwell to reaffirm his baptism.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates ***I do.***

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates ***I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.***

The Bishop then addresses the congregation saying

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People ***We will.***

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People ***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People ***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.***

***On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People ***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.***

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Bishop How will you live your commitment to Christ?

People ***With God's help I will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.***

***With God's help I will persevere in resisting evil, and,
whenever I fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?***

With God's help I will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.

***With God's help I will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as
myself.***

***With God's help I will strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being.***

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.
Silence is kept for a time.

Almighty God we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in us the covenant you made with us at our Baptism. Send us forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you have set before us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

The Bishop lays hands on each one and says

N., We recognize you as a member of the one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church and we receive you into the fellowship of this communion. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you.
Amen.

Or

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. ***Amen.***

The People join the Bishop in the following prayer.

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

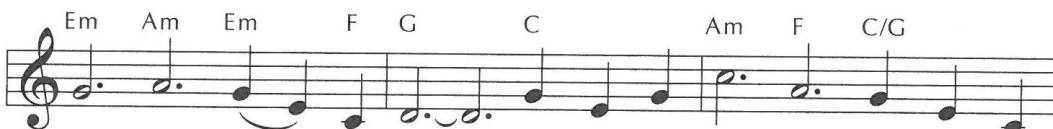
The People are now sprinkled with water in remembrance of their Baptism.

HYMN

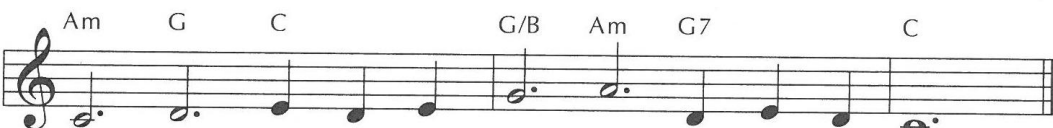
Baptized in the water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

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A Litany of Thanksgiving for a Church

Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

Eternal God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of temples made with hands. Graciously receive our thanks for this place, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honor and glory.

For the Church universal, of which these visible buildings are the symbol,
We thank you, Lord.

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name,
We thank you, Lord.

For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,
We thank you, Lord.

For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life.
We thank you, Lord.

For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it,
We thank you, Lord.

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,
We thank you, Lord.

For the pardon of our sins which restores us to the company of your faithful people/
We thank you, Lord.

For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness. \

We thank you, Lord.

For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance.
We thank you, Lord.

For the fellowship of Blessed Paul our patron and of all your Saints.
We thank you Lord.

After a brief silence the Bishop concludes with the doxology

Bishop Yours O Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, the majesty.

People ***For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.***

Bishop Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom:

People ***You are exalted as head over all. Amen.***

Bishop The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

The People greet one another in the name of Christ.

OFFERTORY (*Undesignated plate offerings go to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.*)

OFFERTORY HYMN

What gift can we bring

Unison

1. What gift can we bring, what pres - ent, what to - ken?
 2. Give thanks for the Past, for those who had vi - sion,
 3. Give thanks for To - mor - row, full of sur - pris - es,
 4. This, gift we now bring, this pres - ent, this to - ken,

What words can con - vey it— the joy of this day?
 who plant - ed and wa - tered so dreams could come true.
 for know - ing what - ev - er To - mor - row may bring,
 these words can con - vey it— the joy of this day!

When grate - ful we come, re - mem - bering, re - joic - ing,
 Give thanks for the Now, for stud - y, for wor - ship,
 the Word is our prom - ise al - ways, for - ev - er,
 When grate - ful we come, re - mem - bering, re - joic - ing,

what song can we of - fer in hon - or and praise?
 for mis - sion that bids us turn prayer in - to deed.
 we rest in God's keep - ing and live in God's love.
 this song we now of - fer in hon - or and praise!

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ANNIVERSARY SONG
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PRESENTATION (*The People stand as they are able as the offerings are presented at the Altar*)

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Bishop Lift up your hearts.
People ***We lift them to the Lord.***
Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Then the Bishop proceeds:

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

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

The people remain standing or may kneel.

