

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT ST. PAUL'S
The Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 8, 2024



The Sermon of Saint John the Baptist, oil on oak wood, app. 1600 AD, Pieter Brueghel the Younger.

Welcome to St. Paul's!

Worshipping With Us: *Our worship follows the Book of Common Prayer in the pew racks (BCP) and authorized supplements, The People's responses are in bold. Our music comes from The Hymnal unless noted. Music noted "S-" are printed in this bulletin, "H-" in the Hymnal, and "L-" is the black-and-red Lift Every Voice and Sing. Links to the online Book of Common Prayer are in blue. Hymns are listed on the hymnboard at the front of the church as well as in this bulletin.*

Restrooms are located downstairs; please ask for directions.

Please ensure devices are off or set to vibrate. Thank you.

The Holy Eucharist

The Word of God

Prelude

Instrumental

Opening Hymn

Sleepers Wake!

H-61

*1 "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."*

*2 Zion bears the watchmen 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.*

*3 Lamb of God, the heavens adore you,
let saints and angels sing before you,
as harps and cymbals swell the song.
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 sign to greet our King,
for ever let our praises ring.*

The Acclamation

[BCP. p. 323](#)

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever, Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Song of Petition (*sung by all*)

Lord Have Mercy

S-90

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer -
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The Collect (Prayer) of the Day

[BCP. p. 159](#)

Presider: Merciful God, who didst send thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus

Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading *Baruch 5:1-9*

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.
Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.
For God will give you evermore the name,
"Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."
Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look toward the east,
and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.
For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.
For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made
low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.
The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.
For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Response *The Song of Zechariah Benedictus Dominus Deus Luke 1: 68-79*
(Prayed by all, alternating by half verse.)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies, *

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *

holy and righteous in his sight

all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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 New Testament Reading *Philippians 1:3-11*

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and

blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn at the Gospel (*stand*)

Comfort, Comfort Ye

H-67

*1 Comfort, comfort ye my people,
speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness
mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that her sins I cover,
and her warfare now is over.*

*2 Hark, the voice of one that crieth
in the desert far and near,
calling us to new repentance
since the kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him,
and the hills bow down to greet him.*

The Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

Acclamation before the Gospel:

Glory to you, Lord Christ

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Response after the Gospel

Praise to you, Lord Christ

*3 Make ye straight what long was crooked,
make the rougher places plain;
let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
now o'er earth is shed abroad;
and all flesh shall see the token
that the word is never broken.*

Sermon

Fr. Bob

The Nicene Creed

[BCP. p. 326](#)

Prayers of the People

[BCP p. 328](#)

This Week's Intercessions: *(all say the names in bold):*

We pray for **Sue** Ferguson, **Rosie** Stephens, **Heather** Durdil, **Stan** Mizerny, **Jan** Bright, **Zach** Mitchell, **Mary** Solon, **Missi** Kowalski, **Jeanne** Burgess, **Amy** Huston, and those others who have asked for our prayers, whom we now name, aloud or in our hearts....

We pray for all who have died, especially those others we name now in our hearts or aloud.....

We pray for an ending to war throughout the world, and especially in Ukraine, Sudan, and the Middle East.

We pray in thanksgiving for all your blessings that you have given us, and especially those we name, aloud or in our hearts....

We pray for all the residents and visitors of these Lake Erie Islands, and those we name now, aloud or in our hearts....

We pray for **all the members and guests of this parish, for Bob our priest**, and for our sister churches of **Zion Methodist Kelleys Island, St. Michael's Kelleys Island, Mother of Sorrows Put-in-Bay, St Paul's Duluth, St. Paul's Elkins Park, and Our Lady Star of the Sea, Pelee Island.**

In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for: **Anne our Bishop; and for our Clergy in Non-Parochial Ministries.**

And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for **Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury**, and the people and clergy of: **The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan; the Diocese of Kobe (Japan); the Diocese of Koforidua (W. Africa); the Diocese of Kolhapur (N. India); the Diocese of Kollam – Kottarakkara (S. India); the Diocese of Kondoa (Tanzania); and the Diocese of Kongor (S. Sudan).**

For who else and what else shall we pray today?

The Confession of Sin

[BCP. p. 330](#)

Welcoming a New Member

Presider:

Dear Friends in Christ, in companionship with each other as we journey in faith, we welcome new members into this community of St. Paul's. We welcome them to join us as we seek to love the Lord our God with heart and soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We welcome and cherish their unique gifts and experiences as together we follow the Holy Spirit in transforming this community for the work and mission of Jesus Christ.

The new members of the community are presented.

A member of the vestry or other leader makes the presentation.

Presenter: I present Ed Fisher to be welcomed as members of this Community.

