



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

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The First Sunday after Christmas
Celebrating the Feast of St. Stephen
Choral Eucharist

Sunday, December 26, 2021

Ten o'clock in the morning

*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.*

Organ Voluntary *Angels From the Realms of Glory* Michael Burkhardt

The Word of God

Hymn 93

Angels from the realms of glory

REGENT SQUARE

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

Refrain

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
 ye have seen his na - tal star:
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

THE GREETING

Celebrant

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

People

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

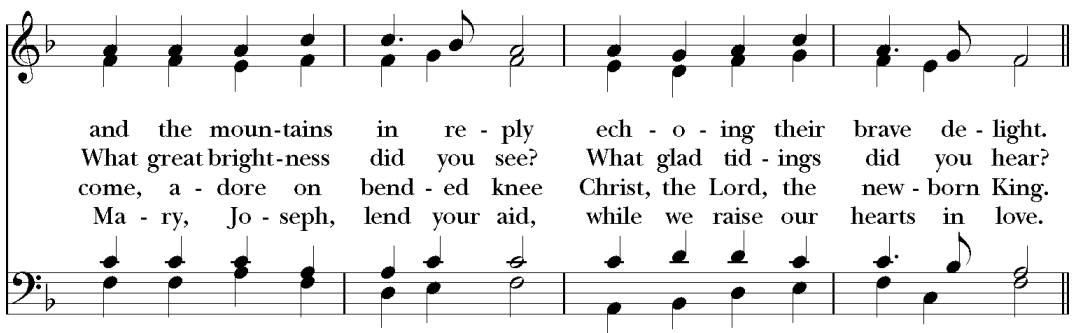
Hymn 96

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;

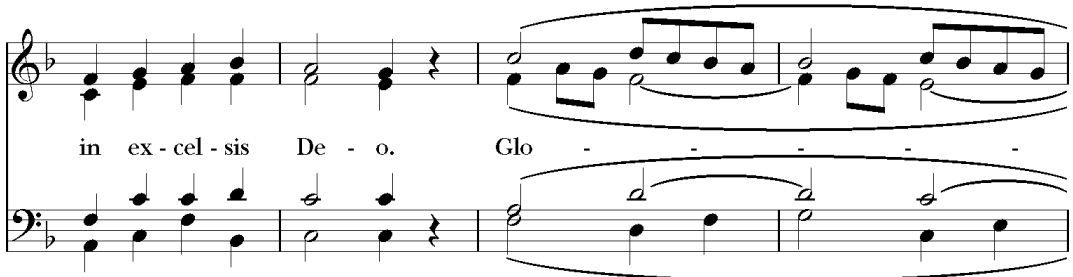


and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

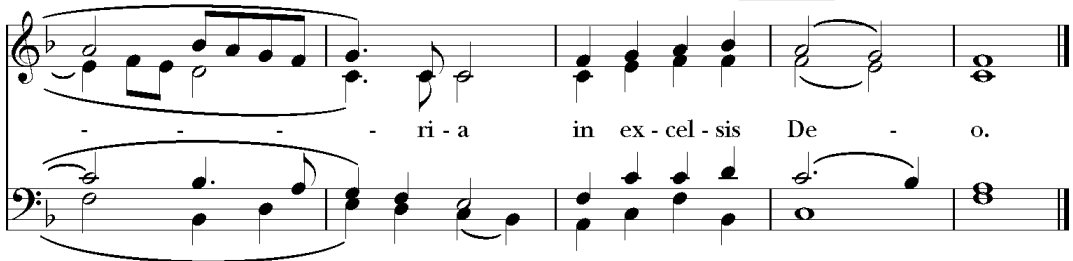
Refrain



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.

We give you thanks, O Lord of glory, for the example of the first martyr Stephen, who looked up to heaven and prayed for his persecutors to your Son Jesus Christ, who stands at your right hand: where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS, *the People sit*

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

[26: 1 – 9, 12 – 15]

At the beginning of the reign of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, this word came from the Lord: Thus says the Lord: Stand in the court of the Lord's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the Lord; speak to them all the words that I command you; do not hold back a word. It may be that they will listen, all of them, and will turn from their evil way, that I may change my mind about the disaster that I intend to bring on them because of their evil doings. You shall say to them: Thus says the Lord: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, and to heed the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently—though you have not heeded— then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth. The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the Lord. And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, 'You shall die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, "This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant"?' And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord. Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, 'It is the Lord who sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will change his mind about the disaster that he has pronounced against you.

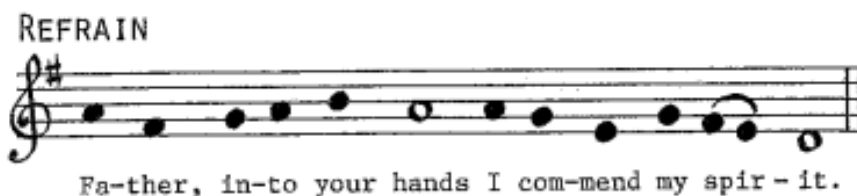
But as for me, here I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will be bringing innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.'

