

St. Mary the Virgin

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The Conversion of Saint Paul and the Third Sunday after the Epiphany

25 January 2026

Choral Mass

Processional

Woodbird

Hymn 545, 1st Tune

Traditional German Melody



1. Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2. He comes with suc - cor speedy - y To those who suf - fer wrong,
3. He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth,
4. Kings shall bow down be - fore him, And gold and in - cense bring;
5. O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, He on his throne shall rest;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
To help the poor and need - y, And bid the weak be strong;
And love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, Spring in his path to birth:
All na - tions shall a - dore him, His praise all peo - ple sing;
From age to age more glo - rious, All - bless - ing and all - blest:



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free;
To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,
Be - fore him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;
To him shall prayer un - cease - ing And dai - ly vows a - scend;
The tide of time shall ne - ver His cov - e - nant re - move;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion, And rule in e - qui - ty.
Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in his sight.
And right - eous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.
His king - dom still in - crea - sing, A king - dom with - out end.
His Name shall stand for e - ver, His change - less name of Love.

James Montgomery, 1821, based on Psalm 72

Collect for Purity

Introit

Summary of the Law

BCP 67

Hymn 710
Healey Willan, 1928

Gloria in Excelsis

Hymn 739
Old Scottish Chant

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,

we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - - - ther,

that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mercy up - on us.

For thou on - ly art ho - ly; Thou on - ly art the Lord;

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Fa - ther.

A - men.

Collect for the Conversion of St. Paul

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O GOD, who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world; Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for The Epiphany

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O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; Mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Courts of Justice

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Almighty God, who sittest in the throne judging right; We humbly beseech thee to bless the courts of justice and the magistrates in all this land; and give unto them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that they may discern the truth, and impartially administer the law in the fear of thee alone; through him who shall come to be our Judge, thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Lesson

Isaiah 45:22-25

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. Surely, shall one say, in the Lord have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed. In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

Te Deum Laudamus

Hymn 613A / BCP 10

E. G. Monk



WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to | be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father | ever**lasting**.

To thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the | Powers therein;

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim con|tinually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of | Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty | of thy **glory**.

The glorious company of the Apostles | **praise** thee.

The goodly fellowship of the | Prophets **praise** thee.

The noble army of Martyrs | **praise** thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world | doth acknowledge thee;

The Father, of an infinite Majesty; Thine adorable, true, and | only Son;

Also the Holy | Ghost, the Comforter.

THOU art the King of | Glory, • O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting | Son of • the **F**ather.

When thou tookest upon thee to del|liver man,

thou didst humble thyself to be | born of • a **V**irgin.

When thou hadst overcome the | sharpness • of death,

thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to | all **believers**.

Thou sittest at the right | hand of God,

in the glory | of the **F**ather.

We believe that thou shalt come to | be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed | with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered | with thy Saints,

in glory | ever**lasting**.

O LORD, save thy people, and bless thine | heritage.

Govern them, and lift them | up for **ever**.

Day by day we | magni•fy thee;

And we worship thy Name ever, | world with**out** end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with|**out** sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have | mercy • **upon** us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our | trust • is in • thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never | be **confounded**.

For the Epistle

Acts 9:1-22

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IN those days : [And] Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, and desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: and he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man. And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink. And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, and hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: and here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: for I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus. And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God. But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests? But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.

Gradual and Alleluia

The Gospel

St. Matthew 19:27-30

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Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

AT that time : Peter answered and said unto Jesus, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.



Praise - be to thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Announcements

Sermon Hymn

Lyons

Hymn 260, 2nd Tune

Arr. 1822, from J. Michael Haydn



1. How won-drous and great Thy works, God of praise! How just, King of
2. To na - tions long dark Thy light shall be shown; Their wor-ship and



saints, And true are thy ways! O who shall not fear thee, And ho - nor thy
vows Shall come to thy throne: Thy truth and thy judg-ments Shall spread all a -



Name? Thou on - ly art ho - ly, Thou on - ly su - preme. A - men.
broad, Till earth's ev - 'ry peo - ple Con - fess — thee their God.

Henry Ustic Onderdonk, 1826

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Anthony F. Rasch

Offertory Verse and Sentences

Offertory Hymn
Munich

Hymn 114
Meiningen Gesangbuch, 1693



1. We— sing the glo - rious con-quest Be - fore Da - mas - cus gate,
2. O— glo - ry most ex - cel - ling That smote a - cross his path!
3. O— Wis - dom ord - 'ring all things In or - der strong and sweet,
4. Lord, teach thy Church the les - son, Still in her dark - est hour



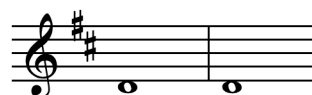
When Saul, the Chur - ch's spoil - er, Came breath - ing threats and hate;
O— light that pierced and blind - ed The zea - lot in his wrath!
What no - bler spoil was e - ver Cast at the Vic - tor's feet?
Of— weak - ness and of dan - ger, To trust thy hid - den power:



The rav - 'ning wolf rushed for - ward Full ear - ly to the prey;
O voice that spake with - in him The calm, re - prov - ing word!
What wi - ser mas - ter - build - er E'er wrought at thine em - ploy
Thy grace by ways mys - ter - ious The wrath of man can bind,



But lo! the Shep - herd met him, And bound him fast to - day.
O love that sought and held him The bond - man of his Lord!
Than he, till now so fu - rious Thy build - ing to de - stroy.
And in thy bold - est foe - man Thy cho - sen saint can find.



A—men.