Presider: Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as a member of St. Paul's?

New Member: I do.

Presider: Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in this community of faith and pledge to work, pray, and give to build up our common life?

New Member: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you who witness these promises, do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People

Loving God, we give thanks that you have brought Ed and his family to join us in ministry. Knit us together, one to another, so that in unity we may know you and serve you in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Greeting:

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And with thy spirit.**

All may greet those close to them with a sign of Christ's peace.

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Blessings

The Holy Communion

At the Offering

Instrumental

Please support the ministry of St. Paul's with your tithes and offerings.

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At the Presentation

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

H-380, vs 3

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

The Communion Prayer

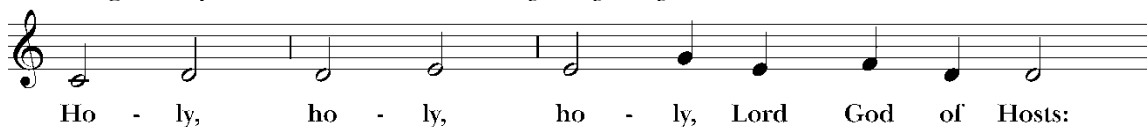
Prayer II

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The Angelic Hymn

Holy Holy Holy

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The Lord's Prayer (*traditional*)

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At The Breaking of the Bread:

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Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.*

Reception of Communion

All who are baptized and permitted to receive Communion in their own traditions are welcome at the Lord's Supper. Come up to the Altar Rail and stand or kneel. Receive the Bread or gluten-free Host in your hand, and either consume it and drink from the Chalice, or dip the Host into the Chalice when it comes to you. (Ask the Presider if you require gluten-free.) If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please simply cross your hands over your chest.

Communion Hymn

Prepare the Way, O Zion

H-65

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

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

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

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

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

*O blest is Christ who came
in God's most holy name.*

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

*O blest is Christ who came
in God's most holy name.*

3 Fling wide your gates, O Zion;

*your Savior's rule embrace,
and tidings of salvation*

proclaim in every place.

*All lands will bow rejoicing,
their adoration voicing.*

*O blest is Christ who came
in God's most holy name.*

Prayer after Communion

[BCP p.339](#)

Let us pray.

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.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

O Come O Come Emmanuel vs 3-4

H-56

*3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.*

*4 O come, O Branch of Jesse's tree,
Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust thy mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.*

Refrain:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.*

Dismissal

All respond:

Thanks be to God!



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Service Schedule

This Sunday Dec. 8

Next Sunday Dec. 15

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Paula Hubner

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Reader

Kira Hubner

Ed Hubner

Intercessor

Ed Hubner

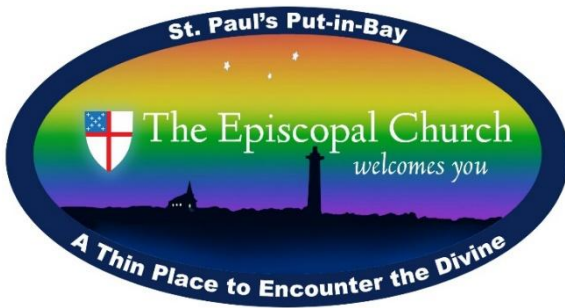
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This Week at St. Paul's

The Church remains open daily for prayer and meditation.

Worship:

Sunday 9 AM: Christian Formation in the Parish Hall

Sunday 10:30 AM: Holy Eucharist with hymns

Winter Office Hours: By appt. – call Fr Bob to arrange a time.

12-Step Groups, in the Parish Hall: Monday 8 AM – AA, Tuesday 7:30 PM – Al-Anon
Thursday 7 PM – AA; Saturday 8 AM – AA

News and Announcements

- With permission, we share Bill Jellison's new address: The Parkvue Community, Apt. 217, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd., Sandusky OH 44870.
- Please contact Fr. Bob if you are not receiving the weekly email and would like to. We'll need an email address or a mobile number, or both.
- To make a memorial request for Christmas poinsettias, please contact Fr. Bob or use the form enclosed in this bulletin.
- The Twelve Days of Christmas:
 - Tuesday Dec. 24: Christmas Eve at 8 PM
 - Wednesday Dec. 25: Christmas Day at 12 noon
 - Thurs.-Sat. Dec 26-28: SS Stephen, John, and Holy Innocents at 12 noon
 - Sunday Dec. 29: The First Sunday after Christmas at 10.30 AM.
 - Wednesday January 1: The Name of Jesus at 12 noon
 - Sunday January 5: Christmas Lessons and Carols at 10.20 AM
 - Monday, January 6: The Epiphany at 6 PM, with the Very Last Christmas Party to follow.