



THE HOLY EUCHARIST
The First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025 • 10am

Welcome to St. Paul's! We are grateful for your presence in worship and look forward to welcoming you into this life we share through the love of Jesus Christ! Please don't forget to silence your devices as our worship service begins.

Families are welcome to sit anywhere they would like, including in our dedicated children's area in the Chapel, which features self-directed activities and books. An all-gender restroom and a ladies' room are located in the Parish Hall on the Occidental Avenue side of the church campus. Children's Chapel activities also take place in that building on Sundays featuring those group offerings. Our worship service is live-streamed on St. Paul's YouTube Channel, where we welcome online friends to pray with us.

All are warmly invited to participate in Holy Communion at St. Paul's. If you prefer not to receive the wine, simply cross your arms over your chest as the Eucharistic Minister greets you saying, "the Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation." Thank you for sharing the light of your presence with our community! May God's presence be very near to you in this holy season!

Prelude

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

All stand to sing

Processional Hymn

"O come, O come, Emmanuel," Veni, veni, Emmanuel



1. O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh;
2. O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny
3. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our heaven - ly home;
4. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,



1. dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
2. that trust thy might - y power to save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
3. make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
4. that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free.

A Prayer for Illumination

Holy One, whose coming we await, you invite us into the light of your presence: Illumine the dim places of our hearts and in our world. We long for your reign of mercy, justice, and compassion. Draw near to us and strengthen us to strain in hope toward your redemption. **Amen.**

Advent Scripture

Isaiah 9: 2-4

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy...
For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

All are invited to sing the Kyrie during the lighting of the Advent wreath.

Kyrie Eleison

The St. Helen's Service, Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (b. 1971)

Lord, have — mer - cy,

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have — mer - cy,

Christ, have — mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy,

Lord, — have — mer - cy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through our Lord and Savior who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

First Lesson

Isaiah 2: 1-5

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

After the reading, the reader says

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

O Oriens O Dayspring

O Antiphon, 6th-Century Chant

Cantor sings **REFRAIN**. All sing **REFRAIN**.



Cantor sings the O Antiphon chant in Latin:

O Oriens,	O Dayspring,
splendor lucis aeternae,	splendor of light eternal
et sol justitiae:	and sun of righteousness:
Veni, et illumina sedentes in tenebris	Come, and give light to us who dwell in darkness
et umbra mortis.	and the shadow of death.

All sing **REFRAIN**.

The Second Lesson

Romans 13: 11-14

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Rome

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

After the reading, the reader says

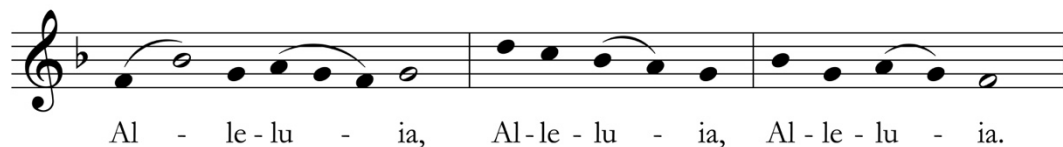
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Alleluia

Cantor sings ALLELUIA. All sing ALLELUIA.



Cantor Come and give light to us who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

All sing ALLELUIA.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will

be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

After the Gospel, the reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Nick W. Roosevelt

All stand to say

The Nicene Creed

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

The Prayers of the People

Hear Our Prayer

Let us now open our hearts and offer to God our deepest prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

Heavenly Father, inspire the universal church to be most concerned with living lives inspired by your Son and give us hearts that beat to serve you. We especially lift up the Anglican Church of Australia in the Anglican Communion and the religious Orders in this diocese – The sisters at the Community of St. Francis, the brothers at the Society of St. Francis, San Damiano Friary, and those who belong to the Brotherhood of Saint Gregory in the Diocese of California.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless those in authority, in this nation and in all the nations, with an urgency to care for all people and to undo systems of injustice.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us opportunities to live into our faith and identity as followers of Jesus. Open our eyes to see those around us, in our neighborhoods, schools, and places of work, who need our loving support and care.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant wisdom and persistence to those who seek cures and relief of pain, and heal and comfort those who suffer from illness. Especially we pray for Janet Bock, Rodney Gehrke, Michael Kimball, Katy Pessner, Linda Pittman, Jim Prescott, Parker Quickert, and John Coltrane Taumoepeau.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us wisdom and persistence for the care of creation.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant rest eternal to those who have died and comfort to those who mourn. Grant us daily an awareness that life is precious and fleeting, that we might use our hours to your glory. We pray especially for Carmen Villalobos.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you lovingly created and care for us, hear now these prayers and answer them as may be best for us and for the furtherance of your redemptive grace. **Amen.**

The Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Absolution

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

The Peace

May the God of peace make you whole and holy, ever ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and then are seated.

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

O Dayspring, Karen Marroli (b. 1975)
Monika Hakala, violin

*Come, O Dayspring, and break forth amid the depths of night.
Come inflame the darkness with harmonies of light.*

*Rise like dawn in starlight to wake the slumb'ring soul.
Come, O come, O Dayspring, and make our spirits whole,*

*O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.*

Ushers, with any young people who wish to help, bring forward communal gifts of money to the Holy Table, as symbols of the thanks and praise we offer God.

All stand to sing

Presentation Hymn 68

“Rejoice! Rejoice, believers,” *Llangloffan*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A
The Book of Common Prayer, p. 361

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

All sing
Sanctus

The St. Helen's Service, Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

mp
Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

6 *cresc.* *mf*
God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-

9 *f* *mf* *f*
san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the

13 *mp*
high-est. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,

16 *p* *mf* *f*
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, ho - san - na, ho-

20 *mf* *f*
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, giving thanks for God's work of redemption through Jesus Christ and consecrating the bread and wine for Holy Communion. The people join in sacramental witness, speaking to the mystery of God's saving grace.

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues with prayers of thanksgiving and concludes with this phrase of invitation to the Great Amen

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Most Blessed One, now and forever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer *All are invited to sing*

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)



Our Fa - ther who art in heav'n, hal-low'd be___ thy name. Thy



king-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is___ in heav'n. Give



us this day our___ dai - ly___ bread. And for -



give us our tres-pas-ses, As we for - give those who tres-pass a - gainst us.



And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,



But de - liv - er us from e - vil.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei

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

Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant lifts the bread and wine saying,

The gifts of God for the people of God. If you feel drawn to this table, let nothing keep you away.

All who are drawn to Christ are welcome to receive communion at St. Paul's. Please follow the usher's invitation to receive the bread (gluten free wafers available upon request) and wine at the altar rails. If you would like a blessing instead of the Eucharist, please cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Anthem

My Lord, what a mornin', Spiritual, arr. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

*My Lord what a mornin', When the stars begin to fall.
 Done quit all my worldly ways, Join that heavenly band.
 Oh! My Lord what a morning', When the stars begin to fall.*

Postcommunion Prayer

Common Worship

All stand as the Celebrant invites,

Let us pray.

Gracious God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

O God, you have set before us a great hope that your kingdom will come on earth, and have taught us to pray for its coming. Make us ready to thank you for the signs of its dawning, and to work as we wait for that perfect day when your will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven. As we await Christ's coming in glory, may the eternal God enfold us with love, fill us with peace, and lead us in hope. And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit be with you this day and always.

Amen.

Hymn 61

“Sleepers, wake!” *Wachet auf*

Dismissal

As we await our coming Savior, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645, J. S. Bach
text and tune at Hymn 61

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