



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

**First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022 • 10:30 AM**

We welcome Mark Johnson as our officiant for today's service. There will be no Holy Eucharist. The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.

The Opening Hymn

*Lo! He comes, with clouds descending
Hymnal 57*

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

First Reader: We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

The candle is lit.

Second Reader: Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. Amen.

Congregation Sings

Hymnal 56

6 O come, O Bright and Morning Star, and bring us comfort from afar! Dispel the shadows of the night and turn our darkness into light. Refrain

The Liturgy of the Word

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People 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 102

The musical score for 'The Trisagion' is presented in two systems. Each system consists of 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 common time (C). The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody.

Children ages 4-10 are invited to follow the Children's Cross to attend the Children's Chapel, returning during the Peace.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant 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: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm: 122

The psalm is sung by the choir.

1 I was glad when they said to me, *
 "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
2 Now our feet are standing *
 within your gates, O Jerusalem.

- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

The Second Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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: Matthew 24:36-44

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

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

The Sermon

Mark Johnson

The Nicene Creed

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

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, especially Melody and Robin;
People *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Mary;
People *Let light perpetual shine upon her.*

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

Intercessor We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially
Tim, Graham, Nick, Severn, Kate, Sherry, and Jaden.

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

The People may add their own petitions.

Officiant

Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who
now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty;
even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

The Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Officiant 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.*

Officiant

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

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Blessings and Thanksgivings

The Offertory Anthem

Veiled in Darkness
Glenn Rudolph

The Officiant will now offer a selection of prayers. The People may stand or kneel.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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.*

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and merciful God, we ask that you receive into your tender and loving care all those who were killed in the mass shooting in Colorado Springs. Comfort those who mourn. Be with the medical personnel who have been entrusted with the care of the injured. Give strength and perseverance to those who work towards the equality of all people and empower each of us to join this righteous cause. Transform the hearts of those who have embraced hateful and bigoted belief systems, so that they may learn the error of their ways before others are hurt. And help all people to come to know the truth that if you do not love others, you do not know God. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have

made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Blessing

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* (2 Corinthians 13:14)

The Closing Hymn

O day of God, draw nigh
Hymnal 601

The Dismissal

Remember in your prayers:

A Prayer for Love: (From The Daughters of the King) Bless us with Love, O Merciful God; That we may love as you love. That we may show patience, tolerance, kindness, caring, and love to all. Bless us with your love.

We pray for those with timely concerns: Michael Brown, Alice Jakubiak, Ernie Williams, David Sandlin, Elisabeth Stubbs, Sharmona Moultrie, Bo Warren, Vanessa Smalls, Barbara Parsons, Debra Bull.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Brink Howard, Wendy Llosa, William Partridge, David Bottoms, Greg Parsons, George Abbot-Maze, Melody Wegienka, Robin Carroll.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Renee, Mark, Philip, Frankey, Polly, Tony, Marianne, Virginia, Lauren and for the Rector and Staff: Hazel, Mason, Dawn, Cynthia, Elisabeth, Geoff, Cole, Nicole, 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, Ryan Whitfield, Stephen Malcom.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Tim Dees, Graham Marchman, Nick Eversoll, Severn Richey, Kate Wise, Sherry Cook, and Jaden Reynolds.

We pray for those who have died, especially Mary Ellen Sergent. *Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her. Amen.*

Service Participants

Vestry Person of the Week	Virginia Williams
Vergers	Dwight Ellison & Tony King
Acolytes	Jude Henderson (1st); Lanie Mae Henderson (2nd)
Healing Intercessors	Ann & Lou Graner
Ushers	Hadley Heindel, Brian Lewis, David Martin, Rusty Martin, Tammy Martin, Roy Reynolds, Cathy Sandlin, & Steve Umberger

Parish Notices

Adult Formation: There will be no Adult Formation class on November 27th.

Sunday School: There will be no Sunday School on November 27th.

Stewardship Campaign 2023: We are now several weeks into our annual Stewardship Campaign. As we quickly approach the Holiday season and the New Year, your vestry is hard at work planning the budgets necessary to support the ministries of St. Paul's. It is vital to the health of our parish that we receive enough pledges to ensure the continuation of our current ministries and the launch of potential new ministries. Pledge cards are available in the narthex.

Advent Wreath Making: Join us between services on November 27th at 9:15 a.m. for our Intergenerational Advent Wreath Making. This is a great activity to get our hearts and minds prepared for the season of Advent. Supplies will be provided along with take-home readings. There is a suggested donation of \$10 for the wreath kits. Registration is now open on Realm. If you have questions, contact Katie McBride-Newman at katiemc.email@gmail.com or Cynthia Meisinger at cynthia@stpaulsnewnan.org with any questions.

Christmas Pageant: If your child(ren) is planning to participate in the Christmas Eve pageant service, Ms. Dawn would like to invite them to attend a half-hour rehearsal on Wednesday, November 30th at 4:30 p.m. in the choir room to learn the music that they will sing in the service. The Saturday rehearsals will begin December 3rd at 10 a.m. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Dawn Harrison at 678.378.2097 or dawnie.harrison@gmail.com.

Angel Tree 2022: It's Angel Tree time again! Sign up to bring a gift (or two!) and help spread some Christmas cheer. Sign up for the gift you would like to provide and purchase the item. MAKE A TAG with the name and age of the person and the gift. (VERY IMPORTANT!) Return your gifts, UNWRAPPED, with the tag attached, BY DECEMBER 11, and make someone's Christmas wish come true! Signing up is easy! Just visit our virtual Angel Tree by scanning the QR code below and select the person whose Christmas you would like to make a little brighter.



Wednesday Night Supper: Come and spend time with the St. Paul's family for Wednesday Night Supper! The cost is *free* for children under 3, \$3 for children 3-10, \$6 for children 11 and older, and adults. Families pay a maximum of \$20. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board outside the Parish Hall, email admin@stpaulsnewnan.org, or register and pay via Realm. Please sign up before *Tuesdays at 12 p.m.* so that we can make sure to order enough food.

Ordination: All are invited as Mark Johnson will be ordained as a deacon on Saturday, December 17th at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Philip. Additionally, a reception for Mark will be held in the Parish Hall of St. Paul's on Sunday, December 18th after the 10:30 a.m. service.

American Red Cross Blood Drive: Consider giving! The next St. Paul's American Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2023.

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour will be available after the 10:30 a.m. service in the Parish Hall. Come for further fellowship with the St. Paul's family.

Prayer Requests: Prayer requests for the parish prayer list or the confidential Daughters of the King prayer list may be submitted online, via admin@stpaulsnewnan.org, or you may also contact Hazel+ directly.

Altar Flower Dedications: A lovely way to remember a loved one or celebrate an anniversary or birthday is to donate altar flowers for that special day. The cost of the arrangements is \$50 per Sunday. Sign up for a particular Sunday at the bulletin board outside the Parish Hall or email admin@stpaulsnewnan.org. Please remember to submit payment via the collection plate or Realm and complete the "Flowers for the Altar" form by Wednesday at 12 p.m. to ensure that the commemorating announcement is placed in the bulletin.

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