

# Welcome to St. Paul's!

# **Christmas Eve**

December 24, 2023 10:00 pm

# Music to Celebrate the Birth of Christ

Angels We Have Heard on High

arr. By Stef Scaggiari

Stef Scaggiari

*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* 

J. Baptiste Calkin

The McCreary Family

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston

Madeline Fisher

Mary Did You Know

Mark Lowry/Buddy Greene

David Larrabee

King of Kings

Betsy Lee Bailey

Sherri and Jake Ward

Gesu Bambino

Words by Frederick H. Martens Pietro Yon

Caroline Hazuda

#### 10:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II

Please observe silence as we prepare ourselves for worship.

#### **Prelude:**

Angels We Have Heard on High

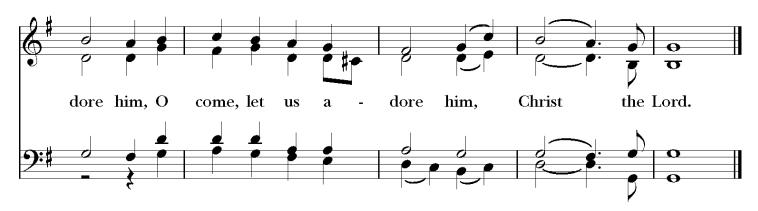
18th Century Traditional arr. Stef Scaggiari

# The Liturgy of the Word

Hymnal 83

O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs. 1-3, 6)





6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others

Music: Adeste fideles, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906

#### Celebrant says

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

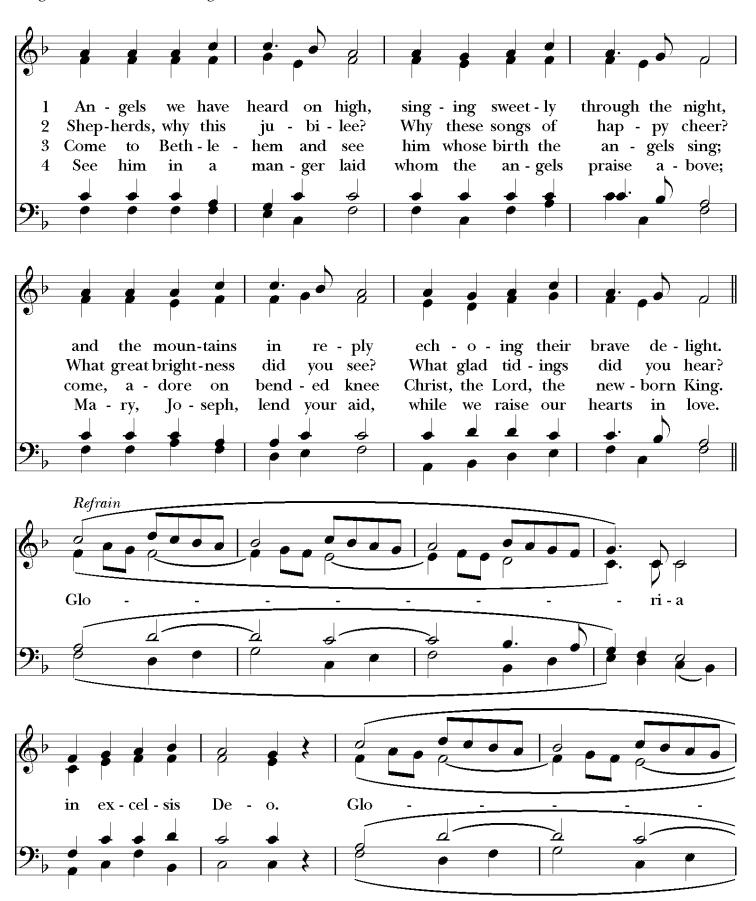
#### The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

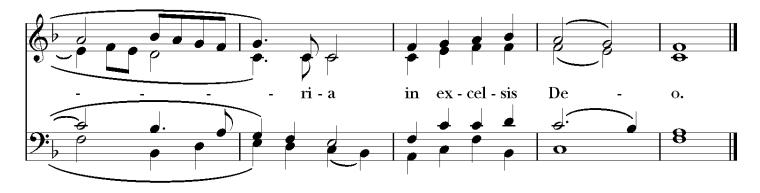
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

All Standing









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#### Collect for Christmas

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Together, 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.

