



SAINT PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma

November 30, 2014

11:00 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite I

First Week of Advent

Welcome Letter from the Dean

Welcome to Saint Paul's Cathedral. We are so glad to have you as our guest at worship today! You are important to us and we appreciate you coming this morning.

I invite you to participate in worship today as you feel comfortable. I pray that your worship experience today will strengthen your faith journey. If this is your first time in the Episcopal Church, everything you need to follow worship is in this Worship Guide but if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask anyone around you for help. Our ushers and hosts are here to assist in any way that you need.

I hope you will worship with us again. Please, fill out the Information/Prayer/RSVP Card and place in the offering plate so that we can stay connected with you. The ushers and hosts are here to assist you. Welcome to Saint Paul's!

God's Peace,
The Very Reverend Justin Alan Lindstrom
Dean of the Cathedral

Holy Eucharist/Communion

Holy Eucharist, also known as Communion, is open to all of the baptized of all denominations. The Episcopal Church has an open table and you are invited to participate as you feel comfortable. The ushers will direct you forward to receive the sacrament. To receive the Eucharist, place your right palm over your left and you will be given the Bread; the Wine will be offered and you may guide the chalice to your lips. If you prefer not to drink from it, leave the wafer on your palm and the chalice bearer will dip it in the cup and place it in your mouth. If you wish to receive a Blessing in lieu of the Elements, simply cross your arms over your chest.



Gluten Free communion wafers are available at the Lectern Communion Station. Gluten Free emblems are available in the Narthex so that you can identify yourself to the person administering communion at that station. These wafers are made from rice and soy.

Book of Common Prayer and Hymnal

You are invited to follow the service in the Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal found in the pew rack in front of you. The page numbers are listed in the worship guide.

Making the Sign of the Cross

When you see [✠] it is appropriate and optional to make the sign of the cross. For the introduction of the Gospel when you see [✠✠✠] you may make the sign of the cross on your forehead, on your lips, and over your heart.

Offering

Your offering supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of Saint Paul's Cathedral. You can place your offering in the plate as it is passed around during the Offertory. We thank you for your gift. If you wish to make a commitment please contact the Cathedral offices during normal business hours.

Sunday School

Sunday School is offered for all ages between our 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM worship services from 10:10 AM to 10:55 AM. The classes are designed to be age appropriate so that we all can deepen our faith in Jesus Christ.

Children and Nursery Care

We love children and we invite them to worship with us. We also offer a professionally staffed nursery for all children up through 7 years old from 8:45 AM to 12:30 PM. The nursery is located in the Education Building past the reception desk.

Cell Phones

Please, turn your cell phones off so that they do not disturb you or those around you during worship.

Pastoral Care

Hospitals no longer notify churches of your admission. If you have not received a visit or phone call from the clergy within 24 hours of your hospitalization, it is likely we do not know you are in the hospital. Please help us minister to you by calling the church and letting us know.

Today's Music

Today's organ prelude and postlude are based on the Advent Gregorian chant "O come, O come, Emmanuel." The prelude is a quiet and reflective setting by Gerald Near (b. 1942). Near is retired from Church of the Holy Faith, Santa Fe and is one of America's best known composers of music for the church. The postlude is by Afro-American composer Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941) who grew up in Albany, New York, where he studied violin, piano, organ, and voice. Hailstork received a master's degree from the Manhattan School of Music and a doctorate in music composition from Michigan State University. He has served as professor at Youngstown State University in Ohio, as well as professor of music and Composer-in-Residence at Virginia's Norfolk State University. He is currently a professor of music and Composer-in-Residence at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia.

The Cathedral Choir sings a joyous setting of the Advent carol "People, Look East." The Besançon carol tune is arranged for choir and organ by Malcolm Archer. Archer (b. 1952) has served at Norwich, Bristol, Wells Cathedrals and then Director of Music at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. He is now Director of Chapel Music at Winchester College. In 2009, he was awarded the FRSCM (Fellow of the Royal School of Church Music) for his work in three cathedrals, and as a composer of church music. By the way, Besançon is the capital and principal city of the Franche-Comté region in eastern France.

