

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Choral Eucharist

Sunday, December 24, 2023 Ten o'clock in the morning

Voluntary

Hymn 66	Come, thou long-expected Jesus	Stuttgart		
OPENING ACC	LAMATION	BCP p. 355		
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.				
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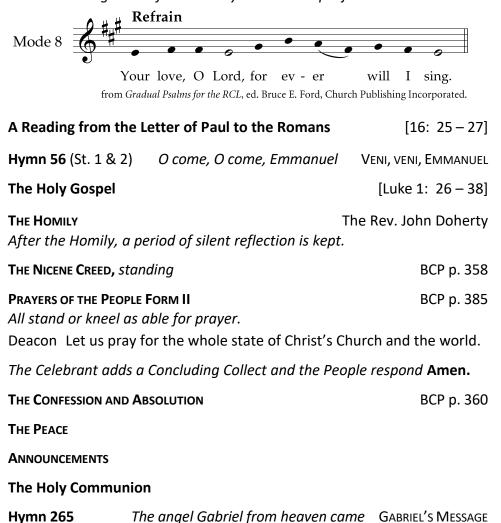
The Kyrie	(in the front section of the Hymnal)	S95
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.	
People	And also with you.	
Celebrant	Let us pray.	

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS, the People sit

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel [7: 1 – 11, 16]



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A The people remain standing		BCP p. 361
Sanctus The people stand	(in the front section of the Hymnal) or kneel	S124
THE LORD'S PRAYER		BCP p. 364
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD		BCP p. 364

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.

(in the front section of the Hymnal)

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

Communion MusicChrist Be Our Lightarr. Mark BabcockAfter the people receive Communion a period of silent reflection is kept

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP p. 365

S161

ADVENT BLESSING

Fraction Anthem

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

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Announcements for December 24, 2023

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 need volunteers to help us put the decorations up in the Narthex and the Nave after the 10:00 am service
- Christmas Eve Services at 5:00 pm & 10:30 pm Bishop Monnot preaching and presiding

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.

Experience The Joy of Christmas at the Cathedral 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

Joyful Hearts Prayer Group for Epiphany

Coming January 7, 14, 21, February 4, 11 Praying in Epiphany Weekly prayer practices and meditations in the light of God's love. Conversations Sundays at 11:30 am. Suggested daily activities for thank you, welcome, listening, healing, guidance, joy, and observing God at work today.

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 <u>Ratliff@cfu.net</u>. Sacred Ground is a film- and readingsbased 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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Today's Ministers

Eight o'clock Eucharist: <i>Presider</i> – The Very Rev. Nicola Dance
<i>Homilist</i> – The Rev. John Doherty
Deacon – The Rev. Jean Davis, The Rev.
John Doherty
Crucifer – TBD
1 st lesson and Psalm – Sharon Gentsch
2 nd lesson – Chris Cyran
Intercessor – Chris Cyran
Eucharistic Ministers – Sharon Gentsch
<i>Audio</i> – Bill Gentsch

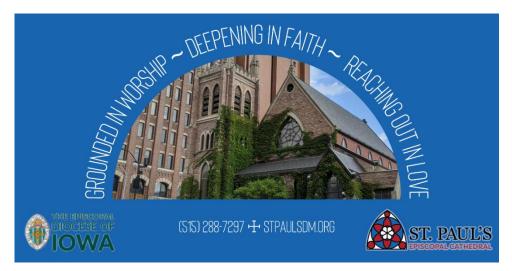
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Mission Statement: St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral is a welcoming, worshiping community committed to living Christ's unconditional love through fellowship, service, and kindness. **Vision Statement:** Grounded in Worship. Deepening in Faith. Reaching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

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Weekly Services at the Cathedral

Sunday

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite II livestreamed and on Facebook

Wednesday Noon Eucharist

12:05 pm in the Chapel.

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