

SAINTE PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022
SEVEN & TEN O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

WELCOME TO SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH

Whatever brings you here, and whoever you are,
we are glad you are here.

FIRST TIME WORSHIPPING AT ST. PAUL'S?

Are you new to St. Paul's or the surrounding area? Let us know by filling out a Welcome Card located in the pew rack, and we will connect with you. We also have a Welcome Table you can visit following the service in the Gathering Space of the Parish House.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located in the Parish House.

CONTACT THE CLERGY

The St. Paul's clergy are eager to hear from you if you have questions, concerns, or a pastoral emergency. Contact can be made by phoning the church at 804.643.3589. The church office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

FAMILY SPACE IN THE SANCTUARY

Young ones need to be able to see and experience worship. Our ushers will be happy to direct you to our Family Space at the front of the church where you will find picture books, paper and crayons, and small hand-held toys. We also have Worship Bags as you enter the church that contain Children's Bulletins, paper and crayons.

SUNDAYS AT ST. PAUL'S

Nursery is open from 8:50 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.

Children's Sunday School (*3yrs – 5th grade*) (Room 113)

Family Group for parents and care-givers (Room 206)

Youth Morning Prayers (*6th – 12th grade*) (Room 110)

Rector's Bible Study (Scott Hall)

10:00 a.m.

Service of Holy Eucharist in the church

11:15 a.m. (following service)

Social Hour with Ministry Spotlight in the Gathering Space (Parish House)

(learn more about the different ministries at St. Paul's and visit our Welcome Table)

THE PRELUDE

HYMN

The people remain seated for the hymns during the prelude. The choir sings stanzas 1 and 2, the people join in singing on stanza 3.



1. Once in ro - yal Da - vid's ci - ty stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
2. He came down to earth from hea - ven who is God and Lord of all,
3. For he is our child - hood's pat - tern, day by day like us he grew,
4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love,
5. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,



1. where a mo - ther laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
2. and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
3. he was lit - tle, weak, and help - less, tears and smiles like us he knew:
4. for that child so dear so gen - tle is our Lord in hea - ven a - bove;
5. we shall see him; but in hea - ven, set at God's right hand on high;



1. Ma - ry was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
2. with the poor and mean and low - ly lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
3. and he feel - eth for our sad - ness, and he shar - eth in our glad - ness.
4. and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
5. when like stars his chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

Text: Cecil Francis Alexander (1818-1895)

Music: *Irby*, melody Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876); harm. Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929)
desc. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

ANTHEM

Ding dong! merrily on high E'en so here below, below,
 in heav'n the bells are ringing: let steeple bells be swungen.
 Ding dong! verily the sky And *io, io, io,*
 is riv'n with angel singing. by priest and people sungen.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! *Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!*

Pray you dutifully prime
 your matin chim, ye ringers;
 May you beautifully rime
 your evetime song, ye singers.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Text: Traditional English Carol
Music: arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

HYMN

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let no - thing you dis - may,
 2. From God our heav' - nly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came,
 3. The shep - herds at those ti - dings re - joic - ed much in mind,
 4. But when to Beth - le - hem they came, where - at this in - fant lay,
 5. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,

1. for Je - sus Christ our Sa - vior was born up - on this day,
 2. and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought ti - dings of the same,
 3. and left their flocks a - feed - ing, in tem - pest, storm, and wind,
 4. they found him in a man - ger, where ox - en feed on hay;
 5. and with true love and char - i - ty each ot - ther now em - brace;

1. to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray:
 2. how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name:
 3. and went to Beth - le - hem strait - way this bless - ed babe to find:
 4. his mo - ther Ma - ry kneel - ing, un - to the Lord did pray:
 5. this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace:

Refrain
 O ti - dings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and
 joy, O ti - dings of com - fort and joy.

