



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Christmas Eve
Festive Choral Eucharist at 11:00 p.m.
December 24, 2016

Caroling at 10:30 *See Insert*

GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Entrance Hymn 83 O Come, All Ye Faithful *All stand, if able; sung by all.*

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.

Gloria (*S-280*) - *Sung by all*

Glorify to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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 for Christmas *Said by Celebrant*

The First Lesson Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7 *Seated*

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

Hymn 105 God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

The Second Lesson Titus 2:11-14 *Seated*

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

Gradual Hymn 82 Of the Father's Love Begotten *Standing if able.*

Gospel Luke 2:1-14

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

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

Sermon *Seated.* The Rev. Christopher Martin

A minute of silence, then standing, if able.

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

Allon, Gay Bergeres

Guillame Costeley (1531-1606)

Doxology *Standing, if able.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Sursum Corda (S-120)

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 (*S-154*) *The leader introduces, the people join in singing.*

Alleluia. **Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; 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 81 Lo, how a Rose e're Blooming
101 Away in a Manger
102 Once in Royal David's City

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 96 Angels We Have Heard on High

Dismissal

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

Postlude

January at St. Paul's

Here are three ways to take a next step with St. Paul's in January:

Basic Christianity is a five part course in the basic Christian story. We start with creation, tell the whole story of Jesus' life and death and explore the ongoing meaning of the church. Sundays starting January 15th from 11:30am to 12:30pm.

Stop Hunger Now is sponsoring a meal packet preparation afternoon on Sunday, January 21st from 1pm to 4pm. Join people from St. Francis, Redeemer and Nativity as we assemble hundreds of meals to be sent to the poorest, most stressed places on the planet.

Party at the Martin's House in San Anselmo. A couple of times each year, the Martins host an Open House for the parish. Come get to know people better!

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

Frank Adamson	Vera Kranz
Rev. Herman and Lucile Anker	Emily and Quong Look
Marjorie Beggs	Mimi Look
Cassy and Andy	Peggy and Parke Masters
Marielos Chavarra	Esther Molony
Emily Alice Christie	Robyne Sherman Munro
Lloyd M. Christie	Susie Quenzer
Theodora P. Downing	Winifred and Richard Quigley
Dr. and Mrs. Quincey Fan	Robert C. Rice
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Mary Godfrey	Clara Berry Sanders
Chantal Handley	Jane Schmits
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Sarah Jane Hastings	Tim Westfall
Thomas Hastings	Mr. and Mrs. James Wong
William Hastings	
Sarah Jennings	...and others