



St. Paul's by-the-Lake

*The Episcopal / Anglican Church
in Rogers Park Since 1882*

The Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptizer

June 25, 2023

8:00a Low Mass and 10:30a Sung Mass

We welcome all who may be visitors this morning, and we hope you will come again to worship God here with us.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, the “forerunner” of our Lord Jesus. There are few actual earthly birthdays kept in the liturgical calendar. Most are “heavenly birthdays” (day of death). Only the nativities of Our Lord, His Blessed Mother, and St. John the Baptist are celebrated as Feasts or Solemnities of the Christian Year.

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The Order of the Mass

According to the Anglican Service Book (ASB)

The Entrance Rite

Processional and Introit *(stand)*

Hymn: “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

Hymn #599

Cantor From the womb of my mother the Lord hath called me by my name; and hath made my mouth as it were a sharp sword: beneath the shadow of his hand hath he hidden me, and hath made me like to a polished arrow. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD: and to sing praises unto thy Name, O Most Highest. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Salutation, Collect for Purity, and Summary of the Law *(stand)* ASB 249

Kyrie Eleison (stand) Hymn #710/ASB 250

Gloria (stand) Hymn #713/ASB 250

The Collect of the Day *(stand)* ASB 251

Presider Almighty God, by whose providence thy servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Savior by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lessons *(sit)* ASB 251

First Lesson Isaiah 40:1-11

Lector A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!”
And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,
“Here is your God!”

See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,

and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 85

Lector That portion of the psalter appointed for the gradual today is from Psalm 85.

You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.

You have withdrawn all your fury *
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

Restore us then, O God our Savior; *
let your anger depart from us.

Will you be displeased with us for ever? *
will you prolong your anger from age to age?

Will you not give us life again, *
that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your mercy, O LORD, *
and grant us your salvation.

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
**for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Second Lesson

Acts 13:14b-26

Lector A reading from the book of Acts.

On the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it."

So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: "You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance for about four hundred fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, 'I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes.' Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet.'"

"My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent."

Gradual (*sit*)

Choir Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee: and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee. The Lord put forth his hand and touched my mouth: and said unto me.

Alleluia (*stand*)

Choir Alleluia. Alleluia. Among them that are born of women: a greater hath not risen than John the Baptist. Alleluia.

The Proclamation of the Gospel (*stand*)

ASB 252

The Holy Gospel

St. Luke 1:57-80

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Presider The time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up a mighty saviour for us
in the house of his servant David,

as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant,
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness
before him all our days.”

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

to give knowledge of salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of their sins.

By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,

to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Homily (<i>sit</i>)	The Rev. Jason Mohn
The Nicene Creed (<i>stand</i>)	ASB 253
The Prayers of the People (<i>stand</i>)	ASB 300
Confession of Sin, Absolution, and Comfortable Words (<i>kneel</i>)	ASB 299
The Peace, Greeting, and Announcements (<i>sit</i>)	ASB 258

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Offertory (*stand*)

Cantor The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree: and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Libanus.

Hymn: “On Jordan’s Bank”

Hymn #10

Prayers of Preparation and Orate Fratres (*stand*)

ASB 259

Presider Blessed art thou, Lord God, King of the Universe. Through thy goodness we have this bread to offer: grain of the earth and work of human hands. It will become for us the Body of Christ.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

Presider Blessed art thou, Lord God, King of the Universe. Through thy goodness we have this wine to offer: fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the Cup of Salvation.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

Presider Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable unto God the Father Almighty.

People **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his Name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

Presider *Mass Intentions* ... May *their* souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace,

People **And rise in glory. Amen.**

The Sursum Corda (<i>stand</i>)	ASB 260
The Sanctus et Benedictus (<i>stand</i>)	Hymn #797/ASB 260
Canon of the Mass (<i>kneel</i>)	ASB 261
The Lord’s Prayer and Libera Nos (<i>kneel</i>)	Hymn #722/ASB 263
The Fraction (<i>kneel</i>)	ASB 263
The Agnus Dei (<i>kneel</i>)	Hymn #712/ASB 264
Prayer of Humble Access (<i>kneel</i>)	ASB 264

Communion *(sit)*

Cantor And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways.

All baptized Christians who have been admitted to Holy Communion, are repentant of their sins, and believe in the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament are welcome to receive Communion. Anglicans receive on the tongue or in the right hand palm, and by guiding the chalice to their lips. If you do not intend to receive, you may instead come up for a blessing—simply cross your arms over your chest.

Hymn: “Draw Nigh and Take”

Hymn #202

Hymn: “Come With Us”

Hymn #211

Post-Communion Prayers and Blessing *(kneel)*

ASB 266

Closing Hymn *(stand)*

Hymn: “Spread, O Spread Thy Mighty Word”

Hymn #253

The Angelus *(stand)*

ASB 728

Dismissal *(stand)*

ASB 267

St. Paul’s liturgy comes from the Anglican Service Book (ASB), a worship book that draws on the best of the 1928 and 1979 Books of Common Prayer. You can find copies of this black bound book in your pew rack to follow along as we worship.

If kneeling or standing is not possible for you, you may remain seated. And finally, a friendly reminder to please be aware of personal belongings while at church—we recommend you not bring valuables to church and that you never leave your purse or such unattended.

Announcements

Please join us for Coffee Hour following 10:30a Mass, in the Parish Hall directly behind the church.

Sunday School is on break for the summer.

The Rector’s Study has resumed and is currently reading C.S. Lewis’s *The Screwtape Letters*. Classes are held from 9:30 am until 10:15 am on Sundays in the rector’s office.

We are taking a break from live-streaming Masses during the month of June.

Serving at the 10:30a Liturgy

Serving Today

Presider: Fr. Trey Garland

Preacher: **The Rev. Jason Mohn**

Organist & Choirmaster: Mark Law

Lector: Br. Kirt Gerber

Ushers: John Ngugi, Archie Carty

Serving Next Week

Lector: Jenny Glick

Ushers: John Ngugi, Kerry Fly

Parish Calendar

Mon	6/26	No Mass	<i>Feria</i>
Tue	6/27	10:30a Low Mass	<i>St. Cyril of Alexandria, bp.</i>
Wed	6/28	10:30a Low Mass	<i>St. Irenaeus, bp. & m.</i>
Thu	6/29	6:15p Low Mass	<i>SS. PETER & PAUL, APS.</i>
Fri	6/30	No Mass	<i>Protomartyrs of Rome</i>
Sat	7/1	10:00a Altar Guild	<i>Most Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ</i>
Sun	7/2	SOLEMNITY OF SS. PETER & PAUL, APS./141st Patronal Feast	

8:00a Low Mass
9:30a Rector's Study (*Rector's Office*)
10:30a Sung Mass
12:00p Sudanese Dinka Mass

Our Parish Prayers

The Altar Flowers and the Sanctuary & Shrine Lamps are given to the greater glory of God.

Sick & Shut-in: Fr. Burton, Fr. Steel, Fr. Higginbotham, Fr. Garland, Essie, Jakhari, Brenda, Sharon, Dashall, Peter, Waveney, Mary-Cecelia, Philomena, Su Ngay, Judith, Lillian, Ket, a situation known to God, Jessica and her family, Gnann, Gary, Marie, Joe, Charlie, Janet, Liana, Steve, Kathy, Roy, Mason, Karen

Birthdays: Gloria Carty, Sandra Arnold, Phillipa Arnold

Rest of Souls: Patti (Stephanie Fly's aunt), Del Mar Finco

On the first of each month, the parish prayer list will be cleared. Please email Fr. Garland (rector@stpaulsbythelake.org) to add a name to the prayer list.