Liturgy We Live *by Dr. Gil Haas*

Our altar has several component parts. The most functional part is the "mensa" (Latin for table). The mensa is the flat surface made of stone or other material upon which objects are placed. The sacred space upon which the elements (bread and wine and later Christ's body and blood) are placed is defined by a special cloth called a "corporal". The "frontal" is the decorated flat horizontal surface beneath and supporting the mensa. The decorative surfaces rising above the altar ledge are called "reredos", which translates as "behind" or "back". In the middle of the ledge is the "tabernacle" which contains the consecrated elements in reserve. This reserved Eucharist is for distribution when additional Eucharist is needed, for communion to the sick, and as the center of attention for meditation and prayer. A priest or deacon is usually the person to remove or replace Eucharist in the tabernacle. The lit sanctuary lamp, or "presence lamp", hanging from the ceiling signifies that consecrated Eucharist is present. The "altar ledge", "retable", or "gradini" are various names for the flat surface above and to the back of the mensa upon which flowers and candles are placed.

Before the Service

Please keep a moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship and if you so desire you may use the following prayer:

O Almighty God, who pourest out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prelude

*Veni, Veni Emmanuel
(O come, O come, Emmanuel)
Gerald Near*



The Lighting of the Wreath

This is the season of Advent, the season of waiting, watching, joyous expectation, and preparation.

The First Candle is a symbol of prophecy and hope. We believe the promises of the prophets to be delivered to us as messages from God and that we have hope found in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Let us now light the Advent wreath, which we keep as a reminder, in light, of our preparation. For God alone my soul in silence waits: from Him comes my salvation.

Let us pray, together.

O come O come Emmanuel. Lord, as we await your coming, prepare our hearts to receive you; grant us simplicity of spirit; give us the grace to see you in all we meet; grant us the courage to do difficult things in your name; strengthen us for your service; protect us from temptation, and grant us peace. Amen.

(The candle of the day is lit)

[Moment of Silence]

[Please stand if you are able]

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 61, verses 1-3

**“Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us,
the shout of rampart guards surrounds us:**

“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”

**Midnight’s peace their cry has broken,
their urgent summons clearly spoken:**

“The time has come, O maidens wise!

**Rise up, and give us light;
the Bridegroom is in sight.**

Alleluia!

**Your lamps prepare and hasten there,
that you the wedding feast may share.”**

**Zion hears the watchman singing;
her heart with joyful hope is springing,
she wakes and hurries through the night.
Forth he comes, her Bridegroom glorious
in strength of grace, in truth victorious:
her star is risen, her light grows bright.**

**Now come, most worthy Lord,
God’s Son, Incarnate Word,**

Alleluia!

**We follow all and heed your call
to come into the banquet hall.**

**Lamb of God, the heavens adore you;
let saints and angels sing before you,
as harps and cymbals swell the sound.
Twelve great pearls, the city’s portals:
through them we stream to join the immortals
as we with joy your throne surround.**

**No eye has known the sight,
no ear heard such delight:**

Alleluia!

**Therefore we sing to greet our King;
for ever let our praises ring.**

Opening Acclamation

BCP 319

Hymnal S80

✠ Bless the Lord who forgiveth us all our sins.

His mercy endureth forever.

The Summary of the Law

BCP 319

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Invitation to the Confession

So that we may prepare ourselves, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins.

[Please kneel if you are able]

BCP 320

1 John 1:8,9

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Hebrews 4:14,16

Seeing that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Confession

BCP 320

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

[Keep silence]

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Absolution

BCP 321

The Almighty and merciful Lord ☩ grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Kyrie

Hymnal S91

Lord, have mercy upon us. (x3)

Christ, have mercy upon us. (x3)

Lord, have mercy upon us. (x3)

Collect

BCP 159

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

[Please kneel if you are able]

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

[You may be seated]

Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-9

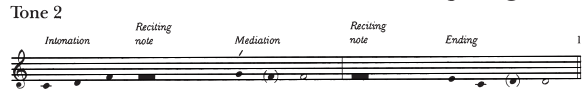
A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80

qui regis Israel



Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a **flock**;
shine forth,
you that are enthroned upon the **cherubim**.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and **Manasseh**,
stir up your strength and **come to help us**.

