



ST. PAUL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

December 24, 2021, Christmas Eve

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Prelude

Votre bonté grand dieu

Claude Balbastre

Welcome and Announcements

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*

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

The Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7 *Seated*

Hymn 82

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.*

#### SHARE EUCHARIST

Offertory Anthem

Love Came Down at Christmas

arr. Hermann Schroeder

Eucharistic Prayer A

Book of Common Prayer p. 361

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**

Communion Hymns 101, 115

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 87 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Dismissal

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

Postlude

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