



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons*

**The Second Sunday in Advent  
December 5, 2021 • 10:30 AM  
Holy Eucharist - Rite II**

*This service is printed here in its entirety.*

## **The Processional Hymn**

*Savior of the nations, come!*  
Hymnal 54

## **The Advent Candle Lighting**

**Reader One:** For many of us, the call to head home is one of joy and of hope. We can't wait to reconnect with family, with history and tradition, with a wonderful time of freedom and loving support. We can't wait to go home.

**Reader Two:** There are those who fear going home, however, and there are times when going home brings back memories that are not so good, not so healing. We are reminded of when we didn't fit in, when we didn't measure up, when we weren't loved like we needed to be loved. Home can be a difficult place for some.

**Reader One:** The prophet Malachi tells us that even when we are in the hottest of fires, there is a presence who can make us better, who can refine and purify. John the Baptist tells us that the road home is always under construction, mountains leveled, and valleys filled in, to make smooth the path that leads us to our true destination, where we can live in peace and unity with all.

**Reader Two:** We light these candles, the candle of hope and the candle of peace, as a sign of our assurance that though the road is hard, we believe it is worth the journey. It is time to go home.

**Congregation Sings the following:** Hymn 56 verse 2

*O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge who, and teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

## The Liturgy of the Word

**Celebrant** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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 102

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

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

*Children ages 4-8 are invited to gather at the rear of the church to attend Children's Chapel, return during the Peace.*

### The Collect of the Day

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** ***And also with you.***

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All may be seated.*

### **The First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        ***Thanks be to God.***

### **Canticle 16 - The Song of Zechariah [Luke 1:68-79]**

BCP, Pg. 92

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
    he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
    born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
    that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
    from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
    and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
    to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, \*  
    holy and righteous in his sight  
    all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
    for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
    by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
    the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
    and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11**

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        ***Thanks be to God.***

## **The Sequence Hymn**

*Prepare the way, O Zion*  
Hymnal 65

## **The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:1-6**

*Celebrant*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Remarks from Stewardship Chair

Philip Hand

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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 III**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

*Intercessor* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People* ***That we all may be one.***

*Intercessor* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

*Intercessor* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People* ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

*Intercessor* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*People* ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

*Intercessor* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People* ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

*Intercessor* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*People* ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

*Intercessor* Give to the departed eternal rest, especially, Dr. Jimmy Thomasson, father of Jim Thomasson, Billy Newman and Scott MacKenzie, brother of Edie Teal.  
*People* ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

*Intercessor* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*People* ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

*Intercessor* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for those on our prayer list, especially David, Tom, Ernie, Heather, Anne, Don, Frank, Carol, Megan, Jeni, Charles, Pete.

*Intercessor* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially: Ike, Jeff, John, Kevin, Brandon, Sharon, Jennifer, Philip, Robert, Taylor, Channing, Mark Jessica, Laney.

*Intercessor* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Silence

*Silence.*

*The People may add their own petition.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*Celebrant* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

## The Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Leader and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.***

*Celebrant*

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

*All stand, as able.*

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People* And also with you.**

## Blessings and Thanksgivings

### *The Holy Communion*

#### The Offertory Anthem

*Prepare the way, O Zion*  
Tucker

#### The Presentation Hymn

*Herald, sound the note of judgement*  
Hymnal 70

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

BCP 367

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* ***We lift them to the Lord.***

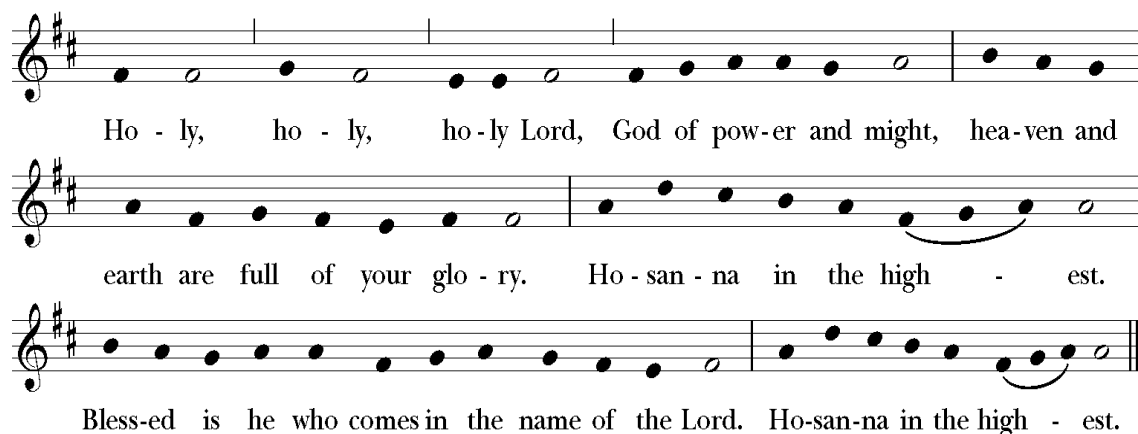
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* ***It is right to give him 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



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 people stand or kneel, as able. Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,



*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.