Text: London carol, 18th cent.
Music: *God Rest You Merry*, melody from *Little Book of Christmas Carols*, ca. 1850;
 harm. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

ANTHEM

Jesus, Jesus, rest your head.
You have got a manger bed.
All the evil folk on earth
Sleep in feathers at their birth.
Jesus, Jesus, rest your head.
You have got a manger bed.

Have you heard about my Jesus?
Have you heard about his fate?
How his Mother went to that stable
On that Christmas Eve so late?
Winds were blowing, cows were lowing,
Stars were glowing, glowing, glowing.

To that manger came three wise men.
Bringing gifts from hin and yon,
For the mother and the father,
And that blessed little Son.
Milkmaids left their fields and flocks
And sat beside the ass and ox.

Text: Appalachian Carol
Music: arr. Leo Nestor (1948-2019)

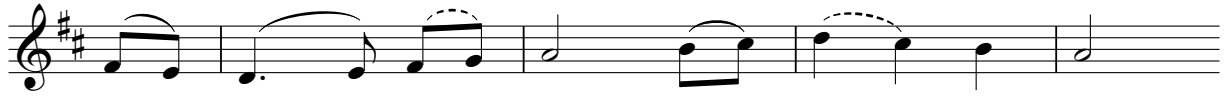
HYMN



All 1. The first No - well the an - gel did say
High Voices 2. They look - ed up and saw a star
Low Voices 3. And by the light of that same star
High Voices 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west,
Low Voices 5. Then en - tered in those wise men three
All 6. Then let us all with one ac - cord



1. was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
 2. shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
 3. three wise men came from coun - try far,
 4. o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
 5. full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,
 6. sing prais - es to our heav - 'nly Lord;

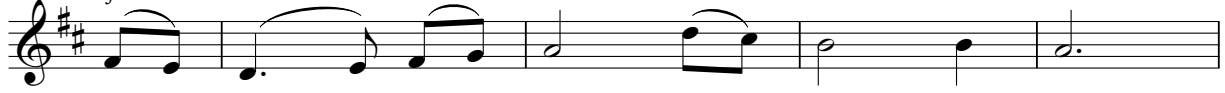


1. in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
 2. and to the earth it gave great light,
 3. to seek for a king was their in - tent,
 4. and there it did both stop and stay
 5. and off - fered there in his pres - ence
 6. and hath made heaven and earth of nought,



1. on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 2. and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 3. and to fol - low the star where - ev - er it went.
 4. right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 5. their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.
 6. and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,



born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: English Carol, 18th cent.

Music: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1841-1901); desc. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

ANTHEM

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
it is the night of our dear Saviour's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night divine, O night Divine.

Truly he taught us to love one another;
his law is love and his gospel is peace.
Chains shall he break for the slave is our brother;
and in his name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
let all within us praise his holy name.
Christ is the Lord! Then ever, praise we,
his power and glory evermore proclaim.

Text: Placide Cappeau (1808-1877)

Music: Adolphe Adam (1803-1856), arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Carillon on a Ukrainian Carol

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN

The people stand and sing.



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2. God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4. See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
 5. Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,
 6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born that hap - py morn - ing;



1. come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2. lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 3. sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
 4. leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
 5. we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;
 6. Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry given;



1. come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2. on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 3. glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est.
 4. we too will thith - er we bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 5. who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?
 6. Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Text: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others

Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786);
 harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906; desc. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

All say together the Collect for Purity.

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.

HYMN

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -
- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.
Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

O GOD, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

THE PEOPLE who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Silence is kept.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL: PSALM 96:1-4, 11-12 *Cantate Domino*

chant: Alan Gray (1855-1935)

The Psalm is chanted by the choir.

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.

THE SECOND LESSON

Titus 2:11-14

FOR THE GRACE of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Silence is kept.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All are invited to participate in the Gospel procession, especially children. Simply follow the Gospel book around the church and stay in place for the Gospel reading.

HYMN



1. Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!"
 late in time be - hold him come off - spring of a vir - gin's womb:
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings;

Joy - ful all ye na - tions rise, join the tri - umph of the skies,
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see, hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty!
 mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - ma - nu - el.
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us se - cond birth.