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31: 1 – 5 *In te, Domine, speravi* BCP p. 622

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



- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [6: 8 – 7: 2, 51 – 60]

Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those

from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. Then they secretly instigated some men to say, 'We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.' They stirred up the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council. They set up false witnesses who said, "This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law; for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses handed on to us." And all who sat in the council looked intently at him, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel. Then the high priest asked him, "Are these things so?" And Stephen replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me. The God of glory appeared to our ancestor Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are for ever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it." When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

Hymn 243

When Stephen, full of power and grace

SALVATION



1 When Ste-phen, full of power and grace, went forth through-out the
 2 When Ste-phen preached a - gainst the laws and by those laws was
 3 When Ste-phen, young and doomed to die, fell crushed be - neath the
 4 Let me, O Lord, thy cause de - fend, a knight with - out a



land, he bore no shield be - fore his face, no
 tried, he had no friend to plead his cause, no
 stones, he had no curse nor venge - ful cry for
 sword; no shield I ask, no faith - ful friend, no



wea - pon in his hand; but on - ly in his
 spokes - man at his side; but on - ly in his
 those who broke his bones; but on - ly in his
 venge - ance, no re - ward; but on - ly in my



heart a flame and on his lips a sword where -
 heart a flame and on his eyes a light where -
 heart a flame and on his lips a prayer that
 heart a flame and in my soul a dream, so



with he smote and o - ver - came the foe-men of the Lord.
 with God's day - break to pro - claim and rend the veils of night.
 God, in sweet for - give-ness' name, should un - der-stand and spare.
 that the stones of earth - ly shame a jew - eled crown may seem.

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The Holy Gospel

[Matthew 23: 34 – 39]

All Stand

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according

to Matthew.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Therefore I send you prophets, sages, and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town, so that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. Truly I tell you, all this will come upon this generation. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you, desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.”

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Jean Davis

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

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 FORM I

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

Petitioner

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

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Betsey, our Bishop, and for all clergy and people. In our diocese, companion dioceses, and the Anglican Communion we pray for Anamosa, St Mark, All Faiths Chapel, Anamosa State Penitentiary. Chaplains serving in the Military, Hospitals, Prisons, Colleges, Universities and other Educational Institutions; Hospital Chaplaincies in Brechin; Gangara Deanary, in Nzara; Nhlanguano Parish, Swaziland; and Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America, 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 this city, 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 those who travel on land, on water, or in the air [or through outer space], 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, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For others that are known to the Parish let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Members may pray for those names in our announcements or others they know.

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.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of Paul and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

Final Collect, said by the Celebrant

Almighty and most merciful God, grant that by the indwelling of your Holy Spirit we may be enlightened and strengthened for your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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 A

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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 continues

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

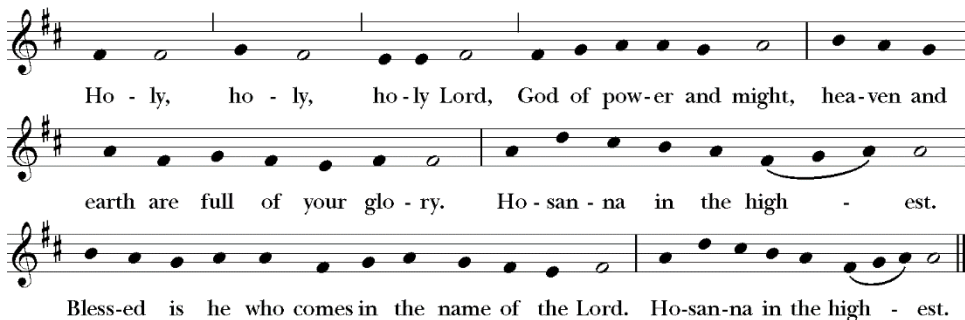
For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

S124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel. Then 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.

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 forever. **AMEN.**

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

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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
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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 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

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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered intone things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you always.

Amen.

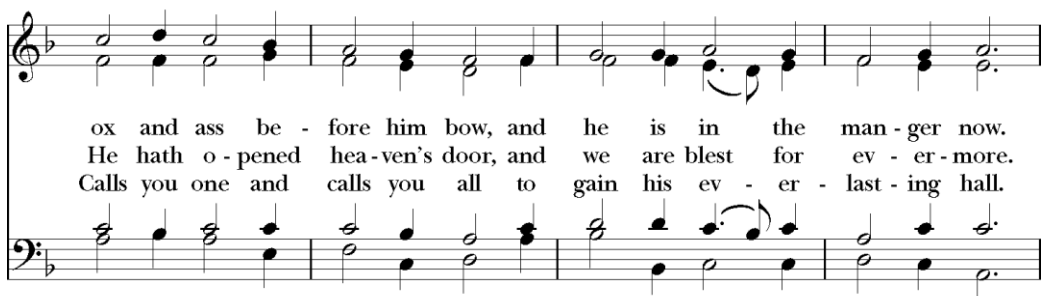
Hymn 107

Good Christian friends, rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen


Wilbur Held

Announcements for December 26, 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.

	<p>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!</p>
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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 Thompson	
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

Eight o'clock Eucharist:

1st lesson and Psalm – Volunteer requested

2nd lesson – Volunteer requested

Intercessor – Volunteer requested

Audio System – Mike Gillespie

Ten o'clock Eucharist:

Crucifer – Harold Alexander

1st lesson – Henry Harmon

Cantor – Diane Hayes

2nd lesson – Scott Jeneary

Intercessor – Volunteer requested

Eucharistic Minister – Volunteer requested

Video – Nate Thiessen

Audio System – Volunteer requested

Chapter Counters – Skeet Wootten, Jonathan Hansen



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