

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

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Christmas Day

December 25, 2021

Holy Eucharist

Ten o'clock in the morning

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Current CDC guidance advises everyone in Polk County to wear a mask in indoor public places. Thank you for wearing your facemask when inside at St. Paul's.

Voluntary

The Word of God

The Greeting

Celebrant

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

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn 87

Hark! the herald angels sing

MENDELSSOHN

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right - ous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

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

Celebrant

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.**

Hymn 96

Angels we have heard on high

GLORIA

Trebles sing stanza 2, basses sing stanza 3, all sing the refrain

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS, *the people sit.*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

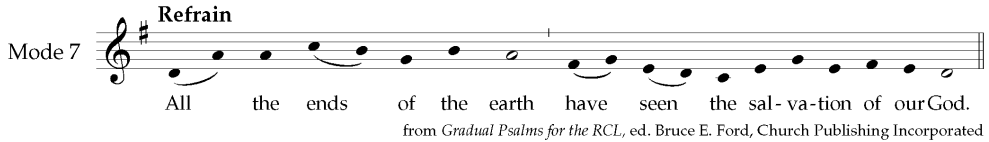
[52: 7 - 10]

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.

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Cantor sings the refrain initially and the People join when invited



- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song,*
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm*
he has won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory;*
his righteousness has he openly shown in
the sight of 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 out 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 people with equity.

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

[1: 1 - 4 (5 - 12)]

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."

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

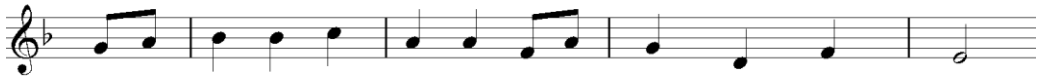
Hymn 101

Away in a manger

CRADLE SONG



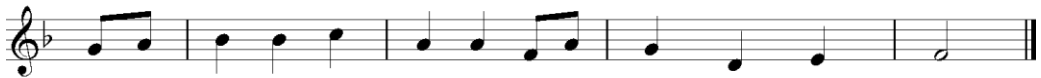
1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
* 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.



The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

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The Holy Gospel

[John 1: 1 – 14]

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through

him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

The Rev. Jean McCarthy

THE NICENE CREED, *standing*

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All stand or kneel as able for prayer. The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader Holy Lord, in your wisdom you made the world and came to dwell among us. Hear your people as we pray, saying “Glory to God in the highest.” We pray for your Church, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Betsey, our bishop; and for all clergy and people, that they may be a light shining in the darkness.

People **Glory to God in the highest.**

Leader We pray that all who seek you may find welcome at our door.

People **Glory to God in the highest.**

Leader We pray for our country, and for those who lead us, that they may be filled with your wisdom and humility.

People **Glory to God in the highest.**

Leader We pray for those who live in fear, that your peace may fill their hearts.

People **Glory to God in the highest.**

Leader We pray for those who are hungry, homeless, or alone; that we may find grace to serve them in your name.

People **Glory to God in the highest.**

Leader We pray for the sick, that we may share your healing love with them.

People **Glory to God in the highest.**

Leader We pray for those who have died, especially Carol Flory, that we may share your comfort and love with those who mourn.

People **Glory to God in the highest.**

Leader Be born in our hearts, Lord Jesus, that we may be filled with the joy of your presence, and carry your love into the world around us.

People **Glory to God in the highest.**

The Celebrant concludes

Almighty God who has turned our darkness into a marvelous light, through the gift of your Son: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, that all may come to the peace you promise in Jesus, who is Lord and God, this day and forever. **Amen.**

The Confession

Deacon or Celebrant

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph: “You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus the Savior of the world.

All kneel. Silence

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.

The Priest stands and says

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

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Holy Communion

Offertory Music

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.

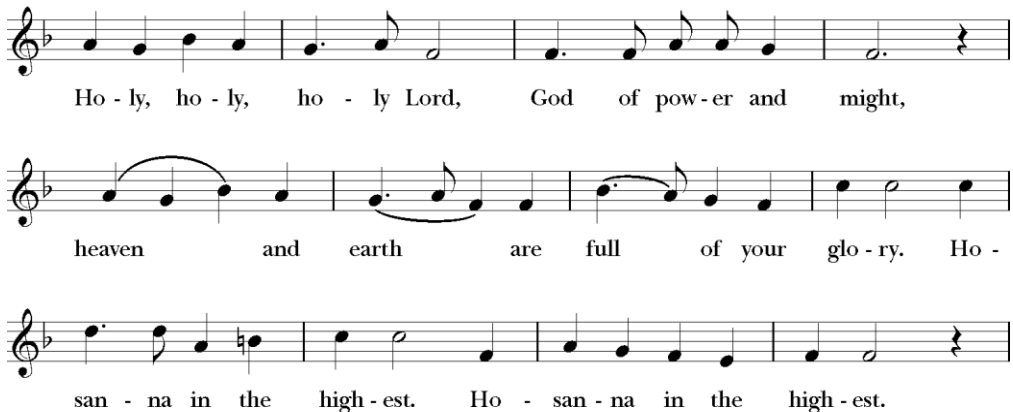
Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