Old Testament Isaiah 52:7-10

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains

are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,

who brings good news,

who announces salvation,

who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,

together they sing for joy;

for in plain sight they see

the return of the LORD to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,

you ruins of Jerusalem;

for the LORD has comforted his people,

he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The LORD has bared his holy arm

before the eyes of all the nations;

and all the ends of the earth shall see

the salvation of our God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 98

#### Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \*

for he has done marvelous things. 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \* has he won for himself the victory. 3 The LORD has made known his victory; \* his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \* and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \* lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \* with the harp and the voice of song. 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \* shout with joy before the King, the LORD. 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \* the lands and those who dwell therein. 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \* and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth. 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \* and the peoples with equity.

The Epistle Hebrews 1:1-12

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

Of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds,

and his servants flames of fire."

But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,

and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom.

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;

therefore God, your God, has anointed you

with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

#### And,

"In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,

and the heavens are the work of your hands;

they will perish, but you remain;

they will all wear out like clothing;

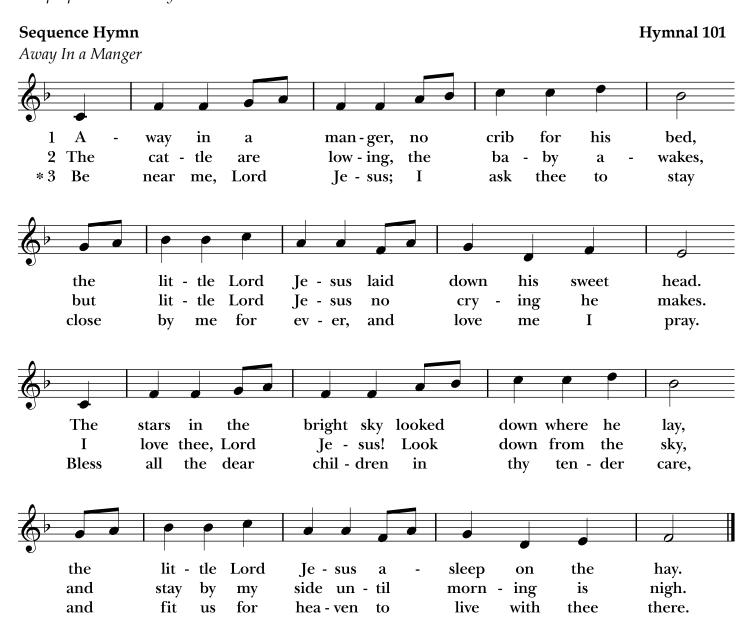
like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed.

But you are the same,

and your years will never end."

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

*The people stand as they are able.* 



Words: Traditional carol. Music: *Cradle Song*, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

Holy Gospel Luke 2:1-20

Celebrant 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!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Mary P. Friel

#### Prayers of the People Form I

Leader

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

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 our Bishop, Santosh, and for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.* 

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy*.

For Centreville, 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 aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially for those on our parish prayer list, 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 all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, 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 St Paul and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

#### Celebrant

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who created all things by your eternal Word. Hear the prayers we offer this day and breathe upon us with your Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Confession of Sin

Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

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

#### Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.* 

# **Holy Communion**

#### Offertory Anthem

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand as they are able and sing the Doxology while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

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. Amen.