Refrain
 Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King."

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), George Whitefield (1714-1770), Martin Madan (1727-1790), and others
Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915); desc. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

Gospeler 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 bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
 and on earth peace among those whom God favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went

with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Charles Dupree, D.Min., *Rector*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider As we join the whole creation and celebrate with joy the Word made flesh, let us offer prayers to God who dwells among us to the end of time.

Intercessor With all our heart and all our mind, we pray to you, O Lord:

People **Make us instruments of your peace.**

Intercessor For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord:

People **Where there is hatred, let us sow love.**

Intercessor For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord:

People **Where there is injury, let us sow pardon.**

Intercessor For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease and all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord:

People **Where there is discord, let us sow union.**

Intercessor For those who do not yet believe, for those who have lost their faith, and those in despair and darkness that they may receive the light of faith, we pray to you, O Lord:

People **Where there is doubt, let us sow faith.**

Intercessor We pray for the poor, the persecuted, the sick, especially those who have asked for our prayers. *(During the silence, add your petitions).* We pray for all who suffer and those in danger. *(During the silence, add your petitions).* We pray for those who are far away from family and friends. *(During the silence, add your petitions).* We pray for comfort and protection, O Lord:

People **Where there is despair, let us sow hope.**

Intercessor For the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church; for Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Mark, our Bishop; and for this parish family, that in faithful witness we may spread God's love near and far, we pray to you, O Lord:

People **Where there is darkness, let us sow light.**

Intercessor For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially those we name now. *(During the silence, add your petitions).* We also remember those who have died as a result of addiction, disease, conflict, or any manifestation of violence and hatred. For all the departed and those who are grieving, may they find comfort and be at peace, we pray to you, O Lord:

People **Where there is sadness, let us sow joy.**

Intercessor Your own intercessions and thanksgivings are now invited silently or aloud.

During the silence, add your petitions and thanksgivings.

People **Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

Presider Living God, source of grace and truth, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May we come to see the true light who shines throughout the world and may we be the light that reveals truth and love to all of your people. This we ask in the name of the one who sleeps helplessly in the manger, Jesus Christ, Son of God.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The People stand.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

I wonder as I wander out under the sky,
how Jesus the Savior did come for to die,
for poor orn'ry people like you and like I:
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow stall:
with wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall:
and the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
a star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,
or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing:
he surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

Text: Appalachian Carol
Music: Carl Rütti (b. 1949)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people stand.

Presider The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 perfectly human 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 to the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Text: Mass Ordinary, Fifth century

Music: from *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

The people stand or kneel as the Presider 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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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,

The people say with the Presider.

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 Paul, Mary, and all your saints, we may

enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



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.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
 santificado sea tu Nombre,
 venga tu reino,
 hágase tu voluntad,
 en la tierra como en el cielo.
 Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
 Perdona nuestras ofensas,
 como también nosotros perdonamos
 a los que nos ofenden.
 No nos dejes caer en tentación
 y líbranos del mal.
 Porque tuyo es el reino,
 tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
 ahora y por siempre. Amén.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the bread followed by silence.

FRACTION ANTHEM

The Antiphon is first sung by the choir, then by all; the verses are sung by the choir.

Antiphon

Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for ev - er.

Choir

1. This is the true bread which comes down from hea - ven

Choir

and gives life to the world. [Ant.] 2. Who - ev - er

believes in me shall not hun - ger or thirst, for the bread

which I give for the life of the world is my flesh. [Ant.]

Text: drawn from John 6:51b, 33, 35, 51c
Music: Mode 1 melody, adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND HOLY COMMUNION

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. An usher will signal when you can go forward. If you are unable to come forward, but desire Communion, please notify an usher and Communion will be brought to you in your pew. Receive the bread from the priest, and then either drink from the cup, or take an individual serving of wine. If, for whatever reason, you do not wish to receive, you are invited to come forward for a prayer; please indicate your desire for this by crossing your arms across your chest. If you would like healing prayer, please come to the station to the left of the pulpit where clergy will be offering prayers.

