

# Conversion of Paul (trans)

Sunday 24 January 2021

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## **COLLECT**

Almighty God, by the preaching of your servant Paul you caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world. May we who celebrate his wonderful conversion follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **FIRST READING** Acts 9.1–22

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. 3 Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' 5 He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6 But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' 7 The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. 8 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. 9 For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. 10 Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' 11 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, 12 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.' 13 But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; 14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' 15 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; 16 I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' 17 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.' 18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, 19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, 20 and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' 21 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?' 22 Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

*For the word of the Lord* **THANKS BE TO GOD**

## **Responsorial** Psalm 67

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

1 May 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. **R**

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

## **SECOND READING** Galatians 1.11–16a

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; 12 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. 13 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. 14 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. 15 But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased 16 to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being.

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## **GOSPEL** Matthew 19.27–30

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew*  
**Glory to Christ our Saviour**

Peter said to Jesus: 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' 28 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. 29 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. 30 But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

*Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.*

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Gracious God, you filled your apostle Paul with love for all the churches. May the sacrament we have received foster love and unity among your people. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

## **BLESSING**

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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## **Worship today** Conversion of Paul (trans)

**0945 Online Service at**

<http://tinyURL.com/SECStJohnStMargaret>

**1800 Zoom Evening Service to join in with (40mins)**

**7pm Light a Candle** and place it in your window as we pray for the Nation using the prayer on the Intercessions leaflet each week



**Monday 25 January-Festival-Conversion of Paul**

**Tuesday 26 January**-comm-Timothy and Titus, Bishops

**Wednesday 27 January**-comm-John Chrysostom, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 407

**2pm Telephone Church**

**7pm Zoom/Telephone Communion Service**

**Thursday 28 January**—comm-Thomas Aquinas, Teacher of the Faith, 1274

**7pm-830pm an online Ceilidh** using our usual Zoom link see below

**Friday 29 January**—comm-Francis de Sales, Bishop, 1622

**Saturday 30 January**—comm-Charles I, King, 1649

**Next Sunday—Candlemas—Presentation of Christ in the Temple (trans)**

**0945 Online Service at**

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**1800 Zoom Evening Service to join in with (40mins)**

**Coming soon on Thursday 28 January 7pm-830pm an online Ceilidh**—bring a story, poem, piece of music, a joke, a turn to share, even show off a dance routine if you want—dressing up optional and encouraged.



**Your Candlemas OoF will be coming this week**—do have a go at the activity and see how you get on as we celebrate the end of the Christmas season.

## **Intercessions**

**The sick and in need we have promised to pray for:** Liz Fairns, Elsbeth Carberry, Sandra Ferguson, Pauline Campbell, Alasdair Woods, Jenna McKernan, Audrey Callaghan, Adam Semple, Margaret Kerrigan, May Burton, Joan Harrison, Isobel Reid, Adrian Bull, Isobel Trail, Ellen Jones, Isabel Cummings, Margaret Gibb, Lisa in Oxford, Carol, Joanna, Barbara Clark, Steve Elliott, Charlotte, Moira Bruce, Alex Bruce, Jean Souter, Graham Taylor

**The Departed:** Christine Dunsmore, Ken Shrimpton, Thomson Watson,

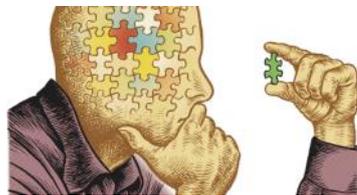
We pray for vulnerable people & those living alone during lockdown  
We pray for people worried their income and housing during lockdown  
**Covid19 prayers in the Weekly Intercession leaflet**

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## **PRAYING AT HOME TOGETHER**

Live-streaming

**Morning Prayer 9am & Evening Prayer 5.30pm**



**REVIEWING OUR CONNECTION TO EACH OTHER:** in the coming months we shall be asking the question... **"how**

**have we kept connected during the pandemic?"**

What has worked well for you? *What have you joined in with?* What have you avoided?

*What stopped you taking part? What would have helped you? What can we ditch?*

*What could we focus on? What are your thoughts and feelings?*

**There is always time to talk—keeping connected...**

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