John Ellerton, 1871

Doxology (Hymnal 139, 1st verse)



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;



Praise him above, ye heav'n - ly host: Praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Amen.

Bidding Prayers

Orate, Fratres

Celebrant: Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name; both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church

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General Confession

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ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

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The Comfortable Words

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Sursum Corda

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Priest The Lord be with you. *All* And with thy spirit.

Priest Lift up your hearts

All We lift them up unto the Lord

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All It is meet and right so to do

Preface

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymn 797
Healey Willan, 1928

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, Lord God of hosts,
heav-en and earth are full of thy glo - ry:
Glo - - - ry be to thee, oh Lord most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the
name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Consecration

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Celebrant: Let us pray : And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:
The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 722
Traditional, very ancient

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, Hal-low-ed be thy Name. Thy king-dom come.
Thy will be done, On earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.
And for-give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us.
And lead us not in - to temp-ta - tion, But de-liv-er us from e - vil.



For thine is the king-dom, And the pow'r, and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev - er.



A - men. —

The Fracture

The Peace

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

People: And with thy spirit.

Agnus Dei

Hymn 712
Healey Willan, 1928



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way — the sins of the world, —



have mer-cy up - on — us.



O Lamb of God, — that ta-kest a - way — the sins of the world,



have mer-cy up - on — us.



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way — the sins of the world, —



grant — us thy — peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

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By traditional use, prayed by the Priest on behalf of all who will receive. By St. Mary's usage, the congregation may join in praying aloud:

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 our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Communion of the Faithful

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him that taketh away the sins of the world.

People: (3x) Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

For those attending in person, we have resumed the custom of kneeling or standing at the Altar Rail to Receive. Here are the various Ways of Receiving:

- 1. Receive the Host into your hands, or directly onto the tongue.
Receive directly from the Chalice, guiding it gently by the base.*
- 2. Receive by Intinction, receiving the Host into your hands and leaving it there; the Deacon will take it and dip it in the Chalice and place it onto your tongue.*
- 3. You may receive only the Host of itself, either in your hands or on your tongue. Our Lord is equally present in either Form.*

As a precaution and courtesy to others and for your own safety, we respectfully request that in the event you are currently suffering from a cold or other communicable illness, please refrain from receiving from the Chalice.

For those attending remotely: Please take a moment of silence to realize the presence of Jesus Christ in your soul and make your spiritual communion.

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood have been offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.

Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of Thy garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch Thy Body, so the soul of Thy servant may be healed by like faith in Thee, Whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through Thy tender mercy, Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Hymn 550

Marlow

Arr. from John Chetham's *Psalmody*, 1718



1. Am I a sol - dier of the cross, a
2. Must I be car - ried to the skies On
3. Are there no foes for me to face? Must
4. Sure I must fight if I would reign; In -
5. Thy saints, in all this glo - rious war, Shall
6. When that il - lus - trious day shall rise, And



fol - lower of the Lamb? And shall I fear to
flow - ery beds of ease, While oth - ers fought to
I not stem the flood? Is this vain world a
crease my cou - rage, Lord; I'll bear the cross, en -
con - quer, though they die; They view the tri - umph
all thy ar - mies shine In robes of vic - t'ry



own his cause, Or blush to speak his Name? A - men.
win the prize, And sailed thro' blood - y seas?
friend to grace, To help me on to God?
dure the pain, Sup - por - ted by thy word.
from a - far, And seize it with their eye.
through the skies, The glo - ry shall be thine.

Isaac Watts, 1724, alt.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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By traditional use, prayed by the Priest. By St. Mary's usage, the congregation may join in praying aloud:

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Communion Verse and Post-Communion Prayers

Dismissal

Episcopal Blessing

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord
People: From this time forth forever more.
Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord

People: Who hath made heaven and earth.
 Bishop: The Peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Retiring Processional:

Ratisbon

Hymn 153

Adapted by Johann G. Werner, 1815



1. Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
 2. Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa-nied by thee;
 3. Vi - sit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri - umph o'er the shades of night:
 Joy - less is the day's re - turn, Till thy mer-cy's beams I see;
 Fill me, ra - dian - cy di-vine; Scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
 Till they in - ward light im-part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
 More and more thy - self dis-play, Shi - ning to the per - fect day.



A - men.

Charles Wesley, 1740

Announcements

Celebrant	The Right Reverend Anthony F. Rasch
Assisting	The Reverend Deacon John Yeager
Epistoler	Robert Jones
Lector	Ken Kubo, Candidate for Holy Orders
Acolytes	Tony Shehata, Robert Yeager
Acolyte in Training	Evan Sears
Floral Arrangements, Altar Guild, and Accompanist	Beth Kubo
Zoom Wrangler	Landon Melamed

Welcome to our Visitors this morning. Please sign the Visitor Register inside the Church Entrance. You are cordially invited to join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee and Refreshments after the Mass.

The Midweek Mass for this week is *CANCELLED* due to a private funeral scheduled to take place in the church.

Fourth Quarter Missionary Mite Box Offering will be received throughout January.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be conducted in the Parish Hall following Sunday Mass (and a brief Coffee Fellowship). The Sandwiches are Reserved for those who signed up in advance. Business to be conducted includes: election of two new members for a three year term on the Vestry, election of the 2026 Junior Warden, appointment of the 2026 Senior Warden, presentation and acceptance of the Treasurer's Annual Report for 2025, presentation and approval of the 2026 Parish Budget, and the election of delegates and alternates to the 2026 Diocesan Synod.