



A warm welcome to  
**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
Bailey's Crossroads



**The First Sunday of Advent**  
**November 27, 2022**  
**Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.**

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**First Sunday of Advent**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

*"Watch, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning, lest he come suddenly and find you asleep."*

*Mark 13:35-36*

**Processional Hymn**

**Stephen Schwartz**

**Prepare ye the way of the Lord**

**Prepare ye the way of the Lord (repeat)**

*when choir is seated the service continues*

**THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE**

Tam Mehuron will come forward and say the Advent Prayer:

**'Lord, grant us your Light, that being rid of the darkness of our hearts, we may come to the true Light which is Christ.'**

*She light the candle, while leading the congregation in singing:*

**The Candle Lighting Song**

**Tune: "Away in a manger"**

**Words: Sandra Dean**

**A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright;**

**A candle of Hope in December's dark night.**

**While angels sing blessings from heav'n's starry sky**

**Our hearts we prepare now, for Jesus is nigh.**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**The Penitential Order: Rite Two**

**BCP 351**

**The Great Litany**

**BCP 148-152**

**Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.  
Christe eleison. Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

**Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**The First Reading  
Old Testament****Isaiah 2:1-5**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.  
Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.  
O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Congregation stands  
Said in unison*

### **Canticle 15: The Song of Mary (Luke 1:46-55)**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
My spirit rejoices in God my savior;  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel,  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Second Reading**

### **The Epistle**

**Romans 13:11-14**

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Sequence Hymn**

**"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us**

**Hymn 61 v. 1&3**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Veni Emmanuel**

**All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**

**Gospeller**

**The Rev. Elizabeth W. Tomlinson**

**All: Glory to you, Lord Christ**

### **The Gospel**

**Matthew 24:36-44**

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.

Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**All: Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Elizabeth W. Tomlinson**

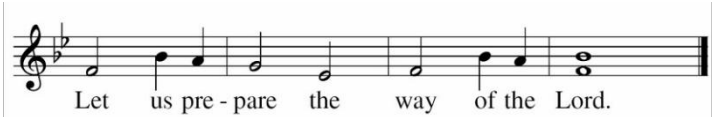
**Nicene Creed**

*[congregation stands]*

**BCP 358**

*[congregation kneels or stands]*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *from Common Worship: Times and Seasons*



**Responsorial**

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid, we pray to Jesus. Come to your Church as Lord and judge.

Maranatha!

**Responsorial**

We pray for your Church worldwide, especially for all those in the Anglican Communion, for our Liberian mission and for all those who spread the word of your gospel. We thank you for the work of your Holy Spirit in calling women and men to serve

your people. We pray for our Bishop: Susan; and for our priest, Elizabeth, that they may fulfill their calling and be a blessing to us all. Help us all to live in the light of your coming and give us a longing for your kingdom.

Maranatha!

**Responsorial**

Come to your world as King of the nations.

We pray that our government leaders will be so filled with your wisdom and grace that they will make such decisions that promote the common good, so that families and communities might fulfil their responsibilities to you and to each other.

Before you, Lord, all rulers will stand in silence.

Maranatha!

**Responsorial**

Give us all a reverence and appreciation for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others. Help us to remember the welfare of the generations that come after us that they may share in your abundant gifts to use and use them to your honor and glory.

Maranatha!

**Responsorial**

Come to all those who are in distress, fear, hunger or illness. We pray especially for the well-being of *Rachel, Myrtle, Jean, Bernard, Henry, Fred, Armina, Jaclyn's sister, Springer family, Natalie, Lamont, Gladys, Hudson family, John, Jay.*

We pray for those that we name aloud or in the silence of our heart.

Break into our lives where we struggle with sickness and distress and set us free to serve you forever.

Maranatha!

**Responsorial**

Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our soul. We remember those who have died whose lives have closely touched our own.

Give us with all the faithful departed a share in your victory over evil and death.

Maranatha!

### **Responsorial**

Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory. Lift us up to meet you, that with St. Paul and all your saints and angels, we may live and reign with you in your new creation.

Maranatha!

### **Responsorial**

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; Renew your Church and stir up your people.

**In place of fear, give us courage to go where you call us.**

**In place of apathy, give us a passion to proclaim.**

**In place of shyness, give us the right words to say.**

**In place of reticence, motivate us to deeds of love.**

**Send us out as laborers into the harvest,**

**that through our words and lives,**

**our nation may hear afresh the Gospel of salvation.**

**Amen.**

By your coming, raise us up to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen**

### **THE CONFESSION**

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph: 'you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' *Matthew 1:21*

Therefore, let us seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus the savior of the world.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.



