

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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Welcome to St. Paul's. We're glad that you have joined us for worship, either in person or livestreamed on our YouTube channel. For as long as COVID infection rates remain elevated in our area, we ask everyone attending in person to wear a mask in worship and to sit safely distanced from people not from your household. At the distribution of Holy Communion (bread only), please come forward one at a time, and return to your seat through the door to your right and from the rear of the nave down the center aisle. Worship leaders are all vaccinated and will only unmask while speaking. Words in **boldface type** are the congregation's responses.

Prelude: *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor* ~ Setting by Paul Manz

The Word of God

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his 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**

A Song of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine* 1982 Hymnal S236

**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.**

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.**

**Glory to you, seated between the cherubim,
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you, beholding the depths,
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**

**Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

The Collect

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16 *Conserva me, Domine*

- ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
- ² All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- ³ But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- ⁴ Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- ⁵ O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- ⁶ My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- ⁷ I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- ⁸ I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- ¹⁰ For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- ¹¹ You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: *“St. Michael’s Setting”*

All Sing: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual Hymn: "St. Michael's Setting"

All Sing: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Sermon ~ Pastor Dan Wilfrid

The Hymn: *God of Every Nation*, #607

1. **O God of every nation, of every race and land.
Redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand;
Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,
In love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.**
2. **From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,
From trust in bombs that shower, destruction through the night;
From pride of race and nation and blindness to Your way.
Deliver ev'ry nation, eternal God, we pray.**
3. **Lord, strengthen those who labor that we may find release
From fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase;
When hope and courage falter, your still small voice be heard;
With faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.**
4. **Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
When hatred and division give way to love and peace,
Till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign
And Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.**

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 ~ Form VI ~ The Book of Common Prayer p. 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Douglas our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the needs and concerns of this congregation and its people; especially for:

Jared Snyder

Jon Bowdoin

Lisa Boulanger

Brian Cormier

Cindy Richard

Maureen Owens

Brandon Grenier

Eveline Beauregard

Millie Williams

Jay Hipkins

Jacob Decarolis

Dawn Deluca

Cyndi Flanagan

Andy LePage

Christopher

Sharon Hamel

Kim Shea

Bob and Lorene McLaughlin

Kathy Lewis

Fred and Ginny Monette

Evelyn Wolenty

Tom and Felicity Littlepage

Joni Pulnik

Suzanna Cleveland

Michael Crowley

Robin Hatch and family

For those in military service.

For the people of Afghanistan and for the people of Haiti and for all refugees.

For people who have suffered injury and loss from storms, fires and floods.

For our parishioners unable to be with us.

For the repose of the soul of Frank Wells and Jill Pollard.

In thanksgiving for the Sanctuary Candle given by Bob & Maureen Owens, in thanksgiving for Family.

In thanksgiving for the Communion Wine, given by Sylvia Wells in memory of Frank Wells.

In thanksgiving for the Communion Wine, given by Bob & Maureen Owens, in memory of Adam Gallant.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Your generous goodness comes to us new every day.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died,
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Collect

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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. **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Invitation

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Music: *Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing*

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your generosity and love.

Receive them for the sake of the one who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer C ~ *from the Book of Common Prayer p. 369*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus 1982 Hymnal, #S125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are 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.**

And so, gracious God, we who have been redeemed by Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving.

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our forebears: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah and Rebekah, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, holy God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Lamb of God *sung by all*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.

The Distribution

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come to supper. Feed on Christ in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music: *Voluntary on God of Every Nation* ~ Setting by Thomas Keesecker

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

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.

The Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for ever.

Amen

Sending Hymn: "Thy Kingdom Come!", #615

**1 Thy kingdom come! On bended knee the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see on earth that kingdom's day.**

**2 But the slow watches of the night not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right the silent stars are strong.**

**3 And lo, already on the hills the flags of dawn appear;
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls, proclaim the day is near:**

**4 The day in whose clear shining light all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned in might, and every hurt be healed;**

**5 When knowledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth abroad:
the day of perfect righteousness, the promised day of God.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *O Day of Radiant Gladness* ~ Setting by David Schekt

Worship Leaders and Helpers Today

Presider/Preacher ... Pastor Dan Wilfrid

Reader ...Denise Whitney LEM ...Ron Lewis

Organist ... Judy Greenlees

Altar Guild ... Cherrie Gauthier Camera ...Susan Hubbard

This Week at St. Paul's:

Today, 11:30 am – Laundry Love

Tuesday, 7:30 pm - Bible Study on Zoom.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS		NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY	
Justin Chipman	Nov. 1	Christina & David Baldini	Nov. 15
Gabriel Baldini	Nov. 4		
Alfred Sirois	Nov. 5		
Nicholas Theriault	Nov. 5		
Margie Bissonette	Nov. 7		
Brian Chipman	Nov. 8		
Catherine Mogavero	Nov. 10		
Edith Kosakowski	Nov. 16		
Robert Mogavero	Nov. 16		
Felicity Littlepage	Nov. 20		
Cherrie Gauthier	Nov. 28		
Denise Whitney	Nov. 29		