Then the Bishop continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Paul and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

AMEN.

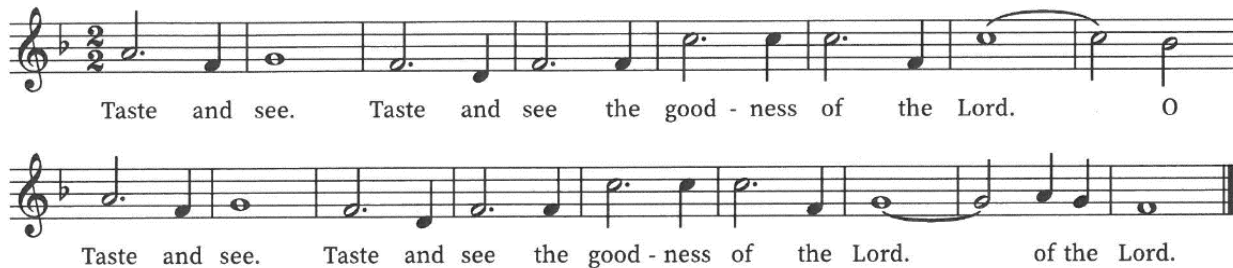
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD *(a period of silence is kept)*

Bishop Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

FRACTION ANTHEM



Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. O
 Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. of the Lord.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

We the Lord's people

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Bishop

Let us pray. *(a period of silence is kept)*

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.

BLESSING

HYMN

Tell out my soul

Renew songbook #130

DISMISSAL

Minister The gospel we have heard.

People ***We will proclaim it.***

Minister The grace we have received.

People ***We will share it.***

Minister I send you from this place to announce, in word and deed, God's love for us in Jesus Christ

People ***In the Spirit's power we will go. Thanks be to God.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For healing: Adriene, Al, Amber, Amy, Arlene, Arnfinn, Becky, Bev, Carol, Charles, David, Debbie, Dennis, Diedre, Donna, Doug, Earl, Elsie Claire, Gwen, Helen, Jake, Jan, Jerry, Joan, Joanna, Joey, John, Judith, Judy, Julie, Karen, Kate, Kay, Kirsten, Larry, Lee, Leigh, Linda, Lisa, Lulu, Lynn, Margaret, Marie, Massey, Meg, Mickey, Mike, Milton, Morgan, Ralph, Rebecca, Rita, Ron, Rosellen, Sally, Sandy, Sarah, Sherry, Stan, Stephanie, Steve, Sue, Tim, Tony, Tracie, Vera, Wayne and those who care for them.

For those serving in the military: Gerromy, Noel, Taylor, Wayne & those serving with them.

For those in prison: for the prisoners, staff and families of prisoners and staff at Calhoun County Jail, Blountstown, FL.

SAINT PAUL'S THIS WEEK

TODAY

- 9 am Formation Class with Bishop Kendrick
- 9 am Choir Practice
- 10 am Holy Eucharist
- 7 pm NA Meeting

MONDAY

- Noon NA Meeting
- 8 pm AA Meeting

TUESDAY CHRISTMAS EVE

- 4 pm Holy Eucharist
- 6 pm Holy Eucharist

WEDNESDAY CHRISTMAS DAY

Office Closed

- 10 am Holy Eucharist
- 7 pm NA Open Meeting

THURSDAY Office Closed

- Noon NA Meeting
- 6 pm AA Meeting
- 8 pm AA Open Meeting

SATURDAY

- 10 am AA Meeting

A reception honoring our Bishop will follow the service in the Parish Hall.

Christmas Eve services will be at 4:00 pm 6:00 pm. The early service is family friendly and will feature the children's choir. The later service will be the traditional form. Christmas Day service will be at 10:00 am.

St. Paul's Staff and Leadership

The Right Rev. Russell Kendrick, Bishop
Ms. Penny Seawell, Parish Administrator
Director

The Rev. Dr. Brent Norris, Rector
Ms. Helen Rodgers, Music

Ms. Agnes Umberger, Housekeeping

The Vestry

Karen Walters, Sr. Warden
Trixie Foley
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As the grains of wheat

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