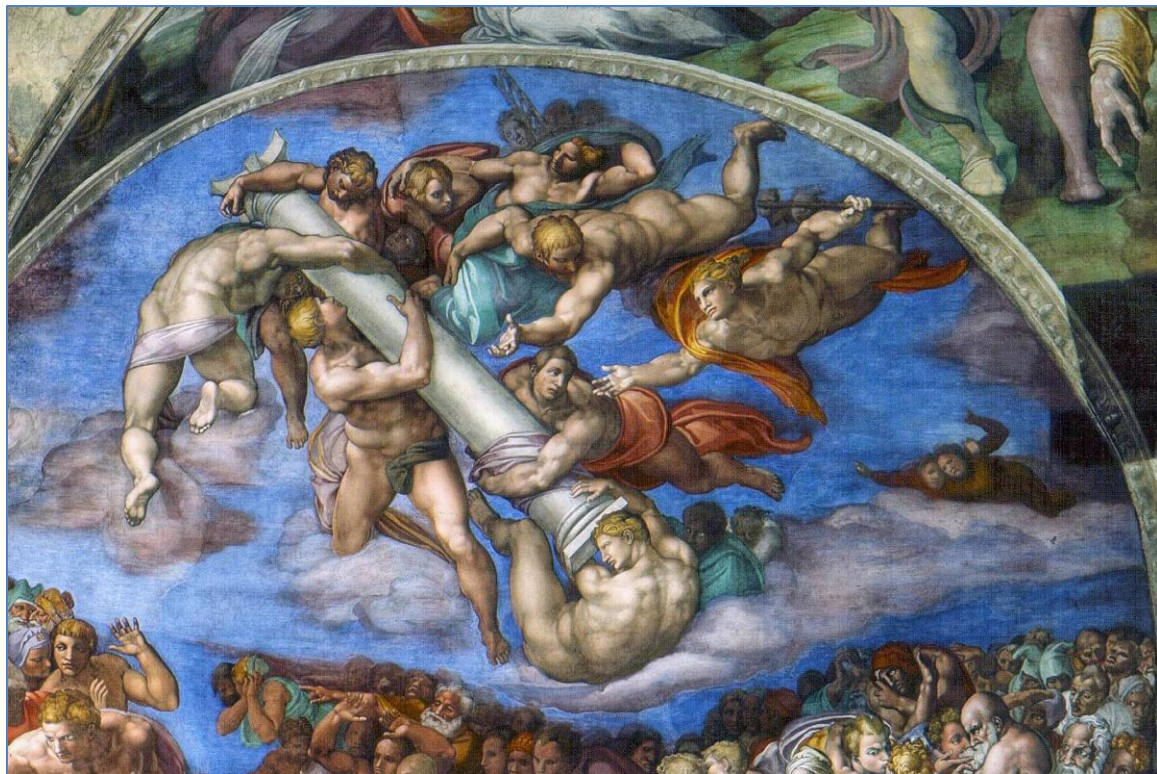


THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT ST. PAUL'S
The First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 30, 2025



Scene from The Last Judgement in the Sistine Chapel in Rome, fresco, 1536-1541, Michaelangelo.

Welcome to St. Paul's!

Whether you come from far or near, we greet you in the name of Jesus Christ! We invite people of all denominations and none to join in our worship together.

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. "**H-**" is 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](#). Explanations of each section are marked with ¶.

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

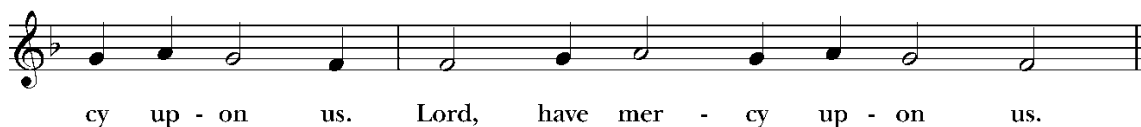
The Great Litany

[BCP p. 148](#)

Song of Petition (*sung by all*)

Lord Have Mercy

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The Collect (Prayer) of the Day

The Collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

President: 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

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;

This 1st Reading is from the Jewish Scriptures, (what we call the Old Testament,) which is the Bible that Jesus and the first disciples knew and read from.

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!

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

The Response *Laetatus Sum*
(Prayed by all, alternating by half verse.)

Psalms 122

*The Psalms and Canticles are songs
from the Hebrew Scriptures that
Jesus used and cover every mood of
humanity's relationship with God
and one another. Anglicans pray the
Psalms daily at Morning and
Evening Prayer and at nearly all
public services.*

I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD, *
**the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD.**

For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

The New Testament Reading

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.

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

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

Hymn at the Gospel (*stand*) *Hark, a Thrilling Voice is Sounding*

H-59

*1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding,
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
"Cast away the works of darkness,
O ye children of the day."*

*2 Wakened by the solemn warning,
from earth's bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.*

*3 Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;*

The Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

Acclamation before the Gospel:

Glory to you, Lord Christ

This reading, for most important of the three, is always from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.”