# The Great Thanksgiving

#### **Eucharistic Prayer A**

The people remain standing

The Celebrant, faces them and says
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 God thanks and praise.* 

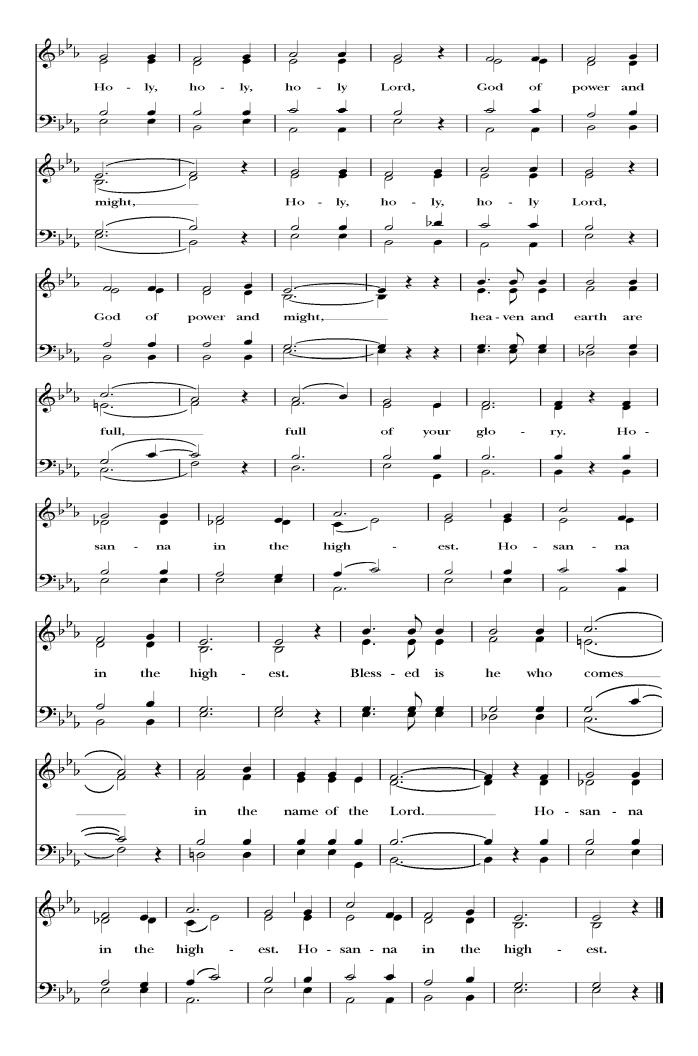
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the created order, and for God's self-revelation to the human race in history;

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (Please see page 11) S130
Schubert



*The celebrant continues* 

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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*.

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.

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

A period of silence is kept.

#### **Fraction Anthem**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast.* 

#### An Invitation to Holy Communion

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion, including children. Please move at the direction of the ushers. You may stand or kneel at the Altar Rail. Please receive the wafer in open and outstretched hands and respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your request known to the minister. Receiving the bread only is full participation in the Eucharist. Wine is also available. Please refrain from intinction (dipping the bread) into the common chalice. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. Please exit the Altar Rail to your left. Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat are asked to notify an usher.

#### The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

arr. John A .Behnke

St. Paul's Handbell Choir

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Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

