



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Christmas Day

The Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

December 25, 2018

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Prelude

GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Processional Hymn 100      *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.

Gloria      (S-280) *Sung by all*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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 of the Day *Said by Celebrant*

The First Lesson      Isaiah 52:7-10      *Seated*

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

Psalm 98      BCP Page 727      *Read aloud the portion of each verse after the asterisk.*

The Second Lesson Hebrews 1:1-12 *Seated*  
*After the reading, all reply Thanks be to God. Followed by a brief pause.*

A Song of Praise (S-236) *Sung by all. Standing, if able.*

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; Glory to you. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name. We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Gospel John 1:1-14 *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.*

Sermon *Seated.* The Rev. Christopher Martin

*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.*

#### MAKE AND SHARE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn 107 *Please stand, if able.*

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 Music

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.**

GO INTO THE WORLD

The Blessing

Hymn 96

Dismissal

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

Postlude

## January at St. Paul's

**St. Paul's 101** is a class that answers your questions about St. Paul's, the Episcopal Church and the Christian faith. The class will meet weekly starting on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in the Downing Library.

**New College of Christian Practice** Winter Session begins on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. The focus will be on doing the work God has given you to do with gladness and singleness of heart.

Thou, O Mary, hast perfectly fulfilled the will of the heavenly Father; thy greatest honor and blessedness is not to have been the mother only, but also the disciple of Christ. Blessed art thou to have heard the Word of God and to have kept it within thy heart. Thou didst harbor the truth of Christ in thine understanding, even more than his human flesh in thy womb. Thou art the beauty and the dignity of earth, O Blessed Virgin Mary. *Amen*

- *Attributed to St. Augustine*

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

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