



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



The First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021
Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.

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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

June and Abraham Jallah 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.'

They 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

Confession and Absolution

BCP 352

The Great Litany

BCP 148-152

Kyrie Eleison

WLP 840

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

Collect of the Day

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The First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

See Insert

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

Psalm 25:1-9

Read responsively by whole verse

The Second Reading I Thessalonians 3:9-13

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

Sequence Hymn

“Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes”

Hymn 72 v1-3

Gospel Acclamation

Veni Emmanuel

Choir: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospeller

The Rev. Elizabeth W. Tomlinson

Gospeller: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Gospel

LUKE 21:25-36

See Insert

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Veni Emmanuel

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sermon

The Rev. Elizabeth W. Tomlinson

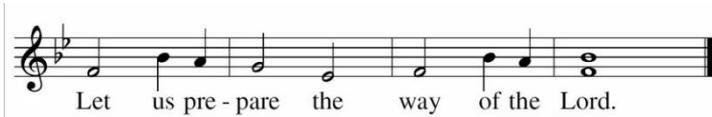
Nicene Creed

[congregation stands]

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[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 Bishops: Susan and Bob; 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; Lee; Lilian; Linda and her family; Lily Gabra's family; Myrtle; Jean; Bernard; the Oden family; the Runyon family; Fred; Carola; Armina; Bill Springer's family; Dave; and the Mehurons.

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**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Hasten, O, Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

[congregation is seated]

Offertory “Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior comes” Hymn 72

**v. 1 Hark! The glad sound! The Savior comes,
the savior promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song**

v. 2 He comes the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield

v. 3 He comes, the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure
and with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor

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

“The Lord will come and not be slow”

Hymn 462

**v. 1 The Lord will come and not be slow,
his footsteps cannot err;
before him righteousness shall go,
his royal harbinger.**

**v. 2 Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
shall bud and blossom show;
and justice, from her heavenly bower,
look down on us below.**

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Hymn 616

**v. 1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free;
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity.**

**v. 2 He comes with succor speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls condemned and dying,
Were precious in his sight.**

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:

1st Reading Abraham Jallah

2nd Reading June Jallah

Ushers Averill Springer

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

- ❖ Please notify Linda Green if you would like to light a candle on the Advent Wreath and lead us in prayer **Sunday December 12th** or **Sunday December 19th**.
- ❖ Please join us after morning service **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5** for the **DECORATING OF THE SANCTUARY FOR CHRISTMAS**.
- ❖ **SECOND SUNDAY BRAINSTORMING SESSION** immediately after morning worship **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12**.
- ❖ **SING ALONG/REHEARSAL WITH NOVA LIGHTS AND ANNA KO** will be **MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 AT 7PM**. Please come and enjoy some wonderful holiday music.
- ❖ This year's **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE AND HOLY EUCHARIST** will be **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 at 7:30PM**.
- ❖ Please join us **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 AT 10:30AM** for **LESSONS AND CAROLS**.
- ❖ **The HEALING SERVICE AND HOLY EUCHARIST** will be **SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 AT 10:30AM**.

NEXT Vestry Meeting will be at 12:30pm on **December 19**.

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)

Lee Purnell's family (mourning her death)

Lilian Marfo (physical health)

Myrtle, a former parishioner, shut-in (well-being)

Lily Gabra's Family (mourning her death)

Jean Trakowski (mourning the death of her husband Al)

Bernard Bettsking (spiritual, mental, physical health)

Henry Oden and his family (mourning the death of his wife, Georgia)

Mary Lou Runyon and her Family (mourning the death of her husband, Richard)

Fred Silvers

The family of Ellen Strickland (friend of Rev. Liz) who died on 06-10-2021

Carola Reyes (physical health, wife of Hector Reyes)

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)

Dave Wright (physical health)

Tam Mehuron (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.