

The Parish Church of St Matthew  
Northampton

# The Conversion of St Paul



# The Parish Mass

Sunday 25 January 2026

10.15 am

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Your generosity is gratefully received. Thank you.



*Good morning and welcome* to our celebration of the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul.

Today we remember one of the most dramatic moments in the life of the Church: when Saul, convinced he was serving God, is stopped and transformed by an encounter with the risen Christ. In our first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, a persecutor becomes a witness, blindness gives way to true sight, and fear is turned into faithful obedience. Paul's conversion reminds us that God's grace can interrupt even the most settled lives and open new paths of faith and service.

This feast speaks clearly to our own time. In a world shaped by strong opinions and deep divisions, Paul's story challenges us to remain open to change, to listen again for God's voice, and to allow our hearts and perspectives to be reshaped.

In this morning's Gospel, Peter asks what it means to leave everything to follow Jesus. Paul's life becomes a living answer: much is surrendered, yet far more is received in the call to share in God's renewing work.

As we worship, we are invited not only to recall Paul's conversion, but to ask where God may be calling us to transformation today, and to respond with faith and courage.

*It is our custom to spend some time in quiet preparation before the liturgy begins, and save further conversation until we meet socially for refreshments afterwards. The following reflection/prayer, based on today's themes, may be found helpful:*

## Prayer

Lord, we pray for your Church, that strengthened by the example and prayers of St Paul we would proclaim your name to the whole world.

God of truth, who brought Paul, through encounter with Jesus, to be a messenger of your love, guide our steps as we journey on the path of life, that we may know that your love is for all peoples without distinction and have the courage to preach the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Settings

The Mass of St Thomas (Gloria)  
Communion Service in C and F

David Thorne  
Charles Villiers Stanford

## Order of Service

### ¶ The Gathering

§ *Stand at the sound of the bell*

### Hymn

*The procession enters and the altar is honoured with incense*

All      **WE** sing the glorious conquest  
            Before Damascus' gate,  
**When Saul, the Church's spoiler,**  
            Came breathing threats and hate;  
**The ravening wolf rushed forward**  
            Full early to the prey;  
**But lo! The Shepherd met him,**  
            And bound him fast today.

**O** glory most excelling  
            That smote across his path!  
    **O** light that pierced and blinded  
            The zealot in his wrath!  
    **O** voice that spake within him  
            The calm reproving word!  
    **O** love that sought and held him  
            The bondman of his Lord!

**O** Wisdom, ordering all things  
            In order strong and sweet,  
**What nobler spoil was ever**  
            Cast at the victor's feet?  
**What wiser master-builder**  
            E'er wrought at thine employ,  
**Than he, till now so furious**  
            Thy building to destroy?

**Lord, teach thy Church the lesson,  
Still in her darkest hour  
Of weakness and of danger  
To trust thy hidden power.  
Thy grace by ways mysterious  
Thy wrath of man can bind,  
And in thy boldest foeman  
Thy chosen saint can find!**

Words John Ellerton 1826-1893

Music King's Lynn  
English folk melody collected and arranged by  
Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

All      † In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## The Greeting

All      This is the day that the Lord has made  
**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

*The people are welcomed and the feast is introduced*

## Invitation to Confession

We were once dead through the trespasses and sins in which we lived,  
but now we are alive together with Christ.  
Through him we have access in one Spirit to the Father,  
to whom we humbly confess our sins.

*Silence for reflection*

## Confession

All      **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.**  
**We are heartily sorry,  
and repent of all our sins.**  
**For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.**  
**Amen.**

## Kyries

Open our eyes to your presence in our midst:  
**Kyrie eleison.**  
All      **Kyrie eleison.**

Turn our hearts from selfish pride:  
**Christe eleison.**  
All      **Christe eleison.**

Draw us into your company on the way:  
**Kyrie eleison.**  
All      **Kyrie eleison.**

## Absolution

Priest    Almighty God,  
who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
forgive † you your sins,  
open your eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen you to do God's will  
and give you the joy of his kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All      **Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

**All      Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you,  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## The Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty God,  
who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world  
through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:  
grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion  
may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All      Amen.**

Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
now that we have prepared for this encounter with God  
in the holy scriptures,  
let us be seated to receive into our hearts and minds  
the living word of the Lord as it is proclaimed to us.

§ Sit

## ¶ The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then

he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

Acts 9.1-22

This is the word of the Lord.

**All**      **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm



Stephen Moore

Let the peo- ples praise you O God; Let all the peo - ples praise you.

