



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

28 NOVEMBER 2021 ✠ 8:00 & 10:15 A.M.

Welcome to St. Paul's Church! We are a community of faith that through Christ strives to be loving, joyous, inclusive, transforming, and filled with God's grace. All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at God's table for communion. As a sign of compassion and concern for our fellow congregants, we request that all follow the CDC guidance of wearing masks regardless of vaccination status.

This service booklet, *The Book of Common Prayer* (red), *The Hymnal 1982* (blue), and *Wonder, Love and Praise* ("WLP," green paperbound) provide the resources needed for participation in our worship. Please silence cellular phones.



VOLUNTARY Savior of the Nations, come (BWV 599) J. S. Bach

¶ *Please stand as you are able at the ringing of the tower bell*

HYMN 616 Hail to the Lord's anointed *Woodbird*

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Blessèd are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

Celebrant 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.**

TRISAGION Robert Poovey

Sung first by the choir, then twice by everyone

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Migh - ty, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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.**

¶ *Please be seated.*

THE WORD OF GOD

THE LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14–16

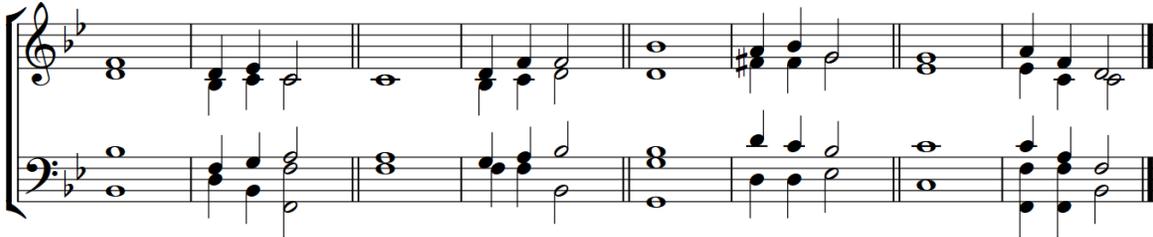
The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 93 (*remain seated; sung at 10:15*)

Chant: Karl Robson



- 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 / tri•umph • 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 com/passion 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.

¶ *Please stand as you are able, and remain standing through the reading of the Gospel.*

HYMN 53 (*str. 1*)

Once he came in blessing

Gottes Sohn ist kommen

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:25–36

Deacon 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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Jay P. Burkardt

¶ *A period of silence follows the Sermon. Then please stand as you are able for*

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

¶ *The Leader and People pray responsively.*

That God may bring in the heavenly kingdom of goodness and mercy, we pray:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

That we may seek Christ-the-Word in the Scriptures and recognize Jesus in those around us, we pray:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

That God may establish among the nations the scepter of righteousness, we pray:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick, and raise up all who have fallen, we pray:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

That the light of God's coming may dawn around us and make our hearts sing with joy, we pray:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world, we pray:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

¶ *Additional prayers may be offered, and the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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.

¶ *The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution*

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.**

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

¶ *You are encouraged to offer a bow or wave to your fellow congregants as a sign of peace.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM

Zion, at thy shining gates

George Guest

¶ *Please stand as you are able for*

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

8:00 **All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.**

10:15

Stuttgart

At your com-ing, Christ, in glo - ry, let us rea - dy, wait-ing be;
in the mom-ent un - ex - pect-ed, we shall see your ma - jes - ty.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Book of Common Prayer, Eucharistic Prayer B

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 God thanks and praise.**

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 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (Hymn S 130)

Franz Schubert, arr. R. Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might,

1. heav'n and earth are full, full of your glo - ry,
2. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na in the high - est, Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Please remain standing or kneel.

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,

We remember Christ's death. We proclaim Christ's resurrection.

We await Christ's coming in glory.

The Celebrant 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 [_____, 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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.

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Behold the mystery of the Incarnation; behold Christ in bread and wine.

People **May the Word become flesh in us. Amen.**

¶ *At the direction of the ushers, the congregation comes forward for communion. At this time, only the bread is offered. If you are not able to come forward to receive, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available; please let the priest know of your need.*

WLP 804

Steal away to Jesus

Traditional Spiritual

¶ *After all have received, please stand as you are able for*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE 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.**

HYMN 57

Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Helmsley

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People **Thanks be to God!**

VOLUNTARY

Sleepers, wake! a voice is calling

Bach



*The flowers at the High Altar are given to the Glory of God and
in loving memory of Margaret & Howard Cumming and Hugh Cumming*



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

8:00am Holy Communion
10:00am Sunday School for Children
10:15am Holy Communion with Music
*Nursery Care provided. Live-Stream available.
Fellowship in Paul's Cross follows.*

WEDNESDAYS

12:00pm Holy Communion (Chantry)
7:00pm St. Paul's Choir (Church)

TUESDAYS

7:00pm Adult Faith Formation via Zoom

THURSDAYS

8:00am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)
7:00pm Bell Choir (Youth Choir Rm.)

NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ **2022 Pledge Campaign.** Thank you to all who have returned your pledge cards. We are just about 88% to our goal with 68% of givers increasing their gifts ~ we're off to a great start! Pledge cards are available on the tables throughout the church or you may make your pledge online: www.stpaulsec.org/donate.
- ❖ Join us **Sunday mornings at 9am in the Parish Hall** during Advent to give thanks for the many gifts and practices we cherish.
 - November 28th – Baptism
 - December 5th – The Bible
 - December 12th – Eucharist
 - December 19th – Prayer
- ❖ **Looking for a prayer practice for Advent?** Pick up a copy of Forward Movement's Advent Meditation. Copies found around the church this Sunday.
- ❖ **St Paul's Giving Tree for School 9 is back again this year.** Following last year's practice we are asking for monetary gifts made out to the church which will then be used to purchase a gift card of \$25 for each of about 75 different children. With the continuing pandemic and in consultation with the school, this was seen as the better way for one more year. Last year's gifts made the holidays such a better time for more than 20 families, and I am sure St Paul's will have a wonderful impact again this year! Checks can be made to St Paul's with "School 9" in the memo, and can also be given online or in a marked envelope on Sundays. See Rev Jay with questions.
- ❖ **Children, Youth and Families**
 - Family Advent bags are now available for pick up at the Parish Hall stage. Included is a daily calendar and a weekly Advent guide with scripture, reflection, coloring page, prayer and activities with craft materials.
 - Christmas Stocking Blessing on 12/5. All children and youth are invited to bring their Christmas stockings to church for a special blessing during the service. Extras provided if needed.
 - Save the date! Family Luncheon is on 12/19 in the Parish Hall. Details to follow soon.
- ❖ **Crucifers needed for 10:15am Service.** If you are interested in serving St Paul's in this way, please email or speak with Rev Jay (jburkardt@stpaulsec.org).
- ❖ **Needs for St. Joseph's House of Hospitality:** New men's socks, underwear, and long underwear, hats, coats and jeans. If you would prefer to make a donation, please make a check payable to St. Paul's Church (memo: St. Joe's Collection) and needed items will be purchased.



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“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above...”
James 1:17

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