

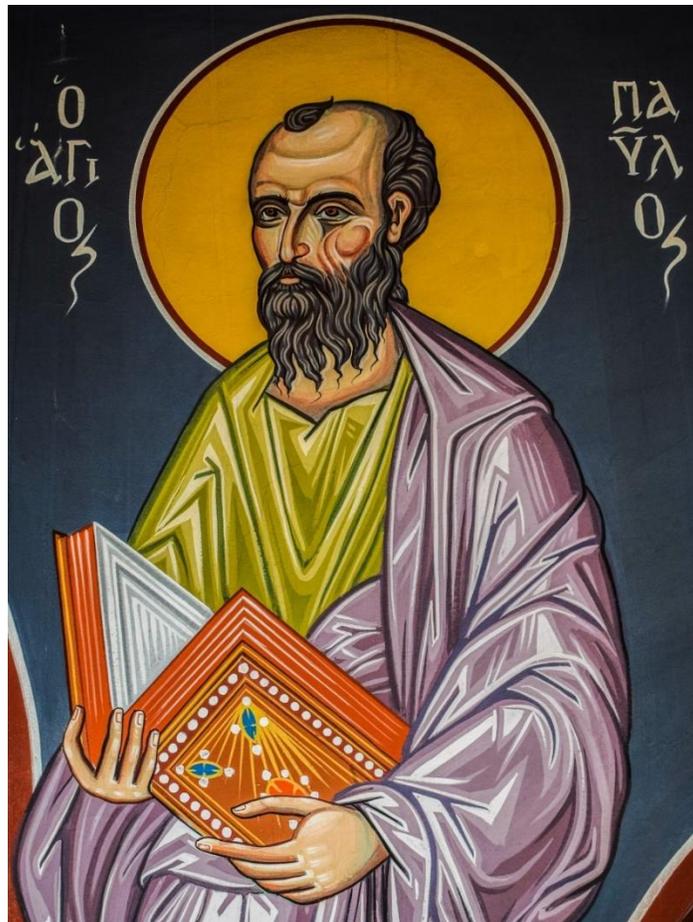
# THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL

Detroit, Michigan

The Very Reverend Joseph Caldwell Alsay  
*Dean-Elect*

The Right Reverend Dr. Bonnie A. Perry  
*Eleventh Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan*

January 25, 2026  
The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul  
Holy Eucharist, 11:00 a.m.



**WELCOME!** Our vision is to be an extraordinary spiritual gathering place where people of all backgrounds and ages are welcome to question and learn, pray, worship and serve; being loved by God in ways that change and improve their lives and the lives of others.

# HOLY EUCHARIST

11:00 A.M. IN THE CHOIR

*Please silence all electronic devices.*

*Hymns are found in the blue hymnal in the pew racks.*

**Organ** Adagio (*from* Symphonie IV, op. 13, no. 4) Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

**Words of Welcome** Diverse people • Daily relevance • Inspiring space

*Please stand as you are able.*

## The Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

## The Collect for Purity

**A**LMIGHTY God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*All sing*

## Hymn of Praise

To God be the glo- ry-- great things he hath done! So loved he the  
world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life, an a -  
tone-ment for sin, and o - pened the life-gate that all may go in.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the  
Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo-ple re- joice! O come to the Fa-ther through  
Je- sus, the Son, and give him the glo- ry-- great things he hath done!

*Words* Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)

*Music* William Doane (1832-1915)

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

God, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The congregation is seated.*

**The Lesson**

Acts 26:9-21

**P**AUL said to King Agrippa, “Indeed, I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things against the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And that is what I did in Jerusalem; with authority received from the chief priests, I not only locked up many of the saints in prison, but I also cast my vote against them when they were being condemned to death. By punishing them often in all the synagogues I tried to force them to blaspheme; and since I was so furiously enraged at them, I pursued them even to foreign cities. With this in mind, I was traveling to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, when at midday along the road, your Excellency, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and my companions. When we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.’ I asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ The Lord answered, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But get up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you. I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles— to whom I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’ After that, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do deeds consistent with repentance. For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me.”

The word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Psalm is read by all.*

**Psalm 67**

*Deus misereatur*

**M**AY God be merciful to us and bless us, \* show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \* your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \* for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \* may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, \* and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

**The Epistle**

Galatians 1:11-24

**I**want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still

unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, "The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy." And they glorified God because of me.

The word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able. All sing*  
Sequence Hymn 671

Amazing grace

*New Britain*

The Gospel

Saint Matthew 10:16-22

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* Glory to you Lord, Christ.

JESUS said to the twelve, "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Very Reverend Joseph C. Alsay

*Please stand as you are able. All say together*  
The Nicene Creed

**W**E BELIEVE in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

### *Intercessor*

**G**RACIOUS God, we remember today the conversion of the apostle Paul; may this congregation follow his example and continue to build on the foundation laid by your Son Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

### *Brief silence*

We pray for the church throughout the world; may we serve Christ in all people, and testify to his presence among us by proclaiming the Gospel in deed and word. O God, let your ways be known upon earth,

*People* **Your saving help among all nations.**

We pray for all nations, and for those who hold power in them; enlighten those in authority that their eyes may be open to the needs of all people, and their minds be fixed on the common good. O God, guide all the nations upon the earth,

*People* **Let them be glad and sing for joy.**

We pray for the welfare of the world, and the care of your creation. Give us the will to mend what we have marred, to restore what we have taken, and to be loving stewards of what we are given, so that future generations may know the beauty of this, our home. O God, pour upon us your blessing,

*People* **And may the earth bring forth her increase.**

We pray for all those in difficulty, in pain, or distress. Comfort them; give them strength to endure, and give us tender hearts to respond in steadfast faith. O God, be merciful to us and bless us,

*People* **Show us the light of your countenance and come to us.**

### *The Celebrant continues*

We pray for our community, and especially this congregation. Give us joy in our fellowship, make us mindful of each other's needs, and deepen our love for one another. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week: *NN*. O God, let the peoples praise you,

*People* **Let all the peoples praise you.**

We pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn them. May we, with all your saints, find peace in the knowledge of the eternal joy that awaits us. O God, give us your blessing,

*People* **And may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you.**

O God, hear the prayers of your people; stir up in us the zeal for the Gospel that was in your servant Paul that we may, with him, proclaim the kingdom of God with all boldness and without hindrance; in the name of Jesus Christ your Son. *Amen.*

*Please kneel as you are able. Silence may be kept.*

### The Confession of Sin and Absolution

*Celebrant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All say together*

**M**OST merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Celebrant stands and says*

**A**LMIGHTY God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### The Peace

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

*People* And also with you.

*Seated, all sing*

Offertory Hymn 531

O Spirit of the living God

*Melcombe*

*Please stand. The Celebrant continues with*

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues*

**I**T is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*All say*

### Sanctus

**H**OLY, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

**W**E give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Lord:

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**O**UR 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread and a period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Organ

Prelude on 'Amazing grace'

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

*After Communion the People kneel. The Celebrant says*  
Let us pray.

*All*

**E**TERNAL 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.

*Please be seated.*

Announcements and Moment for Mission

Words from the Senior Warden

*Please stand.*

The Blessing

**M**AY Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of  
God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

*The Dismissal is given and the People respond*  
Thanks be to God.

Organ

Toccata

Eugène Gigout (1844-1925)



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