



# ST. PAUL'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life**

Christmas Eve  
Family Eucharist at 5:00 p.m.  
December 24, 2016

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Prelude      Noel Provencal      P. Candelle

### 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      Luke 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 Hymn 105

#### 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 Noel Suisse Louis-Claude Daquin

## 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  
Rev. Herman and Lucile Anker  
Marjorie Beggs  
Cassy and Andy  
Marielos Chavarra  
Emily Alice Christie  
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Theodora P. Downing  
Dr. and Mrs. Quincey Fan  
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Mary Godfrey  
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Thomas Hastings  
William Hastings  
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