



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

10:30 am

Welcome to St. Paul's! *We are so happy you are here. If you are new or visiting, please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate so we can welcome you personally.*

Prelude *"Of the Father's Love Begotten"*

arr. Ludwig Lene

Introit *"Call to Advent"*

J. Jerome Williams

The Hymnal 1982 #56 v. 1, 2

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Welcome and Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

Presider Hear the voice of one calling from the wilderness: "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight the path for our God." *Isaiah 40:3*

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silent reflection.

Presider God of all mercy,
All **We confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

Trisagion

The Hymnal 1982 #S-102

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The first system covers the lyrics 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,' and the second system covers 'Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.' The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit for the readings.

First Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14-16

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah:

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9

“To You O God I Lift Up My Soul”

Marty Haugen (1950-)

The Cantor and Choir sing a version of the psalm.

- 1 To you, O God, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O God,
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O God, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O God.
- 7 Gracious and upright are you;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.
- 8 You guide the humble in doing right
and teach your way to the lowly.
- 9 All your paths are love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

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The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians:

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able to sing the sequence hymn.

The Hymnal 1982 # 61 v. 1-2

Sleepers, wake!

1 "Sleep - ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
 heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
 saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
 wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
 harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
 Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
 ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ
 according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Jadon Hartsuff

After the sermon, all stand as they are able and say,

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers From The Great Litany

EOW 1

Intercessor Send out your light and your truth, O God, that they may lead us and bring us to you.

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will. **Hear us, O God**

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit. **Hear us, O God.**

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of justice and peace. **Hear us, O God.**

Show your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble. **Hear us, O God.**

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts. **Hear us, O God.**

Guard and protect all children who are in danger. **Hear us, O God.**

Provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute. **Hear us, O God.**

Comfort all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially [those parishioners on our prayer list] and those we name now silently or aloud...

(pause, during which the people may offer names and concerns).

Hear our prayers for comfort and healing. **Hear us, O God.**

Give succor to the bereaved; give rest to the dead, especially those we name now, silently or aloud... *(pause, during which the people may offer names).*

Hear our prayers for those we love. **Hear us, O God.**

The Presider offers a concluding prayer.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People exchange greetings of peace with one another and are then invited to sit for announcements.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

The Offertory *“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”*

Traditional

The People’s offerings are collected.

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All stand & sing as the offerings are presented,

Voices Found #162

Re - joice in the Lord al - ways, and a - gain I say, re - joice!

Re - joice in the Lord al - ways, and a - gain I say, re - joice!

Re - joice! Re - joice! And a - gain I say re - joice!

Re - joice! Re - joice! And a - gain I say re - joice!

The image shows a musical score for a four-part setting of the offertory. It consists of four staves of music in 2/2 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 'Re - joice in the Lord al - ways, and a - gain I say, re - joice!' for the first two staves, and 'Re - joice! Re - joice! And a - gain I say re - joice!' for the last two staves. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with some phrasing slurs and accents.

The Holy Communion

EOW Prayer 1

Sursum corda, The Hymnal 1982 # S-120

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant, and the second is for the People. The third and fourth staves are for the Celebrant and People respectively. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise."

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

Presider,

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus



Sanctus, The Hymnal 1982 #S -124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Presider continues,

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” 🛎️🛎️🛎️

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



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

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the Bread and then says,

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All sing,

Taize; Worship & Rejoice #697

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Everyone is invited to Holy Communion. Gluten free bread is available. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of the bread or the wine, please cross your hands over your chest. During cold and flu season, we highly recommend using the hand sanitizer in the pews.

Communion Music

O Day Of Peace

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

After Communion, the Presider prays,

O Lord Jesus Christ, in this wonderful Sacrament you have given us a memorial of your Passion: be with those who are worshipping with us online, that as they meditate upon the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood they may perceive within themselves the fruit of your redemption and be nourished by your holy presence in their lives. **Amen.**

The Presider and People pray,

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

If Lay Eucharistic Visitors are being sent,

Presider In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

The Presider blesses the people.