**Choir**    God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
That your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you. **Response**

O let the nations rejoice and be glad,  
for you will judge the peoples righteously  
and govern the nations upon earth.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you. **Response**

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,  
and God, our own God, will bless us.  
God will bless us,  
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. **Response**

Psalm 67

§ Stand

# Holy Gospel

## Acclamation

1. *Choir only*  
2. *Choir and Congregation*

*Choir* Many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

*All* **Alleluia.**

§ We turn to face the Book of the Gospels

*All* The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*All* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Peter said to Jesus: 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

Matthew 19.27-end

*All* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

## Homily

§ Sit

# The Nicene Creed

§ Stand

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All **We 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.**

All may bow **For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who 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.**

## Prayers of the Faithful

*Priest* Encouraged by our fellowship with all the saints, let us make our prayers to the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ.

§ Kneel

*Intercessor* Father, your Son called men and women to leave the past behind them and to follow him as his disciples in the way of the cross. Look with mercy upon those whom he calls today, marks with the cross and makes his disciples within the Church ...

Lord, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son told his disciples not to be afraid, and at Easter breathed on them his gift of peace. Look with mercy upon the world into which he sent them out, and give it that peace for which it longs ...

Lord, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son formed around him a company who were no longer servants but friends, and he called all those who obeyed him his brother and sister and mother. Look with mercy upon our families and our friends and upon the communities in which we share ...

Lord, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son sent out disciples to preach and to heal the sick. Look with mercy on all those who yearn to hear the good news of salvation, and renew among your people the gifts of healing ...

Lord, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son promised to those who followed him that they would sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel and would share the banquet of the kingdom. According to your promise, look with mercy on those who have walked with Christ in this life and now have passed through death ...

Lord, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Priest    Almighty God,  
          you have built your Church upon the foundation  
          of the apostles and prophets,  
          with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone:  
          so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine,  
          that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you;  
          through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

§    *Stand*

## ¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### Sign of Peace

Let the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,  
guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

**All**    **Amen.**

**All**    The peace of the Lord be always with you  
          **and also with you.**

Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

### The Offertory

- § *The bread and wine are brought to the dais step and given to the presiding priest, and the altar is prepared.*
- § *A monetary collection is taken. Please give as you are able using any of the ways indicated at the front of this booklet. Your generosity is much appreciated. Thank you.*

## Hymn

All

**WHEN** God in mercy claimed him,  
That persecutor Saul,  
He called him and renamed him  
His own apostle Paul.  
Give thanks for his salvation  
When light from heaven showed  
A new redeemed creation  
On that Damascus Road.

**A** Jew by long tradition,  
There then to Paul was shown  
**A** world-embracing mission  
To make the Gospel known;  
**That** all might hear the story  
Of why Messiah died,  
The life-imparting glory  
Of Christ the crucified.

**Paul** lived to serve his Master  
And see his work fulfilled,  
**As** shepherd, preacher, pastor,  
The Church of Christ to build.  
**Of** all that God imparted  
One aim alone sufficed  
**With** Paul, the single-hearted:  
'For me to live is Christ.'

**Wherever** sin abounded  
His calling was to tend  
**The** churches that he founded  
And laboured to defend.  
**Though** fettered and in prison  
His letters still record  
**How** Jesus, died and risen,  
Is everlasting Lord.

**Paul's earthly course is finished**  
    **Yet still we hear his voice,**  
**With triumph undiminished:**  
        **'Rejoice, I say, rejoice!'**  
**Rejoice in sins forgiven,**  
    **A race unwearied run,**  
**In hope at last of heaven**  
    **To hear the Lord's 'Well done!'.**

Words Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926-2024

Music Ewing

Alexander Ewing 1830-1895

*Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861*

## Invitation to Prayer

Pray, my brothers and sisters,  
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

**All** **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands**  
**for the praise and glory of his name,**  
**for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

## Prayer over the Gifts

Almighty Father,  
as we celebrate this holy sacrament of our redemption  
may your Spirit fill us with the light of faith;  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All** **Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

**All** The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

**All** Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

**All** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
For on this day he called to his service  
the blasphemer and persecutor of your Church.  
Saul, who had resisted your grace,  
became Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles.  
Because he was faithful and true in his ministry,  
you made him an example of patient service,  
to instruct in the way of eternal life  
all those who heard his preaching and believed your word.  
Now, therefore, he who became your chosen instrument  
for the salvation of the nations  
has made us also eager to proclaim your mercy,  
and sing in union with all the powers of heaven  
the joyful hymn of your praise:

*Choir*      Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:

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.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Christ is the bread of life:

All

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we pro-claim your death, Lord Jesus, un - til you come in glo - ry.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world,  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Mary the Virgin Mother of God,  
Saint Paul and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All*



A- men.

