



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons*

**The First Sunday in Advent  
November 28, 2021 • 10:30 AM  
Holy Eucharist - Rite II**

*This service is printed here in its entirety.*

## **The Advent Candle Lighting**

*Reader* We light this candle, O God, and ask your blessing upon us as we prepare for the coming of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Fill our hearts with such love that we may receive Him with joy and gladness.

*People* ***Come thou long expected Jesus, let us find our rest in Thee.***

*Reader* Let us share in the expectation of the day and hour, spoken by Jesus, when the Son of man will come in clouds with great power and glory to gather all people from the ends of earth.

*People* ***Come let us adore him.***

*Reader* Our King and Savior now draws near.

*People* ***Come thou long expected Jesus, let us find our rest in Thee.***

*Reader* Lord Jesus, the light of all who love you, help us to make ready for Your coming by preparing room for you in our hearts. Let no ill feelings separate us. Draw us closer and closer to You by showing us the way to love. **Amen.**

**The Processional Hymn**

*O come, O come, Emmanuel*  
Hymnal 56

## 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.

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.**

*All may be seated.*

## **The First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

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."

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

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

## **The Psalm: 25:1-9**

- 1 To you, O Lord, 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 Lord, \*  
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 Lord, 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 Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

## **The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

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.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

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

## **The Sequence Hymn**

*Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us*

Hymnal 61

## **The Holy Gospel: Luke 21: 25-36**

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

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

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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;

*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, Billy, Megan, Jeni.

*Intercessor* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially: Nicholas, Graham, Severn, Payton, Sherry, Jaden, Jamie, Samuel.

*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**

*Veiled in darkness*

Glen Rudolph

#### **The Presentation Hymn**

*Lo! He comes, with clouds descending*

Hymnal 57

#### **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.**

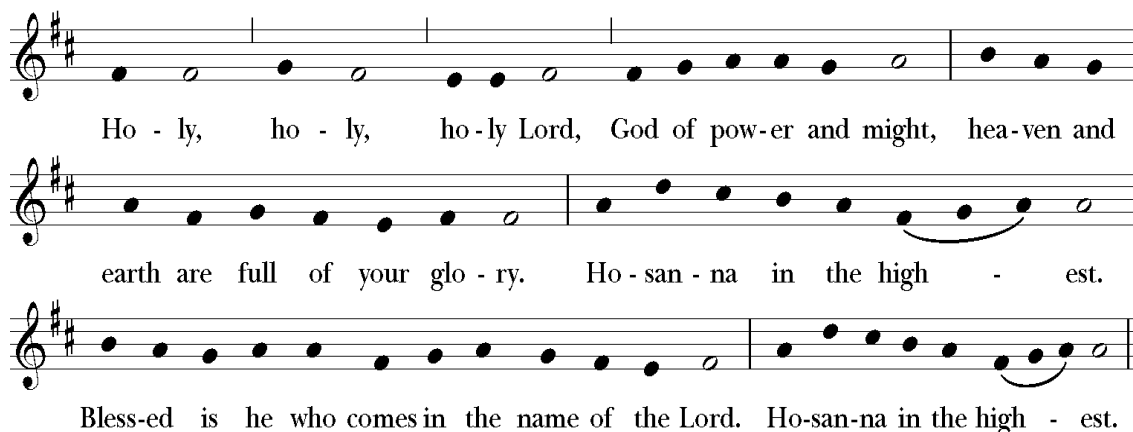
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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.*

## The Fraction Anthem

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

*A tender shoot*  
Colin Davey

## The Communion Hymn

*O day of God, draw nigh*  
Hymnal 601

*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

*Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes*  
Hymnal 71

## The Dismissal

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## ***Encouragement Prayer “God’s Love and Truth” (From the Daughters of the King)***

*Lord of Hope, please encourage me with Your love and truth. I ask that You lift me out of despair and worry. In these dark times, please counsel and guide me with Your Word. Help me to rise above my circumstance in Your goodness and compassion. Holy Spirit, remind me that I can do all things through You, for You are my strength and my song. Amen.*

## SUNDAY PARTICIPANTS

VPOW [Vestry Person of the Week] - <b>Geoff Mattera</b>				
Verger	Eucharistic Minister	Ushers	Acolytes	Readers
Tony  Dwight	Wendy Llosa	Mike Scott, Amy Jones, Daryl Jones, Brother Massenberg, Bill Stemberger, Mike Gallagher, Chris Howell, Michele Mattera	- 1st - 2nd - Banner Mary Scott Fabrizi - Torch 1 Caroline Lowe - Torch 2	

### *Remember in your Prayers*

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, Billy Newman, Carol Paschal, Donald Simpson, John Cummins, Lizzy Sandlin, Megan Morgan, Jeni Massenburg.

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

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Jennifer, Nicole, Philip, Frankey, Mark, Geoff, Renee, Heather, Virginia, Jennifer; the Clergy and 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: Nicholas Eversoll, Maybeth Graham Marchman, Severn Richey, Payton Durden, Sherry Cook, Jaden Reynolds, Jamie Himes, Samuel McCollough.

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. 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.

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