S125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

**We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Paul and with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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,

In Unison 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread,

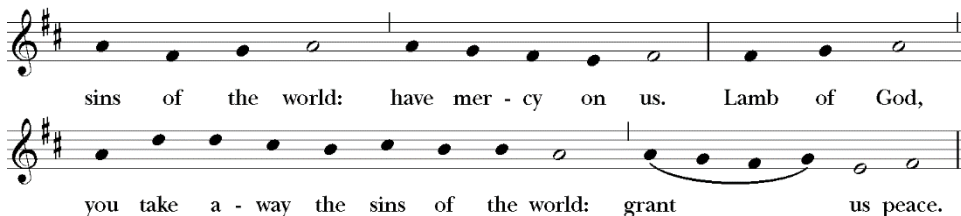
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Fraction Anthem

S161

Musical notation for the Fraction Anthem, consisting of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion by moving forward to the altar rail, at the side altar, or by remaining in your place. In either case you are welcome to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Music

After the people receive Communion a period of silent reflection is kept

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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.

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 99

Go tell it on the mountain

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and

ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that

Je - sus Christ is born!

- 1 While shep - herds kept their
- 2 The shep - herds feared and
- 3 Down in a low - ly

watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -
trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang
man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

Repeat Refrain

hold, through-out the hea-vens there shone a ho-ly light.
 out the an-gel cho-rus that hailed our Sa-vior's birth.
 God sent us sal-va-tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

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DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.


Voluntary

Announcements for December 25, 2021

The Advent Wreath is given by Scott & Denise Linn, Marshall & Julie Linn, and Douglas & Barbara L. Hein in loving memory of Barbara N. & Marshall G. Linn

PLEASE NOTE: The Cathedral Office will be closed on Monday, December 27, Tuesday, December 28 and on Monday, January 3, 2022.

St Paul's offers Wednesday Eucharist at 12:05 pm every week in the Chapel.



We hope you will consider pledging to our Stewardship campaign. If you need a pledge card, they are available in the Narthex. If you received a pledge card in the mail, please be sure to mail it to the Cathedral. You can also place it in the plate. Thank you!

St. Paul's Sr. Men's Study Group meets Wednesdays at 10:00 am, in the Guild Hall. For more information, please contact John McKinney: j123mck@aol.com or the cathedral Office administrator@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org

Visitors

If you are visiting today, we extend to you a warm welcome! Please make yourself known to a greeter, usher, or one of the clergy. You may sit, kneel or stand throughout the service, following the guidance in this bulletin or as you prefer. The Episcopal church offers communion in two kinds, both consecrated bread and wine. While the coronavirus pandemic continues, bread alone is offered. We are so glad you are with us today.

St. Paul's audio system includes the T-coil Hearing Loop. If you have questions or need assistance, please speak with one of our Audio Coordinators.



*Flowers Are Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:
(As of December 23, 2021)*

John McKinney and Family	<i>In memory of The Rev. Jean McKinney</i>
John & Susan Kerss	<i>In memory of Solomon & Martha M. Masid and Marian & Albert Kerss,</i>
Chuck & Nancy Seel	<i>In memory of Charles & Betty Sawyer, Ray & Colleen Seel, and Richard and Barbara Consigli</i>
John & Jan Doherty	<i>In memory of Joe & Nia Doherty and Frank & Jean Cate</i>
Alan & Katie Kaufman	<i>In memory of Dr. George & Ginny Mastio and O. J. Kaufman</i>
Carol Clay Hall	<i>In memory of Ceola Clay</i>
Mary Whisenand	<i>In memory of Paul, Merlene & Charles Whisenand</i>
Barbara Duro	
John Fletcher & Mark Thompsen	
Peggy Aerisolphal	<i>In memory of my mother, Anita Hawes</i>
R. Dean Bice	<i>In memory of parents</i>
Rick Williams, Nancy Williams Dotson, & Jill Williams Ayers	<i>In memory of Betty M. Williams, Marvin F. Williams, & Sue Williams Deever</i>
John Zickefoose & Elvin McDonald	

Today's Liturgical Ministers

1st lesson – Phyllis Melton

2nd lesson – Scott Jeneary

Intercessor – Volunteer requested

Eucharistic Minister – Volunteer requested

Audio System – Volunteer requested

Ushers – Volunteer requested



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