



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

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The Third Sunday of Advent Choral Eucharist

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Ten o'clock in the morning

Voluntary *Savior of the Nations Come* Michael Burkhardt

The Word of God

Hymn 76 *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry* WINCHESTER NEW

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

The Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity and the people respond Amen.

The Kyrie (*in the front section of the Hymnal*) S95

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE LESSONS, *the People sit*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

[61: 1 – 4, 8 – 11]


Canticle 15

Magnificat

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

Refrain

Mode 8 

My soul pro-claims the great - ness of the Lord.
from Gradual Psalms for the RCL, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians [5: 16 – 24]

Hymn 56 (St. 1 & 2) *O come, O come, Emmanuel* VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

The Holy Gospel

[John 1: 6 – 8, 19 – 28]

THE HOMILY

Dr. James McLean

After the Homily, a period of silent reflection is kept.

THE NICENE CREED, *standing*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM II

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All stand or kneel as able for prayer.

Deacon Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

The Celebrant adds a Concluding Collect and the People respond Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR HAROLD ALEXANDER AT HIS LEAVE-TAKING

Presider Dear Friends in Christ, we have been in companionship with Harold on our journey in faith. Now his time with us is drawing to a close, and so we send him forth to continue his journey.

Presider and People

O Lord, we give thanks for Harold’s time among us and for his contribution to our common life. Bless him as he goes forth; be with those who leave and those who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in communion with your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem *This Is the Record of John* Orlando Gibbons

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 361

The people remain standing

Sanctus *(in the front section of the Hymnal)* S124

The people stand or kneel

THE LORD’S PRAYER BCP p. 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD BCP p. 364

Fraction Anthem *(in the front section of the Hymnal)* S161

All who seek a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion by moving forward to the altar rail or by remaining in your place and indicating to an usher that you would like to receive. Wine is offered by sipping from the chalice or by dipping your host wafer into the intinction bowl. Alternatively, you are welcome to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are not yet baptized and feel drawn to receive Holy Communion, please speak with a priest after the service about baptism.

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

Anthem *Comfort, comfort ye my people* Michael Burkhardt
After the people receive Communion a period of silent reflection is kept

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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ADVENT BLESSING

May the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 54

Savior of the nations, come!

NUN KOMM,
DER HEIDEN HEILAND

DISMISSAL

Voluntary

Savior of the Nations Come

Paul Manz

Announcements for December 17, 2023

*Today's altar flowers are given by Josh Boggs in loving memory of his mother,
Mary Anne Webb.*

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

Today at St. Paul's

- **We welcome today's homilist at both services, Dr. James MacLean.**
- **Advent Service of Lessons and Carols at 4:00 pm**

Today is Gaudete Sunday. Also known as "Rose Sunday," the day takes its common name from the Latin word *gaudete* ("rejoice"), and rose-colored vestments may be worn instead of sarum blue, which is otherwise prescribed for the season of Advent. The liturgical color is *rose*, not pink, strictly speaking. The color pink has a connotation of a weaker red color, whereas, the color rose provides the proper sense of penitential attitude and joyful anticipation, so the pink vestments mark a softening of the penitential tone of the season, symbolizing the lightening of penance as we anticipate the approach of Christmas. Created by Sheila Brown in 2022, they are made of damask silk with orphrey ribbon embellishments.

The Giving Tree is Back!

The St. Paul's Giving Tree will be out throughout Advent to collect needed winter items for adult clients served at the Connection Cafe. We need new and gently used winter outer wear such as hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and coats for adults or children and hand warmers are always appreciated.

Greening of the Cathedral! Can you help us prepare?

In the Anglican tradition, we save decorating the church for Christmas for the end of Advent. All are welcome to help, and this year we will prepare to green the Cathedral on **Saturday , December 23 at 10:00 am**, when we will move the decorations into the Guild Hall and prepare them ahead of time. We also need volunteers to help us put the decorations up in the Narthex and the Nave **after the 10:00 am service on Sunday, December 24th**. If you would like to help, please contact the Cathedral Office: 515-288-7297 or email execadmin@stpaulsdm.org

Experience Advent & The Joy of Christmas at the Cathedral

Advent Worship, December 24

8:00 am & 10:00 am

Christmas Eve, December 24

Bishop Monnot preaching and presiding

5:00 pm & 10:30 pm

Christmas Day, December 25

10:00 am

The Epiphany, January 6, 2024

5:00 pm

Praying Through Epiphany

Coming Soon: Weekly prayer practices and meditations in the light of God's love. Conversations in community on Sundays at 11:30 am on January 7, 14, 21 and February 4 and 11.

Joyful Hearts Prayer Group

Invitation to join the Des Moines Faith Committee for Peace at a Prayer Service for Peace

What: Once again the DM Faith Committee for Peace will be holding a Service on the Feast of the Holy Innocents. We remember the slaughter of the innocents in Herod's time, and raise our prayers to stop violence against innocent children caused by wars and conflict around the world today. We continue to insist that "War is not the answer." Waging peace is the answer.

When: 6:30 pm Thursday, December 28, 2023

Where: Valley United Methodist Church, 4201 Ashworth,
West Des Moines.

The service will also be live streamed.

Sacred Ground Series Starts Again

This winter, a Sacred Ground discussion circle will meet via Zoom on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. from January 8 through March 18 (no meeting on March 11). There is no cost to register. For more information contact Ruth Ratliff at Ratliff@cfu.net. Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based series on race, developed by the Episcopal Church, which addresses the histories of America's Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American people as they intersect with European American histories. Participants in the program meet weekly to share their responses to the materials and our nation's tragic heritage of racism. Past participants have found the experience informative, moving, and inspiring. Here is the program's website:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/>

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Now" or you can scan now. *Thank you!*



Today's Ministers

Eight o'clock Eucharist:

Presider – The Very Rev. Nicola Dance

Homilist – Dr. James MacLean

Deacon – The Rev. John Doherty

Crucifer – Phyllis Melton

1st lesson and Psalm – Thomas Smith

2nd lesson – Peggy Aerisolphal

Intercessor – Sharon Gentsch

Eucharistic Ministers – TBD

Audio – Bill Gentsch

Ten o'clock Eucharist:

Presider – The Very Rev. Nicola Dance

Homilist – Dr. James MacLean

Deacon – The Rev. John Doherty

Crucifer – Catherine Gillespie

Torch-bearers – Lacie Dietzenbach,
Wilhelmina Hansen

1st lesson – Rosa Walker

Cantor – Tom Smith

2nd lesson – Jeanne O'Halloran

Intercessor – TBD

Eucharistic Ministers – Scott Jeneary, TBD,
TBD

Audio – Mike Gillespie

Video – Nathan Thiessen

Ushers – Paul Meginnis, TBD

Chapter Counters – Stephanie Murphy,
Stephanie Morrison, (alt., Abigail Allard)

Coffee Hour Hosts – Carla Carlson



Mission Statement: St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral is a welcoming, worshipping community committed to living Christ's unconditional love through fellowship, service, and kindness. **Vision Statement:** Grounded in Worship. Deepening in Faith. Reaching Out in Love.