### **The Greater Amen**

Hymnal S-147



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

*People and Celebrant*

**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*

*A period of silence is kept.*

### **Agnus Dei**

Hymnal S-161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

### **Communion Anthem**

*Pray that Jerusalem*  
C.V. Stanford

### **The Communion Hymn**

*There's a voice in the wilderness crying*  
Hymnal 75

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

### **The Advent Blessing**

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**The Closing Hymn**

*Comfort, comfort ye my people*  
Hymnal 67

**The Dismissal**

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*A Prayer for Advent (From the Daughters of the King)*

*We pray during Advent that we may open our hearts in love and hope as we await the celebration of Jesus' birth.*

**SUNDAY PARTICIPANTS**

<b>VPOW [Vestry Person of the Week] - Renee Powell</b>				
<b>Verger</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Readers</b>
Daryl Frankey	Mike Scott Elizabeth Pape Lauren Gallagher	Bob Heaberlin, Heather Turner, David Carver, Rick Candler, Jeff Lawhead, Philip Hand, JJ Thomasson	Caroline Hawes - 1st - 2nd Mary Huskison - Banner Rowan Mattera - Torch 1 Houston Hawes - Torch 2	

**Remember in your Prayers**

We pray for those with timely concerns: Brink Howard, Danielle Doughtie, Rena McMichael, Michael Coxand, Dustin Brown, Steven Stellen, Marcia Mack, Vashti Ravenell, Gavin Stuart and family, Heather Pennell-Glover, Anne Murphy, Quinn Harrison, Jason Allen, Ethan Page, Luke Bourneuf, Ruthie Stewart, Don Jones, Dorothy Schultze & family, Ivy Roman, Scott Cummins, Ernie Williams, Carol Paschal, Mandy Screven.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Malcolm Velasca, Kiran Force, Alice Magnan, Annie Bulford, Margaret Crary, Trina Hall, Tyler Chapman, Anna Endres, Kimberly Leitch, Candy Waldron, Bo Warren, Brittany Jones, Ralph Hajosy, Jeff Lawhead, Donald Simpson, John Cummins, Megan Morgan, Jeni Massenburg, Charles Daniel, Peter Funnell.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Jennifer, Nicole, Philip, Frankey, Mark, Geoff, Renee, Heather, Virginia, and for the Staff: Hazel, Mason, Charmaine, Dawn, Elisabeth, Mary Margaret, Cole, Kimberly.

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, Cameron Everett, Lanier Sealy, Beau Massenburg.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Ike Vermilyea, Jeff Rethmel, John Abbey, Kevin Watkiss, Brandon Morley, Sharon Gruber, Jennifer McCrary, Philip Barr, Robert Ream, Taylor Brown, Channing Taylor, Mark Huskison, Jessica Graner, Laney Steed.

We pray for those who have died, especially Dr. Jimmy Thomasson, father of Jim Thomasson, Scott MacKenzie, brother of Edie Teal and Billy Newman. Let light perpetual shine upon them.

### ***Parish Notices***

**St. Paul's Angel Tree is Here!** It's time again for our Angel Tree which will be virtual. To find the link and sign up, please see our Facebook page or the email sent this week. Or type this link in your browser: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4caca72fa0fc1-stpauls> To participate, 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 12. Email Carrie.Wendelburg@gmail.com with questions or for help signing up!

**Children's Pageant Rehearsals** - December 5th, 12th, and 19th after the 10:30 service. Note: roles will be assigned this Sunday. Please contact Dawn Harrison or Elisabeth Copeland for more information.

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#### **Vestry**

**Jennifer Thomasson**, Senior Warden; **Mark LeVan**, Junior Warden; **Nicole Edwards**, Outreach Liaison; **Philip Hand**, Stewardship Liaison; **Frankey Henderson**, Parish Life Liaison; **Geoff Mattera**, Communications Liaison; **Renee Powell**, Health and Healing Liaison; **Heather Turner**, Welcoming Liaison; **Virginia Williams**, Compliance and Documentation Liaison.