Restore us, O God of **hosts**;
show the light of your countenance,
and we **shall be saved**.

O LORD God of **hosts**,
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers **of your people**?

You have fed them with the bread of **tears**;
you have given them bowls of **tears to drink**.

You have made us the derision of our **neighbors**,
and our enemies **laugh us to scorn**.

Restore us, O God of **hosts**;
show the light of your countenance,
and we **shall be saved**.

Let your hand be upon the man of your **right hand**,
the son of man
you have made so strong **for yourself**.

And so will we never turn **away from you**;
give us life, that we may call upon **your Name**.

Restore us, O LORD God of **hosts**;
show the light of your countenance,
and we **shall be saved**.

Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A Reading from the First Epistle to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

[Please stand if you are able]

Gospel Hymn

Hymnal 56, verse 1

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and

gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Gospel Hymn

Hymnal 56, verse 2

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.**

[You may be seated after
the sermon opening prayer]

Sermon

You are the Potter, We are the Clay

[After the sermon there will be a moment of
silence for private meditation]

[Please stand if you are able]

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.**

BCP 326

Prayers

Form I, BCP 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

[Please kneel if you are able]

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Justin of Canterbury; Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Edward, our Bishop; and the clergy and people of the diocese of Oklahoma and our companion diocese of Uruguay, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Barack, our President; Mary, our Governor; and Mick, our Mayor; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Oklahoma City, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace and wellbeing of all those who defend our country at home and abroad, and keep safe all who are in dangerous circumstances, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, (Special intentions) let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer (Special intentions), and in the Cathedral cycle of prayer (Special intentions), let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those who are celebrating special occasions, (Special intentions) let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

✦ And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear and for the recently departed, especially (Special intentions) let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Paul and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

[The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect]

[Please stand if you are able]

Peace

BCP 332

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

[You may share a greeting of peace
with those near you]

[You may be seated]

Welcome

Offertory Sentence

BCP 344

Hebrews 13:15,16

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But to do good and to distribute, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Offertory

*Text: Eleanor Farjeon
Music: Besançon carol melody,
arr. Malcolm Archer*

People, look East. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth, and set the table.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love the Guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love the Rose is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east, and sing today:
Love the Star is on the way.

Angels, announce to man and beast
Him who cometh from the East.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look East and sing today:
Love the Lord is on the way.

[Please stand if you are able]

Doxology

Hymnal 76, verse 5

**All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit evermore.**

Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer II
BCP 334, Hymnal S112*

The Lord be with you.

And with thy Spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Proper Preface for Advent BCP 345

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son
to redeem us from sin and death,
and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life;
that when he shall come again in power
and great triumph to judge the world,
we may without shame or fear
rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus

Hymnal S114

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

[Please kneel if you are able]

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be ✠ filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Ghost
all honor and glory be unto thee,
O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal S119

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.**

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S158

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world, grant us thy peace.**

Prayer of Humble Access

BCP 337

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table,
O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much
as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.**

**But thou art the same Lord
whose property is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

[You may be seated]

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 65, verses 1-3

*Oh, blest is Christ that came
in God's most holy name.*

**Prepare the way, O Zion,
your Christ is drawing near!**

**Let every hill and valley
a level way appear.**

**Greet One who comes in glory,
foretold in sacred story.**

**He brings God's rule, O Zion;
he comes from heaven above.**

**His rule is peace and freedom,
and justice, truth, and love.**

**Lift high your praise resounding,
for grace and joy abounding.**

**Fling wide your gates, O Zion;
your Savior's rule embrace.**

**His tidings of salvation
proclaim in every place.**

**All lands will bow before him,
their voices will adore him.**

Post-communion Prayer

BCP 339

Let us pray.

