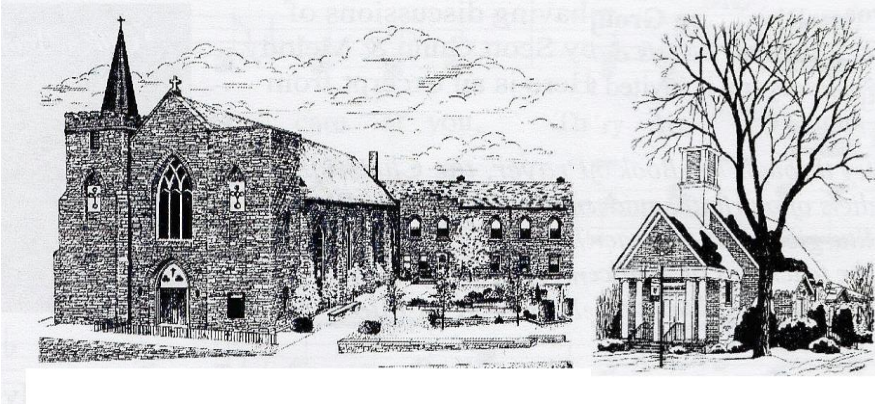


THE EPISCOPAL PARISH OF ALTON

Alton, Illinois



St. Paul's Church
10 E. Third St.
10:30 a.m.

Trinity Chapel
1901 State St.
8:15 a.m.

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 21, 2024

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Office Hours – Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Welcome to the Episcopal Parish of Alton! We are glad to have you worship with us today. All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion or to simply come forward for a blessing.

**Asterisk is sung service music at St. Paul's Church only*

Prelude *'Ton-y-Botel'* arr. L. Smith

Hymn #381 *Thy strong word did cleave the darkness* *The Hymnal 1982*

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II *BCP p. 355*

Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis *S280 The Hymnal 1982**

The Collect of the Day

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons *Please be seated* *BCP p. 357*

A reading from the Book of Jonah *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Psalm 62:6-14 *Nonne Deo?*

The people respond with the verses in bold italics

- 6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.
- 7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- 8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- 9 Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
- 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
- 11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.
- 12 Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.
- 14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

A reading from 1 Corinthians

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The Hymnal 1982

Please stand if you are able

The Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Sermon

The Rev. Gene Stormer+

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People: Form V

BCP p. 389

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 360

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

'Maryton'

arr. G. Young

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367

Lift up your hearts: Sursum Corda

S120 *The Hymnal 1982**

Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus

S128 *The Hymnal 1982**

The Lord's Prayer

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S119 *The Hymnal 1982**

Jesus Lamb of God: Agnus Dei

S164 *The Hymnal 1982**

All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward to receive Communion, and everyone is welcome to come to the rail for a blessing.

If you do not wish to receive either the bread or the wine, please cross your arms across your chest as a silent request for a blessing from the priest.

Communion Anthem

'Jaynes' (from 'The Hallelujah' 1834) arr. G. Martin

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP p. 366

The Blessing

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Dismissal

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Hymn #550

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult

The Hymnal 1982

Postlude

'Aurelia'

arr. J. Mansfield

SERVING TODAY

NEXT WEEK

Trinity:

Celebrant: The Rev. Gene Stormer+

Organist: Gay Anderson

Lector: Linda Dunnagan

Intercessor: Linda Dunnagan

CB/Acolyte: Jeff Dunnagan

Altar Guild: Linda Dunnagan

St. Paul's:

Celebrant:	The Rev. Gene Stormer+	+The Rt. Rev. Brian Burgess
Organist:	Gay Anderson	Gay Anderson
Crucifer:	Tom Harris	Tom Wrausmann
Acolyte:	Marti LoRusso	Donna Fisher
Altar Acolyte:	Elias Silkwood	Marti LoRusso
Chalice/BB:	Donna Fisher	Susan Lukasik
Lector:	Tom Harris	Chuck Drennan
Intercessor:	Tom Harris	Chuck Drennan
Altar Guild:	S. Lukasik, A. Drennan	N. Weiss-Hayes, A. Bromaghim

Calendar & Announcements for the week of January 21, 2024

Sunday, Jan 21 Parish Annual Meeting – Heneghan Hall following the service at St. Paul's; Brunch provided by Guild of Grace

Tuesday, Jan 23 Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m.; Bible study 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan 24 Book Club at LuciAnna's at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, Jan 25 *The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle* – This feast day may be celebrated privately.

Sunday, Jan 28 *The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*
10:00 a.m. Mass – St. Paul's

Bible Study will be held Tuesday, January 23rd following Morning Prayer in St. Elizabeth's Chapel at 9:30 a.m.. Bible study begins at 10:15 a.m. and lasts approximately an hour. We are currently studying *The Gospel of Mark*. All are welcome to join – be sure to bring your Bible!

Book Club will meet this week. Please join us on Wednesday, January 24th at 9:30 a.m. at LuciAnna's on Broadway in Alton to discuss *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara

Kingsolver. Everyone is welcome whether or not you have read the book to see if this is a group you would like to join. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, January 28th, when the Episcopal Parish of Alton will welcome the Right Reverend Brian Kendall Burgess. There will be only one service held at St. Paul's at 10:00 a.m. followed by a special coffee hour/brunch.

If you are interested in joining the weekly walking group, please let Mimi Almonroeder know at diamondzoe@charter.net or 618-581-5756. The exact time and location are determined on a weekly basis.

Please help out Parish Life by taking a turn at hosting Coffee Hour at St. Paul's after the 10:30 a.m. service. A sign-up sheet can be found in Heneghan Hall.



Please remember in your prayers this week:

Jeanne, Verla, Fr. Cravens, Judy, Tori, John, Jeanie, K-Lou, Fr. Kip, Claudette, Marie, Charles, Robin, Bianca, Albert, Audrey, Linda, Mother Jane, Terry, Kay, Barb, John, Don, Tony, Dan, Nolan, Helen, Greg, Don, Irene, Katie, Judy and those known only to us.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

We use Prayers of the People Form V (five), found on page 389.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”.

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Brian, our Bishop; for Gene, priest with us today; for that priest who is to become our next Rector; and for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, especially for Joseph, our President; J.B. our Governor, Congress, Legislatures, and the Courts, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

We pray for Jeanne, Verla, Fr. Cravens, Judy, Tori, John, K-Lou, Fr. Kip, Jeanie, Claudette, Marie, Charles, Robin, Bianca, Albert, Audrey, Linda, Mother Jane, Terry, Kay, Barb, John, Don, Tony, Dan, Nolan, Helen, Greg, Don, Irene, Katie, Judy, Mary; those known only to us, and those we name now.....and for the poor, the persecuted, the

sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation -- for those who are present, and for those who are absent -- that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. Paul and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect