

Conversion of St. Paul (Year A) (January 25th 2026)

Collect

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. **Amen.**

Psalm 67

¹ God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

² That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.

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

⁴ O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.

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

⁶ Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and
God, our own God, will bless us.

⁷ God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,
⁵'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' ⁶Then I
said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak,
for I am only a boy.' ⁷But the Lord said to me, 'Do not
say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom
I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command
you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to
deliver you, says the Lord.' ⁹Then the Lord put out his
hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to
me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See,
today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to
overthrow, to build and to plant.'

Acts 9:1-22

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder
against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high
priest ²and 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. ³Now as he was going along and
approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven
flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard
a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you
persecute me?' ⁵He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The
reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are
persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you
will be told what you are to do.' ⁷The men who were
travelling with him stood speechless because they
heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul 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. ⁹For three days he was without sight,
and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named
Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He
answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' ¹¹The 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, ¹²and 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.' ¹³But
Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many
about this man, how much evil he has done to your
saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from
the chief priests to bind all who invoke your
name.' ¹⁵But 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; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must
suffer for the sake of my name.' ¹⁷So 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.' ¹⁸And
immediately something like scales fell from his eyes,
and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was
baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained
his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in
Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim
Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of
God.' ²¹All 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?' ²²Saul became increasingly
more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in
Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

Matthew 19:27-end

²⁷Then Peter said in reply [to Jesus], 'Look, we have
left everything and followed you. What then will we
have?' ²⁸Jesus 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. ²⁹And 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. ³⁰But many
who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

Post Communion Prayer

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. **Amen.**