

THE WORD OF GOD

(Sunday Take-home Insert – Second Sunday after Epiphany IRCL)

Collect

Presider: The Lord is with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray together:

God of Light and Wisdom:

May we hold in trust

The questioning mind,

The searching heart,

The thirsting soul;

May we guard as sacred

The many different paths into you,

The Font of all Life;

May we be as ready to hear the good news

From your people of other denominations and faiths,

As we are to proclaim the gospel;

Through the healing Spirit of Christ. Amen

A period of silence for reflection follows each lesson and the sermon.

Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 49:1-7

Reader: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Islands, listen to me!
Pay attention, distant peoples!
YHWH called me before I was born,
and named me from my mother's womb.
God made my mouth a sharp sword,
and hid me in the shadow of the hand of the Most High.
The Almighty made me into a sharpened arrow,
and concealed me in God's quiver.
The Holy One said to me,
"You are my Servant, Israel,
in whom I will be glorified."
I had been thinking, "I have toiled in vain,
I have exhausted myself for nothing!" –
yet all the while my cause was with YHWH,
and my reward was with my God.
Thus says YHWH,
who formed me in the womb to be God's Servant,
who destined me to bring back the children of Jacob

and gather again the people of Israel:
“It is not enough for you to do my bidding,
to restore the tribes of Leah, Rachel, and Jacob
and bring back the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations,
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”
Thus says YHWH,
the Redeemer of Israel, the Holy One,
to the one deeply despised,
the one abhorred by nations,
the one enslaved by despots:
“Rulers will stand when you walk in the room
and court officials will pay homage
because of YHWH, who is faithful,
because of the Holy One of Israel, who chose you.”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 40: Here I Am

The Quran

Quran 13: 20-23

Reader: A reading from the Quran

In the name of God most merciful most compassionate. Is he, then, who knows that what has been revealed to those from thy Lord is the truth, like one who is blind? But only those gifted with understanding will reflect. Those who fulfill God's pact and break not the covenant. And those who join what God has commanded to be joined, and fear their Lord, and dread the evil reckoning. And those who persevere in seeking the favor of their Lord and observe prayer and spend out of that with which We have provided them secretly and openly, and repel evil with good. It is these who shall have the best reward of the final Abode. Amen

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn (see hymn board)

We stand as able.

The Gospel

John 1:29-42

Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Assembly: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The next day, catching sight of Jesus approaching, John exclaimed, "Look, there's God's sacrificial lamb, who takes away the world's sin! This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'The one who comes after me ranks ahead of me, for this One existed before I did.' I didn't recognize him, but it was so that he would be revealed to Israel that I came baptizing with water." John also gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and she came to rest on him. I didn't recognize him, but the One who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'When you see the Spirit descend and rest on someone, that is the One who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen for myself and have testified that this is the Only Begotten of God." The next day, John was by the Jordan again with two of his disciples. Seeing Jesus walk by, John said, "Look! There's the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard what John said and followed Jesus. When Jesus turned around and noticed them following, he asked them, "What are you looking for?" They replied, "Rabbi," – which means "Teacher" – "where are you staying?" "Come and see," Jesus answered. So they went to see where he was staying, and they spent the rest of the day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. One of the two who had followed Jesus after hearing John was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. The first thing Andrew did was to find Simon Peter and say, "We've found the Messiah!" – which means "the Anointed One." Andrew brought Simon to Jesus, who looked hard at him and said, "You are Simon, begot of Jonah; I will call you 'Rock'" – that is, "Peter."

Deacon: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

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Assembly: Thanks be to God.

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WELCOME!

We welcome all visitors and guests this morning. After the service, you are invited to the Great Room on the Lower Level for coffee and conversation.

SEASON OF LENT: ANNOUNCEMENT

During the Season of Lent we gather in silence, our souls becoming centered in the abiding presence of God who sets us free. As sounds, thoughts, memories, and plans, inevitably arise and capture our attention; we simply notice and return our attention to God – known in each breath we receive. **In order to support our gathering in silence, we will be making announcements after communion during Lent.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY AND WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Presider:	Kevin Thew Forrester
Preacher:	Mohey Mowafy
Deacon:	Coralie Hambleton
Organist:	Jan Brodersen
First Reader:	Chet DeFonso
Second Reader:	Jayne Yelland
Prayers of the People:	Bob Railey
Chalice Bearers:	Marcia Franz and Mary Sullivan
Ushers:	Jan and Katie Edwards
Server:	Kai Carrigan
Altar Guild:	Marcia Franz and Ann Smith
Nursery Attendant:	
Coffee Hour Hosts:	The Raileys and the Cappuccios
Evening Prayer Officiant:	Bob Railey
Children's Ministry:	Jim Edwards, Cathy Greer Cole, and Nancy Railey
Eucharistic Visitors:	Kai Carrigan to MGH, Bob Railey to Hugh Kahler, and Marcia Franz to Alice York and Beverly Harkin

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THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Sunday 20 th	Holy Eucharist Mohey Mowafy Q and A during Coffee Hour	10:30am
Tuesday 22 nd	Mindfulness Meditation Evening Meditation	8:00am 5:30pm
Wednesday 23 rd	Evening Prayer Choir Practice	5:30pm 7:00pm
Thursday 24 th	Mindfulness Meditation	8:00am
Friday 25 th	Holy Eucharist: Conversion of St. Paul	5:30pm

ENNEAGRAM INTERVIEWS

Kevin Thew Forrester offers Enneagram Interviews. The interview takes approximately one hour. Please call the office at 226-2912 to schedule.

PLEDGE BOOKLETS ARE AVAILABLE

Pledge booklets have arrived and are available. **THERE ARE NO NUMBERS ON THE ENVELOPE. PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ENVELOPE BEFORE YOU TURN IT IN.** If there is no name we cannot give you credit.

OLD COMPUTER PRINTER INK CARTRIDGE COLLECTION

St. Paul's is collecting used ink cartridges, which will be used to help defray the cost of paper and other office supplies. Used ink cartridges can be dropped off at the church office between 8:00 am and 12:00 pm, Monday through Friday or placed in the collection box in the north entrance of the church (near the elevator). Thank you for your support.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Food bank items requested this month: spaghetti, sauce (with meat), beans. Bring them in any Sunday in January. Other items are fine too. If you have questions; call Larry Shell: 906-250-8214 or larry@shell-family.com

SUFFERING FROM GENERALIZED ANXIETY DISORDER?

Participate in the Yoga-Stretch Research for free. It is a combination of Hatha yoga and conventional stretches that focus on natural healing methods. Explore the effects of this new mind-body healing modality. Informational Meeting: January 20, 2008 3-5:00 p.m. at the Marquette Arts and Cultural Center. Call Heather Dermeyer: 906-228-6168.

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