[Please stand or kneel if you are able]

Almighty and everliving God,
we most heartily thank thee
for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby of thy favor
and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate
in the mystical body of thy Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope,
of thy everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly beseech thee,
O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works
as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Advent Blessing

Book of Occasional Services

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, ☩ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

[Please stand if you are able]

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 57, verses 1-4

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,
once for our salvation slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at nought and sold him,
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers;
with what rapture, with what rapture,
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Toccata on Veni Emmanuel
Adolphus Hailstork



Pastoral Prayers

If you desire pastoral prayers, please make that request of one of our clergy after the conclusion of the worship service.

Those Serving Today

Canon Musician H. Scott Raab

Cathedral Choir: Katie Armistead, Matt Armistead, John Dunn, Sharon Ellington, Bud Johnson, Lou Kohlman, Kevin McDonald, Leah McDonald, Gail Malmstrom, Mary Reynolds, Larry Young, Joe Wilkerson, Hunter Birkhead, Chris Lawrence, Mark Sessing, Emma Sharp

Altar Guild: Carolyn Gresham-Fiegel, Ann Bonsteel, Matthew Herrin, Todis McDonald, Joann Speers, Ashley Ozan, Jeannie Haas

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Susan Colley Joplin

Preacher: The Very Rev. Justin Lindstrom

Assisting: The Rev. Tim Sean Youmans,
The Rev. Gerald Butcher

Verger: Susan Urbach

Acolytes: Chris Henry, Pierce Sapper, Isabela Pardo, Carolina Pardo, Amelia Ozan

Host: Debbie Butcher

Lector - First Lesson: Bud Johnson

Lector - Second Lesson: Rick Wise

Intercessor: Carol Howard

Oblationers: Wesley and Amanda Money

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Wise, Carol Howard, David Sapper, Mark Sessing

Ushers: David Sapper, David Warrior, Charles Foster, Van Bielstein, Dennis Lewelling

Audio: Terry Jenks

Labyrinth Calendar

December Guided Walks

Monday, December 8th at 1:15 PM

Deepen your Advent to Christmas journey with a guided walk entitled: "Moving From Advent Dark to Christmas Light." *Please RSVP on the back cover.*

Tuesday, December 9th at 1:15 PM

A 12-Step Recovery walk is open to anyone who desires to know more about the 12-Steps and/or those currently participating in any 12-Step group. The December 12-Step walk will include a short talk on the 12th step.

December Open Walks (self-directed)

Monday, December 8th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Tuesday, December 9th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Lessons and Carols Pageant

December 21st - 9:00 AM Service

Saturday Children's Rehearsal Schedule

December 6th 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

December 13th 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

December 20th 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Christmas in Watonga

December 7 @ Whirlwind Mission

Join us for a heart-warming and festive afternoon of activities at the Whirlwind Mission in Watonga. Crafts for children begins at 11:30 AM followed by Eucharist at 12:15 PM, Pot Luck Lunch at 12:45 PM and Saint Nicholas at 1:30 PM. *Located on HW 33 about 1 1/2 miles east of the intersection of HW 281 and HW 33.*

Flower Delivery Ministry Meeting

Each Sunday, flowers from the altar are re-created into arrangements to be delivered to members of the congregation unable to attend Church. We are in need of volunteers who wish to take part in this joyful ministry by delivering flowers to the homebound and hospitalized. All it takes is a brief drive by the Church to pick up an arrangement and a few minutes to make a delivery. Come to a meeting at 8:00 AM on Sunday, December 14th, in the Chapter Room as we organize a delivery of Christmas poinsettias that will brighten the day of someone in need at Christmastime. Call Canon Joplin or Brian Speers at 235-3436 for more information. *Please RSVP with the coupon on the back cover.*

ECW Quiet Day @ Saint Paul's

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM Saturday, December 20

Join us for a Quiet Day where we will explore the "Past, Present, and Future." Through a series of three meditations and quiet time of reflection we will discern what we can learn from the past, how to be in the present, and seek God's vision and guidance for the future. Breakfast and lunch provided. *Please RSVP with the coupon on the back cover.*