ANTHEM AT COMMUNION

*O magnum mysterium
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum
jacentem in praesepe.
O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt
portare Dominum Jesum Christum.
Alleluia!*

O great mystery
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the new-born Lord
lying in a manger.
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb
was worthy to bear Jesus Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!

Text: Responsorial chant from the Matins of Christmas
Music: Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

HYMN

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds
 guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to
 bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Text: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Music: Greensleeves, English melody; harm. Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871

HYMN

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 No ear my hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - ell!

Text: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)

Music: St. Louis, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908)

HYMN

Once everyone has received communion, the acolytes will process down the aisles to light the tapers. The people on the ends of the aisle then pass the light from one another, tilting the unlit candle. The people are invited during this time to remain in silent prayer.

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)
Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863);
harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

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

People **Amen.**

Presider And the blessing of God Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People **Amen.**

HYMN

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 3 far as the curse is found, far
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

 heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759);

adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872); desc. Crystal J. Jonkman (b. 1961)

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the light of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata on *Antioch*

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

PARTICIPANTS

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The Rev'd Charles Dupree, D.Min., *Rector*
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The Rev'd Gwynn Crichton, *Associate Rector for Pastoral Care*

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Lectors (7:00 p.m.)

Joanne Simpson
Kia Bentley

Lectors (10:00 p.m.)

Leila Taaffe
Michele Walker

Intercessor (7:00 p.m.)

Marti Truman

Intercessor (10:00 p.m.)

Menzo Faassen

Acolytes (7:00 p.m.)

Ginny Campbell
Sally Ray Griffith
Stephen Peple

Acolytes (10:00 p.m.)

Douglas Callaway
Cynthia Ellis
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Scott Sirles

Lay Eucharistic Ministers (7:00 p.m.)

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Suzanne Spooner-Munch

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Christopher West

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- ✘ Given by Heather Brugh and Edward Hettrick in loving memory of their mother, Fontaine Minor
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- ✘ Given by Nan Ellen and Dick Ritsch in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Williams, Jr.
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- ✘ Given by Cindy, David, and Si Wofford in loving memory of Caroline Gray Wofford with much love
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EXPANSIVE LANGUAGE AND CREATIVITY
A Few Notes about Worship at St. Paul's

St. Paul's seeks to be a welcoming, open, and inclusive community that values creativity, beauty, and mystery. We try to reflect this mission in our worship so that those from various backgrounds and perspectives will feel at home. We also hope that our worship reflects both a respect and honoring of the traditions of the Anglican church, while also seeking to give voice to how God is speaking in our current contexts. We know that the words we say in worship have a profound effect on our imagination and our experiences of God. Here's a bit of background.

Expansive Language: The Episcopal Church has developed many liturgies that use inclusive and expansive language. Expansive language is a way of incorporating multiple ways of imagining and speaking about God. It refers to the expanded use of metaphorical language for God and humans in new or unexpected and fresh ways. While we continue to value the beauty of our traditions and the importance of language, we recognize that all human language is limited. Expansive language seeks to incorporate as much of the diversity of language as possible to include all persons in the liturgical expressions.

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Our bulletin and recycling: Since we pull from as many as twenty-five sources, as well as write our own liturgical pieces (prayers, choral works, hymns, etc.), this bulletin serves as a way of capturing those elements and putting them into one place: your hands. Without a bulletin that is printed each week, we would not be able to be as creative. Plus, it would be confusing to those who are new to St. Paul's. This bulletin is an instrument of hospitality that allows us, Sunday by Sunday, to welcome and embrace all who are searching for a church home and an authentic encounter with our awakened and active Lord. In an effort to conserve paper usage, we try to print only enough bulletins as are needed for each individual service. If you'd like to help us be good stewards, you can choose to share a bulletin or download a PDF. Each week, our bulletins are responsibly recycled.

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