arr. John A. Behnke

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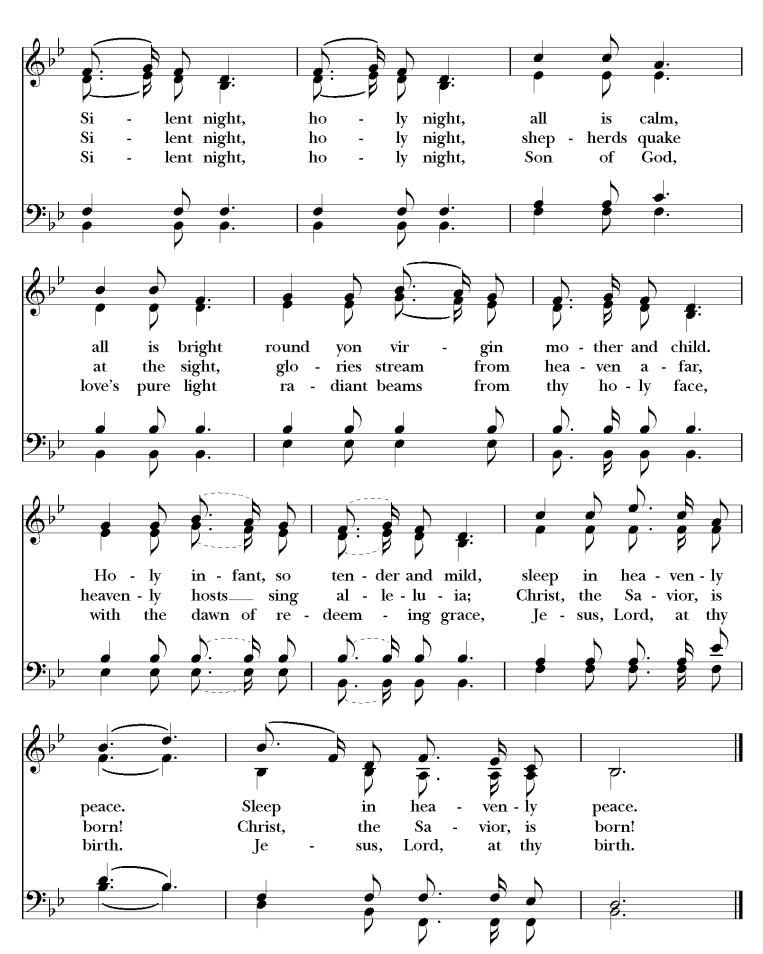
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#### **Communion Music**

Communion Hymn Silent Hymn (Please see page 14)

**Hymn 111** 





Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)

Music: Stille Nacht, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)

#### **Post-Communion Prayer**

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Christmas Blessing

Recessional Hymn (Please see page 16)

Hymnal 87

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

#### Dismissal

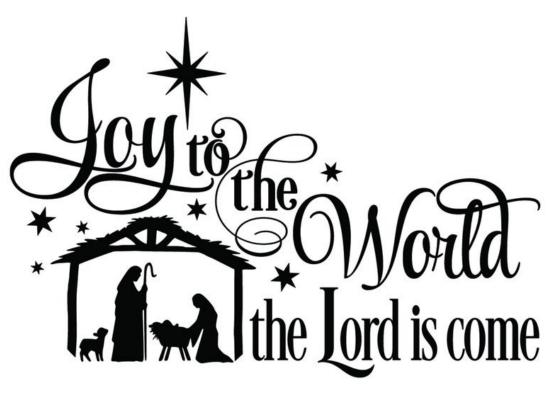
*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God

#### Postlude

*Joy to the World* 

Traditional 18th Century





Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915).

# ST. PAUL'S PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS December 24, 2023

#### **Prayer List**

Please call the parish office to place a person on the prayer list, they will be on the list for four weeks. We will bold the names of the people who are coming off the list after this week so you can call if you want them to stay on.

Please keep the following members and friends of St. Paul's in your prayers:

