



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

December 24, 2025, Christmas Eve

Prelude Noel Lee Chapman

Welcome and Announcements

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

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 Of the Father's Love Begotten

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 H. 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.

Offertory

A Babe is Born

arr. Gustav Holst

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 unto our Lord God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right and a good and joyful thing...

...who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your Glory.

Hosanna in the highest,

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love...

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father...

...glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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.

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

Communion Hymns 115, 101, 81

Hymn 111 Silent Night *Kneeling, if able*

The Blessing

Hymn 87 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Dismissal

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

Postlude Postlude on Mendelssohn David Willocks

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

PotLuck Christmas Feast

Tomorrow morning, after the 10am Christmas Morning Service, Christopher and Chloe will be hosting the annual Potluck Feast. They provide a ham, please bring a side or a desert to share. Just show up or contact Chloe at chloeadmartin@comcacst.net

The Epiphany Pageant will be on Sunday, January 3rd. Children and youth are welcome to come at 9am to get a costume and do a quick rehearsal before the presentation at the 10am service.

The Way of the Cross, The Way of Love, with Angels begins Saturday, January 10th at 8:45am in Duncan Hall. These six sessions are the perfect preparation for Lent.

Sunday School begins on January 11th in childcare during the 10am service.

Confirmation Class/The Basic ABCs begins on January 11th, at 11:30am in the Upper Room.. Basic Anglicanism, Bible and Christianity can be taken either for their own sake or as preparation for Confirmation at Grace Cathedral on May 2nd. It will be team-taught by Christopher and Erin.

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

S. Jack Adams

Peggy & Parke Masters

Geoffrey Bell

Esther Molony

In thanksgiving for Candice Crider

Robyne Sherman Munro

Roger Danford

Herb & Louise Olson

Theodora Downing

Therese M. Owen

Claire & Lymann Drake

John Perrotis

Jo Ellen Dunn

Dan Radmilovich in memory of loved ones

Quincey & Mary Fan

Andy & Pam Ragnes celebrating 61st anniversary

David Godfrey

Dawn Rice

Mary Lynne Godfrey

Mike Rood

Frederick Hastings

In thanksgiving for birth of Nora Rose

Sarah Jane Hastings

Clara Berry Sanders

William Hastings

Jane Santucci

Bob & Alice King's many gifts & blessings

Mark Santucci

Diane Luboff

Doris Smith

Peter & Vicky Martin

James & Yee Sen Wong

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