



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two **November 29, 2020: The First Sunday of Advent**

The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer. The service is printed here in its entirety.

The Opening Hymn

"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us
Hymnal 61

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Light One Candle
Natalie Sleeth

*Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope.
He brings hope to every heart, He comes! He comes!*

The Liturgy of the Word

The Celebrant says

People Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

The people say together

Almighty 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.

The Trisagion

Hymnal S 100

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant 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 First Lesson — Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Sequence Hymn

O come, O come Emmanuel
Hymnal 56

The Holy Gospel — Mark 13:24-37

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,

and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Right Rev. Robert C. Wright

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

All say together,

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. 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 the 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 – Form VI

BCP 392

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;
People *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;
People *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;
People *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People *For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Intercessor For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Rob, Paul and Don, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;
People For all who serve God in God's Church.

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for those on our prayer list.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;
People For your mercy is great.

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially: Lesley, Sherry, Jaden, Samuel, Ike.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;
People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People Who put their trust in you.

Intercessor We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Intercessor and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Veiled in Darkness
Glenn Rudolph

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 God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 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:

The Sanctus

Hymnal S 124

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

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 Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S 154

The Communion Anthem

Ave Verum Corpus
Edward Elgar

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal 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.

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending
Hymnal 57

The Dismissal

Parish Notices are sent via email and posted on the church website and Facebook page.

If you are not receiving emails from the church, please contact Lesley Williams at
parishadmin@stpaulsnewnan.org.

The church website is www.stpaulsnewnan.org.

The Facebook page is www.facebook.com/StPaulsNewnan

Remember in your prayers:

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Roxanne Wallis, Malcolm Velasca, Kiran Force, Alice Magnan, Annie Bulford, Margaret Crary, Trina Hall, Tyler Chapman, Anna Endres, Kimberly Leitch, Candy Waldron, Peter Funnell, Kirk Goodell, Bo Warren, Brittany Jones, Ralph Hajosy, Judy Causey, Amanda Howell Eber, Jeff Lawhead, Billy Newman.

We pray for those with timely concerns: Kim Riggs, Beth McAllister, Mary Beth Evans, Adam Harrison, Louise Booth, Jim Sejbar, Meredith Brown, Nikki Henderson, Christie Smith-Daniel, LB Groover, Ann Johnson, Patrick Bagwell, Frank and Kellie West, Don Doggrell, Phil Watkiss.

We pray for those who are sick and those who love them, and for those who have died because of the coronavirus; for those who are oppressed by fear and for those who are losing the income that sustains them. Let us also pray for those in the medical, scientific, research and

pharmaceutical communities devoting their time and talent to the cause of global health. And, let us pray for all our elected officials and all those who hold the common trust that their wisdom and compassion for all people will increase.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Jennifer, Bill, Nicole, Philip, Mark, Kay, Geoff, Renee, Heather, Lisa; the Clergy and Staff: Hazel, Mason, Lesley, Dawn, Elisabeth, Mary Margaret, Britney, Mary, Kimberly, Cole.

We pray for members of our armed services and their families: Phil Kearney, Kevin Bradley, Joe Clay, Tom Choate, Linda Boyce, Dariel Johnson, Sean McGraw, Steven Puckett, Bill Tudor, Jr., Scott Woodward, Luke White, Tommy White, Zach Simkins, Jacob Britt, Morgen Davis, Luke Eason, Michael Rafferty, David Norwood, Arron Essex, Adam Harrison, Sam Vermilyea, Charles Mathews, Nick Watts, Cameron Everett, Lanier Sealy, Beau Massenburg.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Lesley Williams, Sherry Cook, Jaden Reynolds, Samuel McCollough, Ike Vermilyea.

Parish Announcements

Outreach: Work of our Hands: The Newnan Emergency Shelter Team (NEST) is open for the Winter season and seeking support and volunteers. NEST is Coweta County's first warming shelter and provides a safe overnight haven for anyone who needs it in extreme and inclement weather. To volunteer or for more information and details, please contact Joshua Wieda (256-568-8371, wieda.joshua@gmail.com) or reach out to NEST directly % Christine Drought (770-262-2569, 678-633-8830, info@newnancity.org). As we rise to the challenge of worship, fellowship, and service amidst the ongoing pandemic, St. Paul's Episcopal Church remains committed to the health and welfare of all people and reminds you to continue using sound judgment, best practices, and all due caution to keep you and your community safe. Please continue to observe CDC guidelines regarding social distancing, hygiene, and personal protective equipment if you choose to participate in this Outreach service, and insist that these guidelines are followed wherever we gather or go. Thank you.

Outreach: An Especially Important Year for Our Angel Tree! -- This year, in light of the pandemic, we're doing our Angel Tree a little differently: Online Angel Tree! We are again sponsoring 20 children and 20 senior adults in our community where, as you know, the need is greater than ever. For many of these people, these will be the only presents they receive. If you would like to help bring a little Christmas joy to some of our community members in need, please visit our online gift list here: <https://tinyurl.com/stpaulangel2020>

Sign up for the gift that you would like to provide. Purchase the item. **MAKE A TAG** with the name and age of the person and the gift. (VERY IMPORTANT!) **Return your gifts, UNWRAPPED, with tag attached, by December 6** so your Outreach Committee Elves can get the gifts delivered on time. We will give each recipient 3 items, so that means we'll need 120 gifts from our parish this year! Gifts may be delivered to the downstairs reception area beginning November 29, on Monday - Wednesday from 11 -2 and on Sundays before and after the outdoor service.

Outdoor Worship Services -- The latest diocesan protocols allow us to worship in person, outside and limited to 50 people present. On Sunday, December 6 at 10:30 a.m., we will share in Holy Eucharist in the lower parking lot of the church. Preregistration is required; go to

www.stpaulsnewnan.org/news-events for the online registration link and further details. (Registration opens Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.)

Godly Play: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. -- Godly Play is a Montessori-based curriculum that includes storytelling, interaction, exploration, and creativity to teach and enliven Bible stories. In Godly Play, for ages 4 through 5th grade, marvelous things happen as children "work, play and wonder together at the awesomeness of God." Email Elisabeth Copeland at elisabeth@stpaulsnewnan.org for the Zoom meeting link.

Adult Formation: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. -- Please join us on Sunday mornings to discuss the book *Rediscover Jesus: An Invitation*, by Matthew Kelly. The book is available on Amazon Kindle or paperback, or you may just listen in. To join, log into Zoom and use the meeting ID: 790 9996 9401 and password: qSPW5q. Feel free to invite friends from near or far to join.

EYC: Sundays at 5:00 p.m. -- EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) meets online or in person weekly during the school year for fun, fellowship with other youth, and learning more about God's love. Friends from other churches are always welcome! Email Mary Margaret Stewart for the details. **There will be no EYC on November 29th; we will resume on December 6th.**

Virtual Children's Choir: Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. -- Children in grades 2 and up are invited to join our St. Paul's Virtual Children's Choir for the coming year. There is no upper grade/age limit. To register your child if you have not already done so, email Dawn Harrison.

Prayer Requests -- Prayer requests for the parish prayer list or the confidential Daughters of the King prayer list may be submitted online at <https://tinyurl.com/stpprayers> or you may also contact Hazel+ directly.

Financial Gifts -- Many of you have asked how you can continue to give financially to St. Paul's as well as contribute to the rector's discretionary fund or our Peace and Purpose campaign during this time. You may mail a check to the church, set up one-time or regular payments via your bank, or make an online payment via credit card. Please visit <http://www.stpaulsnewnan.org/give/> for detailed instructions.

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