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Thomas Miller	Caleb Schneck	Judy Webster	Lynn Anstatt
Jennifer Hutcherson	Sally Clark	Marlyn Siegel	Richards Tillman
Jane Mashburn	Ron Brown	Dot Abbott	Myron Richardson
The Rev. Kevin Cross	Ben Heilman	Chelsea Ward	Kathy Myers
Sandy Northern	Iris Hager	Kevin Sullivan	Marcie Taylor Thoma
Kathryn Marchi	Elizabeth Lepre'	Abbey Rapoport	Irene Kaufmann
Allison Kelly	Trish Reynolds	Juanita Wooten	Marilynn Olsen
Charley Johnson	Pete Caesar	Lisa Simon	Frederick McMillian
Whitney Wealing	Pastor Luc	John Friel	Carolyn Lee Crouse
Wyatt Ewing	Anne Wendell	Frank Putnick	Amy Moore Fountain
Philip Morgan	Maureen Whaley	Elaine Catchings	Trixie Seaton
Brian Feeley	JoLou Klingler	Thelma Emerson	Michael Chamberlain
Melissa Quimper	John Stanger	Ted Wooten	The Rev. Pat Drost Kuhns
Becky Sloan	Sam Stanton	Bryan Booberg	Cynthia Klingler Isaacson
Janet Palmatary	Rev. Elizabeth Felicetti	Sarah Thornhill	The Rev. Paul Winters
Caleb Brown	Tom Todd	Carla	Paul and Linda Fleetwood
Tom and Ann Harlan	Jeffrey and Danielle Simm	ns Crystal	Michael Kavasilios
Haley Melton	PFC Michael Hudson The Most Rev'd Michael Curry		
Elaine Holmes	April Gordon The Rev.	Peggy Samuels	Will and Jessica Oesterling
Lynn Johnson	Donna Hutcherson		_

#### This Week at St. Paul's

The parish office will be closed from December 25th until January 2nd. For pastoral emergencies please call Rev. Mary at 443-988-8968. (No texts)

#### Mid-week Service:

There is no mid-week service on December 27th.

#### 2024 Stewardship Update

To date we have received 63 pledges for 2024. Thank you very much for your pledge. This time last year we had received 48 pledges. There are approximate-

ly 100 pledging units (families, couples or singles) listed in our parish register. If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so to support the ministries and mission of your parish.

#### <u>Please Mark Your Calendar</u> <u>Annual Meeting</u>

January 28, 2024 following the 10:00am service. There will be a pot luck coffee hour after the meeting. If your last name begins with A-M please bring appetizer and N-Z please bring a main dish. Dessert will be provided.

St. Paul's Parish is now streaming and recording our 10:00 Sunday services which are uploaded to the St. Paul's site on YouTube. Our videographers make every effort to avoid facial close-ups of worshipers. Your attendance indicates your understanding of our filming protocol.

# Christmas Memorials And Thanksgivings

# In Grateful Thanksgiving for

Rev. Mary, Adele, Madeline and Isaac Fisher All the prayers from the people of St. Paul's John Friel

# In Loving Memory of

Frank R. Putníck Joe Putníck David Kidd

# In Grateful Thanksgiving for

Adele Garner Madeline and Isaac Fisher Mary Friel

#### In Loving Memory of

Louis and Virginia Frignito
Tony and Lucy Frignito
Edith Cruisce
Sue Schuman
Charles Ronald "Ronnie" Waddle
Karen and Bruce Miller
In Grateful Thanksgiving for
My loving husband Thomas
My wonderful mother Virginia
And my beautiful children
Vincent, Kelsie and Jeff
Michele Miller

# In Loving Memory of

Trenwith Ward
Priscilla Ward
Matt Ward

Robert Strietman Jesse and Miriam Krantz Herman and Erna Strietman Horton and Susan Hobbs IV Robert Heffernan

# In Grateful Thanksgiving for

Chris Strietman Blane Halliday Eleanor Strietman

# In Loving Memory of

June Kale Youngblood
John C. Youngblood
Shirley Tuttle Freestate
William M. Freestate,I
Robbie Cameron
Dr. Joseph Morris
Mark and Diane Freestate

# In Grateful Thanksgiving for

Our grandchildren

Brooks

Hannah

Halle

Brayden

Ella

Carter

Delaney

Chase

Charlie and Barb Ackermann

Walter L. Wolff, Jr. Stephen L. Hazuda Patricia L. Hazuda

## In Grateful Thanksgiving for

Caroline Lucille
Reed Scott
Kim and Scott Hazuda

# In Loving Memory of

David A. Wiley
Nancy R. Wiley

#### In Loving Memory of

Lawrence Harrison Rogers, II
Suzanne Long Rogers
Dan Maltby Rugg, Jr.
Carol Van Zandt Rugg

