

*Christmas Day Service
with Holy Eucharist*



December 25, 2022

10:30 A.M.

St Paul's Episcopal Church

Newnan, Georgia

The Opening Hymn

O come, all ye faithful
Hymnal 83, vs 1,2,3,6

The Bidding Prayer

The Presider says

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

The Presider continues

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.
Amen.

The Gloria

Hymnal S 280

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by

your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson — Isaiah 62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts.

Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm: 97

- 1 The LORD is King;
let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- 3 A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O LORD.

9 For you are the LORD,
most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.

10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

The Second Lesson: Titus 3:4-7

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Sequence

O little town of Bethlehem
Hymnal 79

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in

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 IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lector Lord, in your mercy
People Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lector Lord, in your mercy
People Hear our prayer.

Celebrant continues

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

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

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

Lullaby Medley
Traditional

The Presentation Hymn

Angels from the realms of glory
Hymn 93

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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 129

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.

The Great Amen

Hymnal S-146



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 154

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Anthem

What Child Is This
Traditional

Communion Hymn

It came upon a midnight clear
Hymn 89

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us 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.*

The Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.*

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

The Closing Hymn

Joy to the world! The Lord has come
Hymnal 100

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: Alice Jakubiak, Elisabeth Stubbs, Bo Warren, Barbara Parsons, Debra Bull, George Robinson, Ronnie Peoples, Mike Maus, Gordon Salisbury.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Brink Howard, Wendy Llosa, William Partridge, David Bottoms, Greg Parsons, George Abbot-Maze, Melody Wegienka, Robin Carroll, Melanie Patton, Father Bruno, Ed Sergent, Michael Brown, Ernie Williams, David Sandlin, Sharmona Moultrie.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Renee, Mark, Philip, Frankey, Polly, Tony, Marianne, Virginia, Lauren and for the Rector and Staff: Hazel, Mark, 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: Morgan Nall, Paula Kress, Lily Hopkins, Courtney Cooper, Ellis McEntire, Ramsey Hopkins, Galen Honea, Jon Macke, Ivy Roman, Justin Nieto, David Martin, Rhett Eversoll.

We pray for those who have died. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.*

Service Participants

Vestry Person of the Week	Tony King
Vergers	David Martin & Jennifer Thomasson
Eucharistic Ministers	Wendy LeVan & Brother Massenburg
Reader	David Carver
Ushers	Bob Heaberlin, Rick Candler, David Carver, Heather Heaberlin, Sarah Huxford, Jeff Lawhead, & JJ Thomasson

Parish Notices

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 both the continuation of our current ministries as well as the launch of potential new ministries. Pledge cards are available in the narthex.

Adult Formation: Adult Formation is on hiatus for the Holiday Season. The next meeting will be Sunday, January 8, 2023.

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

signup 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.

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. For anyone who is interested in joining the Coffee Hour ministry please contact Nikki Henderson via email at Nikki.Henderson@cowetaschools.net for more information about how to get involved. Come for further fellowship with the St. Paul's family.

Save the Date: Men's Retreat will be held at Camp Mikell, August 18-20, 2023. The Rev. Mark S. Johnson will be facilitating. Any questions, please contact Frank West, 262.501.7547.

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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