*The Blessed Sacrament is elevated and bells are rung*

§ Kneel

## The Lord's Prayer

Let us join with Paul and the whole company of heaven  
and with confidence pray as our Saviour taught us:

*All*

**Our 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,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

Creator of all, we have gathered many grains  
and made them into this one bread.

*All*

**We look for your Church to be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into the kingdom.**

## Agnus Dei

*Choir*      O Lamb of God,  
          that takest away the sins of the world,  
          have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

## Invitation to Communion

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, alleluia!  
*All*      **Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

## Giving of Communion

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

§ *Baptised persons who are communicant members of other Churches  
are warmly invited to receive Holy Communion.*

*Alternatively, if you wish to receive a blessing, please bring this booklet  
with you as a sign.*

# Spiritual Communion – *for those at home*

## Act of Reception

All In union, blessed Jesus,  
with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church  
where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day,

*(and remembering particularly my own parish ...)*

I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving,  
for creation and all the blessings of this life,  
for the redemption won for us by your life, death,  
and resurrection,  
for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

*(and particularly for the blessings given me ...)*

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament,  
and, since I cannot at this time receive communion,  
I pray you to come into my heart.  
I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart,  
my soul, and my mind.  
Let nothing separate me from you;  
let me serve you in this life until, by your grace,  
I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

## Motet

*The choir sing*

O nata lux de lumine  
Jesu redemptor saeculi  
Dignare clemens supplicum  
Laudes preces que sumere  
Qui carne quondam contegi  
Dignatus es pro perditis  
Nos membra confer effici  
Tui beati corporis

O Light born of Light,  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
suppliant praise and prayer.  
Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh  
for the sake of the lost,  
grant us to be members  
with loving-kindness deign to receive  
of thy blessed body.

Music Thomas Tallis c.1505-1585

## Hymn

All      **FROM glory to glory advancing, we praise thee, O Lord;  
Thy name with the Father and Spirit be ever adored.  
From strength unto strength we go forward on Sion's highway,  
To appear before God in the city of infinite day.**

**Thanksgiving and glory and worship and blessing and love,  
One heart and one song have the saints upon earth and above.  
O Lord, evermore to thy servants thy presence be nigh;  
Ever fit us by service on earth for thy service on high.**

Words Greek, tr Charles William Humphreys 1840-1921  
from the Liturgy of St James

Music Sheen  
Gustav Theodore Holst 1874-1934

§ All sit for a period of silent reflection and thanksgiving

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

§ Stand

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All      **Amen.**

**Merciful God,  
you have called us to your table  
and fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.  
Draw us with your pilgrim people  
to follow the good example of the apostles  
and so serve your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**  
Amen.

## Hymn

All

**WE have a Gospel to proclaim,  
Good news for all throughout the earth,  
The Gospel of a Saviour's name:  
We sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,  
Not in a royal house or hall,  
But in a stable dark and dim:  
The Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**Tell of his death at Calvary,  
Hated by those he came to save,  
In lonely suffering on the cross:  
For all he loved, his life he gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn,  
Empty the tomb, for he was free.  
He broke the power of death and hell  
That we might share his victory.**

**Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
By all creation glorified:  
He sends his Spirit on his Church,  
To live for him, the Lamb who died.**

**Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This Gospel message we proclaim:  
We sing his glory, tell his worth.**

Words Edward Joseph Burns b.1938

Music Fulda  
adapted from William Gardiner 1770-1853  
Sacred Melodies, 1812

## Notices for the Community

§ Sit

# ¶ Sending Out

§ Stand

All The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you.**

## Solemn Blessing

May God, who has given you in the lives of the saints  
patterns of holy living and victorious dying,  
strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness.

All **Amen.**

May God,  
who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

All **Amen.**

May God, who calls you no longer strangers and aliens  
but fellow-citizens with all the saints,  
bring you to your home in heaven.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

The Mass is ended, go in peace.  
All **Thanks be to God.**

## Organ Voluntary

Recessional on “Shine, Jesus, shine”

David Blackwell b. 1961

- § *Remain standing until the procession has departed*
- § *Those leaving immediately are asked to be aware of those who wish to listen to the organ voluntary*
- § *Refreshments are being served in the parish centre. Do please join us.*

This evening at 5.30 pm

## Solemn Choral Evensong

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