# In Grateful Thanksgiving for

Our grandchildren
Ellis Van Zandt Walker
Campbell Creegan Walker
Morgan Campbell Rugg
Alden William Rugg
Mr. and Mrs. Dan M. Rugg, III

## In Loving Memory of

Frank W. Draper, III Katharine M. Draper Franklin and Michelle Draper

#### In Grateful Thanksgiving for

My Beloved Family—past and present
Betty Pupke

Sue Draper Whaley John R. "Dicky" Whaley Ruth Willis Draper John Whaley Rachel Whaley Frank Draper Kathy Draper Elizabeth Draper Brice Jack Draper Anne Whaley

#### In Loving Memory of

Brad Cooper Leo Cooper Carroll Hilton Nancy Hilton David Hilton

# In Grateful Thanksgiving for

Our grandchildren Caroline Casler Genevieve Casler Elliott Oesterling David and Sally Cooper

# In Grateful Thanksgiving for

Cameron Hilleary, our graduating senior Charlee Mae Taylor, our great granddaughter's first Christmas Jean and Henry Hilleary

James W. Valliant Joann W. Valliant Christian L. Rogers Reed Valliant

#### In Loving Memory of

Míríam Emley Lawrence Emley Clara and Allen B. Endicott Grace Emley William S. Emley

# In Grateful Thanksgiving for

Giles Stanton
Henry Stanton
Graham Stanton
Reed Stanton
Wesley Stanton
Luke Stanton
Jane Stanton

#### In Loving Memory of

Rebecca Caldwell Richardson
Jason Dabney Richardson
Anita Richardson Talley
Bernard Carson Richardson
Laura Inge Richardson
Richard Walker Caldwell
Evelyn McKenzie Caldwell
Carl Frederick Doll
Jeffrey Carol Doll

## In Grateful Thanksgiving for

Lisa Richardson Berry and all family and friends who are supporting my continuing recovery Myron Richardson

Ann Young
Kent Young

#### In Loving Memory of

Donna May Roland
Julia Eaton

#### In Loving Memory of

James White
Virginia White
Richard Roberts
Helen Roberts
Sallie White-Bishton

# In Loving Memory of

Gerald Klingler

# In Grateful Thanksgiving for

"Family and Friends" JoLou Klingler

#### In Loving Memory of

John Thomas Clark, III

Dusetta Clark

Tom Clark

Carol Clark Fitch

In Grateful Thanksgiving for

David Yang Clark

Jonathan William Clark

Sally Clark

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Santosh Marray, Bishop
The Rev. Mary Friel, Rector
The Rev. Peggy Samuels, Deacon
Stefan Scaggiari, Director of Music
Nancy Cook, Bell Choir Director
Bob North, Senior Warden
Charlie Ackermann, Jr. Warden
Diane Freestate, Treasurer
Michele Miller, Parish Administrator/Assistant Treasurer
Carol Lorditch, Registrar
Laura Bittinger, Parish Nurse
Matt Ward, Production Manager
Chris Pupke, Lay Reader Director
Dan Rugg, Head Usher and Acolyte Director
Coleman Sellers, Sexton



# **Christmas - December 25th** 10:00 am Morning Prayer

The First Sunday after Christmas - December 31st 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

**Epiphany – January 7th** 10:00 am Holy Eucharist



# Merry Christmas

	<u>The Vestry</u>
'24	Sharon Burak
	Elsie Ozinga
	Carol Lorditch
'25	Laura Bittinger
	Julia Eaton
	Kim Hazuda
'26	Wendy Emerson
	Dan McCreary
	Bob Ozinga

The mission of St. Paul's
Parish, Centreville, is to be
a strong and caring community of faith, rooted in
Christ, welcoming, serving,
and loving all.

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