Response after the Gospel

Praise to you, Lord Christ

*4 so when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
may he with his mercy shield us,
and with words of love draw near.*

*5 Honor, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while unending ages run.*

Sermon

Fr. Bob

The Nicene Creed

[BCP. p. 326](#)

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

In our parish, we pray for **Sue** Ferguson, **Heather** Durdil, **Jeanne** Burgess, **Sandy** Chance, **Laura** Booker Caviello, **Dave** Frederick, **Zach** Mitchell, **Michele** Johnston, **Smith** Solon, **Rachel** Braher, and those others whom we now name, aloud or in our hearts....

We pray for all who have died, especially by gun violence and natural disaster, and those we call out now in our hearts or aloud....

We pray for a just ending to war and unrest throughout the world, and especially in Ukraine, Gaza, and in our own nation as well.

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 rector, for **Joey**, preparing for Baptism, and for our sister churches of **St Paul’s Duluth**, **St. Paul’s Elkins Park**, **Our Lady Star of the Sea Pelee Island**, **Mother of Sorrows Put-in-Bay**, **Zion Methodist Kelleys Island**. and **St. Michael’s Kelleys Island**.

In our Diocese of Ohio, we pray for: **Anne** our Bishop, and in the the Summit Mission Area, **Church of Our Saviour, Akron**; **St. Paul’s Church, Akron**; **St. Philip’s Church, Akron**; **St. Andrew’s Church, Barberton**; and **St. John’s Church, Cuyahoga Falls**

And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for: **Sarah**, the Archbishop of **Canterbury-designate**, and for the people and clergy of: **The Anglican Church of**

Australia; the Diocese of Ruaha (Tanzania); **the Diocese of Rumbek** (S. Sudan); **the Diocese of Rumonge** (Burundi); **the Diocese of Rupert's Land** (Canada); **the Diocese of Rutana** (Burundi); and **the Diocese of Ruvuna** (Tanzania).

For who else and what else shall we pray today?

The Greeting:

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

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

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Blessings

The Holy Communion

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, prayed for the Church and the world, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the sacrifice and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offering, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, in the money we give, and symbolically in the bread and wine.

At the Offering

Instrumental

It requires nearly \$330 a day to keep our church and food pantry open every day. Please support the ministry of St. Paul's with your tithes and offerings. To give securely online, scan this QR code:



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 B

[BCP p. 367](#)

The Angelic Hymn

Holy Holy Holy

S-113

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:
 Heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be
 to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
 in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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The Lord's Prayer (*traditional*)

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At The Breaking of the Bread:

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

For those who cannot receive the Sacrament today,
you may wish to pray this prayer while Communion is being distributed:

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you with my own faith community, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you live in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

H-68

*1 Rejoice! rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising,
and soon he will draw nigh;
up, watch with expectation!
at the midnight comes the cry.*

*2 See that your lamps are burning,
replenish them with oil;
look now for your salvation,
the end of sin and toil.
The marriage-feast is waiting,
the gates wide open stand;
rise up, ye heirs of glory,
the Bridegroom is at hand!*

*3 Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, thou Sun so longed for,
above this darkened sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption,
and ever be with thee!*

Prayer after Communion

[BCP p.365](#)

The Blessing

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

*2 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.*

Refrain:

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

Dismissal

All respond:

Thanks be to God!



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News and Announcements

- 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 at St. Paul's:

Wednesday Dec. 24: Christmas Eve at 8 PM

Thursday Dec. 25: Christmas Day at 12 noon

Friday-Sat. Dec 26-27: Feasts of SS Stephen, and John, at 12 noon

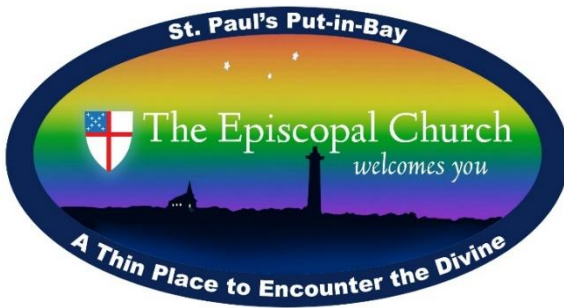
Sunday Dec. 28: The First Sunday after Christmas at 10.30 AM.

Monday Dec. 29: Feast of the Holy Innocents, at 12 noon

Thursday January 1: The Holy Name of Jesus at 12 noon

Sunday January 4: Christmas Lessons and Carols at 10.30 AM

Tuesday, January 6: The Epiphany at 6 PM, with the Very Last Christmas Party to follow.



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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

Wednesday 12 noon: Prayers for the Nation and World, with Holy Communion

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

Service Schedule

Altar Guild

Accompanist

Reader

Intercessor

Eucharistic Minister

This Sunday Nov 30

Melinda McCann

Paula Hubner

Bob White

Bob White

Next Sunday Dec. 7

Melinda McCann

Mary Steunenberg

Contact Val Chornyak or Fr Bob if interested in a service ministry