



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Christmas Eve
Family Eucharist at 5:00 p.m.
December 24, 2015

Prelude O Come, O Come Emmanuel

GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Processional Hymn 83 O Come, All Ye Faithful vs. 1-3, 6 *All stand, if able.*

Salutation

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

People **And Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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 96 Angels We Have Heard on High

PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. *Followed by a brief pause.*

Collect of the Day *Said by Celebrant*

The Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7 *Seated*

After the reading, all reply **Thanks be to God.** *Followed by a brief pause.*

Hymn 87 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Gospel John 2:1-14 *All stand, if able.*

After the announcement, the People say: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Holy Gospel, all reply: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily The Rev. Christopher Martin *Seated*

A minute of silence, then standing, if able.

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.**

Prayers of the People *The People respond by reading the words printed in bold type after each petition.*

Leader ...Let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The celebrant concludes with a prayer.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

MAKE AND SHARE EUCHARIST

Offertory Anthem This Little Light of Mine

Sursum Corda

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, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here the Celebrant gives a Proper Preface

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:

Sanctus (S-130) *Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel, if able. Then the Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...

...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 . . .

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. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer *Celebrant 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

At the Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. Whoever you are, wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome to receive initiation into the church through the sacrament of baptism.

Communion Hymns

Seated

Hymn 101 Away in a Manger

Hymn 79 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Prayer after Communion *Kneeling if able*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 111 Silent Night

Kneeling, if able

GO INTO THE WORLD

The Blessing

Hymn 100 Joy to the World

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Een Kindeken is ons geboren

John Bull

Christopher's Message

After the baby is born the baby grows up. You, too are invited to grow up as a human being and as a Christian. Here are five ways you can take a next step in your spiritual life starting in January.

PrayWorshipServe is the rhythm of life at St. Paul's. We pray with scripture, we worship in the beauty of holiness and we serve the poor. It's our way of being good. Will you join us in 2016?

Newcomer Classes begin Sunday, January 3rd at 11:30 am and continue through February. Meet great people, learn our fascinating history and take a next step in your growth in love.

A New Bible Study begins on Thursday, January 7th at 6:15pm. The first few sessions will be 'Bible 101' where I review the very basic history and structure of the book. I also teach simple and time-tested ways to explore its bottomless and often delightful depths.

Our New Children's Choir is open for new children who love to sing. They are already a treasured part of our multi-generational worship. Practices are Fridays at 5pm and on some Sundays.

Your Special Role on Sunday Mornings. On Sunday mornings Christians do the liturgy, which is a fancy word for the work of the people. There are many different roles to play from singing to reading to hospitality to caring for our beautiful things. Come Saturday, January 23rd at 9am and discover your unique place.

By God's grace I'm hoping for a great 2016 at St. Paul's.

**The Christmas flowers and decorations
are the gifts of members of the parish given in memory of loved ones.**

Frank Adamson
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