The Hymnal 1982 #57

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

The Presider dismisses the People saying,

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns* (arr. David N. Johnson)

Worship Ministers

The Reverend Jadon Hartsuff, Presider

Jackie Livesay, Organist; Jeff Wilkinson, Choir Director & Cantor

Christopher Lock, 1st Reader; Pat Reynolds, 2nd Reader

Barb Duke Intercessor; Natalie Magnusson & Melaina Magnusson, LEMs & Acolytes

Jennie Belden, Greeter; Barb Duke, Laura Orr & Christie Swanson, Ushers

Dedications

ALTAR FLOWERS for today are given TO THE GLORY OF GOD and IN LOVING MEMORY of our departed friends of St. Paul's by Elaine Hale; and IN LOVING MEMORY of brothers Fran & Christy Mathews and nephews John & Rob by Valerie & Ron Rowley.

THE AUMBRY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK to the Glory of God and IN LOVING COMMEMORATION of the birthday on December 6, 1958 of Chuck Perlos by Kim, Lane and Lindy.

Announcements

- **Birthdays:** John Alipit, Joshua Carroll, Robin Christian, Wayne Frey, Natalie Kember, Daniel Kofflin, Nancy Macduff, Jami Naturalite, Jan Osborn, Elaine Themm, Jen Yocum. **Anniversaries:** Wayne & Romelle Frey, Jim & Joyce Grace, Mike & Diane Worthing.
- **We invite all to come to The Feast of St. Nicholas this evening at 4:00 pm!** We will start with an Ingathering Evensong in the church, followed by a hymn and carol sing and dinner with potluck desserts in Holy Spirit Hall.
- **Wonderful Wednesdays – This Wednesday, Dec. 4th**
 - Bible Study meets in the St. Paul's library at 10:30 am, followed by our mid-day service at 12:15 pm.
 - **Wednesday evening at 6 pm, Praying with Mary:** Join Natalie Magnusson in the St. Paul's library for our Spiritual Practices group.

Announcements cont...

- **Advent Daily Devotional:** As we journey through Advent, we encourage you to use Walter Brueggemann's Celebrating Abundance as a guide. He offers brief and meaningful daily reflections on Advent texts. Books are available to purchase for \$10; please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like us to order one for you.
- **Advent Adult Forum:** Join our new adult forum series discussing the diocesan advent book study selection, "*Conflict Resolution for Holy Beings*" by poet laureate Joy Harjo. Books will be available for purchase for \$15. Contact Eric Magnusson for more info at emagnusson75@gmail.com. You can also join the diocesan book discussion on Zoom on Dec. 4th & 11th. (Links are in our weekly email.)
- **The ECW annual Christmas luncheon** will be at the Country Club of Jackson on **Saturday, December 14th** at 11 am. You must R.S.V.P. on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by Dec. 11th. The cost is \$25 per person.
- **Please check out the Angel Tree in the glass narthex.** St. Paul's Mercy & Justice is partnering with Salvation Army's Adopt-a-Family program and Mama Tu-Tu's neighborhood ministry to provide for families who would not otherwise have any gifts to open this holiday. The tags on the tree indicate the gifts requested and the deadline the gift needs to be brought to St. Paul's.
- **Help support the Priceless Gift Toy Store** by buying the wrapping paper available in the glass narthex. All the money donated will go towards supporting their program.
- **The ECW nuts are in!** Please pick up your order from Holy Spirit Hall or contact Romelle Frey if you have not paid for your order yet.

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**Pledge Ingathering Evensong
and All-Parish Party**

SUNDAY | 8 | DECEMBER

- 4:00 pm - Ingathering Evensong in Church**
- 4:30 ish - By-Request Hymn and Carol Sing
Led by Dan Bickel in Holy Spirit Hall**
- 5:30 ish - Dinner by Big Guy Catering
Bring a Potluck Dessert!**

*Please sign up on in the glass narthex
or contact the parish office.*