

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Christmas Eve – December 24, 2020 • 1:00PM

Children's Service

*Celebrating and Preaching: The Reverend Noah H. Evans*

*Assisting: The Reverend Laura DiPanfilo*

**Know that God loves you, no exceptions.**

**You are always welcome at God's table at St. Paul's.**

St Paul's is a spiritual home and welcoming community to people of all ages, generations, educational backgrounds, financial means, abilities and disabilities, races, ethnicities and nationalities, without regard to sexual orientation, gender, gender identity/expression, with many different family and religious backgrounds. Some of us are lifelong Episcopalians; some were raised in other Protestant denominations or in the Roman Catholic Church; some are new to the Christian faith; some are not quite sure what they believe. There is a place here for you.

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## **Prelude:**

**Christmastime is Here**

Vince Guaraldi

Christin Cooper, piano

**Angels We Have Heard On High**

Traditional French Carol

Piper Bozick, flute

Molly Bozick, piano

## **Welcome**

**Advent Wreath Lighting Song: "We Light the Candle"**

**A. Steven Taranto**

Christin Cooper, voice and piano

**Light Christmas Candle on Advent wreath** *(The Wyland Family)*

**Opening Hymn: O Come All Ye Faithful**

*Adeste fideles*

Sung by Maggie Vines

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

## **Opening Prayer**

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

And also with you.

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

**Music: The First Noel**

Traditional English Carol

Liam and Collin Frey, viola

**The Lesson**

**Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7** (Read by Arlie Bosco)

The people who walked in darkness  
 have seen a great light;  
 those who lived in a land of deep darkness--  
 on them light has shined.  
 You have multiplied the nation,  
 you have increased its joy;  
 For a child has been born for us,  
 a son given to us;  
 authority rests upon his shoulders;  
 and he is named  
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
 His authority shall grow continually,  
 and there shall be endless peace  
 for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
 He will establish and uphold it  
 with justice and with righteousness  
 from this time onward and forevermore.  
 The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*After the Reading, the Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Hymn: Away in A Manger**

MUELLER

Sung by Chloe McGee

**The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 2:1-14**

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child

wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

*Following the readings*

The Gospel of the Lord

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Homily**

## **Prayers of the People**

*(read by Ania Alloway)*

## **The Exchange of the Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## **Welcome, Announcements and Greetings**

# **Holy Communion**

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## **Offertory Music: Mary, Did You Know?**

Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene, after Pentatonix

Sung by Piper, Molly, and Colin Bozick

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*The people remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

We give thanks to you, O God, for creating the world in which we live.

We give you thanks for giving us life and for letting us walk with you.

We give you thanks for the birth of Jesus, so that we might live closer to you.

And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we sing:

## **Sanctus**

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The Celebrant continues*

O God, we praise you for your works in ages past;

the deliverance of your people from persecution and hate;  
the words of the prophets to stir our hearts;  
and most of all for Jesus the Christ,  
who came to us to save us from sin.  
Through Christ you have given us hope and salvation, love and joy.  
Now, we come to your table to share in the great feast of Jesus Christ.

And so, O God, we bring you these gifts.  
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people  
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."

And so, we proclaim the mystery of faith

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

Most holy God, Father and Mother of us all, we now celebrate the memorial of your Son.  
By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of his death, and proclaim his resurrection, until he  
comes again.

Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in your Son Jesus Christ.  
Make us a living sacrifice of praise.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*The Celebrant says*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*  
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*A Prayer for a Person Unable to Take the Eucharist*

*My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (Written St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*  
Let us pray.

*People and Celebrant*

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**Post Communion Hymn 111: Silent Night, Holy Night**

**Led by Christin Cooper**

*Join us in lighting a candle in your home while singing this hymn*

Silent night, holy night, all is calm all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth. Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

**The Blessing and Dismissal**

*The Celebrant dismisses the people:*

*People* Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia

**Closing Hymn: Joy to the World**

ANTIOCH

Sung by Harper Hutchinson

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