*Silence*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our savior Jesus Christ that we may abide in your love, and serve only your will. Amen.**

*The Priest stands alone and says*

**THE ABSOLUTION**

**Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. AMEN.**

**THE PEACE**

*The peace of the Lord be always with you.*  
*People And also with you.*

*[congregation is seated]*

**Offertory "Rejoice! rejoice, believers" Hymn 68 v. 1&2**

**The Presentation of Alms and Oblations**

**Presentation Hymn Hymnal 380, v. 3**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## LITURGY OF THE TABLE

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

**BCP 361**

**Sanctus**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**S130**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full,  
Full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
In the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Traditional version**

**BCP 364**

**The Fraction**

**Agnus Dei**

**S-164**

**"Jesus, Lamb of God"**

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:  
Give us your peace, give us your peace**

**The Invitation**

## The Administration of Holy Communion



*All are invited to come forward. Gluten-free wafers are available.  
Request one at the rail. If you would prefer a blessing, please come to  
the rail and fold your arms across your chest.*

### Communion Hymn

**"O day of God, draw nigh"**

**Hymn 601 v.1&2**

### Post Communion Prayer

**BCP 365**

### Blessing

### Recessional Hymn

**"Christ is the world's true light"**

**Hymn 542 v. 1&2**

### Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of  
the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**LAY MINISTERS for today's service**

**Readers:**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Henry Oden

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Andia Henries-King

**Ushers** Andia Henries-King

**Acolyte** G. Alvin Jones

**Mission Statement:**

Our mission is to bring ourselves and our neighbors into the kingdom of God through worship, evangelism, and service.

**Vision Statement:**

We are a Christ-centered congregation embracing all God's children through God's love and grace.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ The NEXT Vestry Meeting is today at 12:30pm in Fleming Hall. Anyone interested is invited to attend.
- ❖ If you would like to light a candle in the Advent Wreath and lead the congregation in prayer, please speak to Rev. Liz
- ❖ Our candlelight Christmas Service will be on Christmas Eve at 7:30pm. If you would like to remember a loved one with a poinsettia displayed in the sanctuary, please contact Linda Green at [green@stpaulsboxr.org](mailto:green@stpaulsboxr.org) and give her the name for the memorial.
- ❖ On the first Sunday of the new year, January 1, 2023. We will have a Healing Service with anointing and Holy Eucharist at 10:30am.

*The act of praying aloud in corporate worship and naming the people we are praying for connects us with God, with each other, and with each of them in a spiritual way even though we may not know them personally or what their specific needs are. God knows them and knows what they need. And God knows us and hears us as we pray. Each of the people on this list is in some way connected to St. Paul's or has made a request to be on our Prayer List. Please commend them to God with your whole heart.*

### **St. Paul's Prayer List**

- ❖ Rachel (mother to Blanche and Natalie Eastman; physical health)
- ❖ Myrtle, a former parishioner, shut-in (well-being)
- ❖ Jean Trakowski (mourning the death of her husband, Al and her prayer partner, Frances)
- ❖ Bernard Bettsking (spiritual, mental, physical health)
- ❖ Henry Oden and his family (mourning the death of his wife, Georgia)
- ❖ Fred Silvers
- ❖ Armina Varga, Andia Henries-King's cousin's daughter (physical health)
- ❖ Jaclyn's younger sister (physical health)
- ❖ The family of Bill Springer (mourning his death)
- ❖ Natalie Eastman (physical health)
- ❖ Lamont Springfield, friend of Andia Henries-King (physical health)
- ❖ Gladys Bowens, June Jallah's mother (physical health)
- ❖ Greg Hudson's family mourning his death
- ❖ John T. Oden, Henry Oden's brother (physical health)
- ❖ Jay Green, Linda Green's husband (physical health)



Question: What's the meaning of the word 'maranatha'?

Answer: Maranatha is an Aramaic word that means "the Lord is coming" or "Come, O Lord." The early church faced much persecution, and life for a Christian under Roman rule was not easy. The Romans required everyone to declare that Caesar was god. The early Christians knew that there is only one God and one Lord...Jesus Christ...and in all good conscience they could not call Caesar "Lord," so the Romans looked upon them as traitors, persecuted them, and put them to death.

Living under those adverse conditions, the believers' morale was lifted by the hope of the coming of the Lord. "Maranatha!" became the common greeting of the oppressed believers, replacing the Jewish greeting *shalom* ("peace"). The followers of Jesus knew there would be no peace because Jesus had told them so (Matthew 10:34; Luke 12:51) But they also knew the Lord would be returning to set up His kingdom, and from that truth they drew great comfort. They were constantly reminding and being reminded that the Lord is coming (Luke 21:28; Revelation 22:12) Jesus taught several parables on this same theme of watching and waiting and being prepared for His return (Matthew 25:1-13; Luke 12:35-40)

Today, believers in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ live our lives in the light of the knowledge that He can come at any time. We are to be ready when the call comes. Every day we should expect Him to come, and every day we should long for Him to come. *Maranatha* reminds us to keep our eyes on the eternal things of the Spirit. To dwell on material things is to be in constant mental turmoil. Looking down, we see the earth; looking around we see earthly things. But looking up, we see the hope of the soon coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. To those who are discouraged today, Maranatha! To those who are worried today, Maranatha! To those who are filled with anxiety over the problems they are facing, Maranatha! Our Lord is coming!

Recommended Resource: [How to worship Jesus Christ: Experiencing His Manifest Presence](#) by Joseph Carroll.