Sunday @ Saint Paul's

Advent Sunday Forums

Connect to Christ: The Secular to the Sacred

10:10 am in Dean Willey Hall

November 30 - 1st Sunday of Advent

“The Surprising Science of Happiness”

by Dan Gilbert

December 7 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

“The Power of Vulnerability”

by Brene Brown

December 14 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

“The Shared Experience of Absurdity”

by Charlie Todd

Church School @ 10:10 in the Undercroft

Advent Wednesday Nights

“Connect to Christ”

5:30 PM Dinner in Dean Willey Hall

6:45 PM Evensong in the Cathedral

December 3rd Preacher - Canon Susan

December 10th Preacher - Bishop Ed

December 17th Preacher - Dean Justin

6:45 PM Children's Program in the Undercroft

Childcare Provided

Lessons and Carols Christmas Pageant

9:00 AM – Sunday, December 21

Christmas Eve

5:00 PM – Holy Eucharist Rite II*
with Festive Music at 4:45 PM

7:00 PM – Holy Eucharist Rite II*
with Festive Music at 6:45 PM

11:00 PM – Holy Eucharist Rite I
with Festive Music at 10:30 PM

Christmas Day

11:00 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite I

This Week @ St. Paul's

Sunday, 30

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I (*no Music*) – Cathedral
- 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II – Cathedral
- 10:10 AM Ted Talk – Dean Willey Hall
- 10:10 AM Church School - Undercroft
- 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I – Cathedral

Monday, 1

- 9:00 AM St. George's Guild Outreach – Back Bldg.
- 12:10 PM AI-Anon – Undercroft

Tuesday, 2

- 12:10 PM AA – Library

Wednesday, 3

- 9:00 AM St. George's Guild Outreach – Back Bldg.
- 9:00 AM Mobile Meals – Kitchen
- 11:00 AM Ignatian Novitiate – Parlor
- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry – Parlor
- 5:30 PM Advent Dinner and Programs

Thursday, 4

- 9:30 AM St. Catherine's Prayer Group – Parlor
- 11:30 AM Tai Chi Class – Dean Willey Hall
- NOON Ignatian Practitioners – Parlor
- 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II – Chapel
- 6:30 PM EfM – Parlor

Friday, 5

- 9:00 AM St. George's Guild Outreach – Back Bldg.

Saturday, 6

- 9:00 AM Children's Pageant Rehearsal – Cathedral
- 5:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II – Cathedral

Sunday, 7

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I (*no Music*) – Cathedral
- 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II – Cathedral
- 10:10 AM Ted Talk – Dean Willey Hall
- 10:10 AM Church School - Undercroft
- 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I – Cathedral
- 5:00 PM Taizé – Cathedral

Worship Reflections

Information Card

Guest

Updated Information

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone(s)

Email(s)

Service attended: 5pm Saturday

Sunday: 8am 9am 11am

Age Generation: 18-35 35-55 55-70 70+

Child Name Age Grade

Child Name Age Grade

Child Name Age Grade

What ministries are you interested in here at Saint Paul's Cathedral?

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Ministry Opportunity Notes

Sign Me Up

Sign me up for the Saint Paul's eZine, Ministry Minute and Dean's Letter

I don't have email and would like to be mailed a paper copy of the eZine.

Paper copies of the Ezine and Ministry Minute are also available in the Reception Area.

Please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate

You may tear off this section and take it home with you or take the entire worship guide.

Prayer Card

Name of requestor:

- Confidential Clergy Prayer List
 Public Prayer List

Name of person needing prayers:

Description _____

RSVP Card

Name _____

Contact Info _____

I/we plan to attend:

Advent Wednesday Dinner and Programs

- Wednesday, December 3
 Wednesday, December 10
 Wednesday, December 17

Adult # _____ Child # _____

- Advent Labyrinth Walk**
1:15 pm Monday, Dec 8 in Dean Willey Hall
- Flower Delivery Training**
8 am Sunday, Dec 14 in the Chapter Rm
- ECW Quiet Day**
9 am Saturday, Dec 21 at the Cathedral

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