

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Historic Key West's Church"

November 29, 2020, 8:30 a.m.

The First Sunday of Advent

The Episcopal Church &

We, here at St. Paul's, Welcome You!

Welcome to St Paul's. Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Know that you are welcome, even for just one day. We are used to welcoming visitors! Ushers are available to assist you. The restroom is located just outside the front doors, around the corner to the left.

This service is the Holy Eucharist, also known as Holy Communion or the Lord's supper. We hope you will feel at home with us and will participate in this service fully. Everything you need is in this bulletin. Again, welcome!

ABOUT THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent is the first season of the Church calendar. It is a season of watching, waiting and prayers for the welfare of all God's people and peace in the world—responsibilities that are ours in the community of faith expecting the coming of God not only as the Child of Bethlehem but also in the fullness of all time. The first clear references to the Season of Advent in the west come from the last half of the 6th Century. As early as the Middle Ages, Christians used fire and light symbolism to represent Christ's coming into the world. Then it became the basis for the Advent wreath, a sign of the waiting and hopeful expectation of the return in glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. The evergreens were a sign of the faithfulness of God to his people, even in death, and the lighted candles a reminder of the light of Christ brought into the world.

THE BLESSING AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant: Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.

People: *Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.*

Celebrant: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: *Who has made heaven and earth.*

All say the following Antiphon

*All the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord,
For He comes. Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.*

Lector: Brothers and sisters, listen to the words of the prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.
You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing,
As they rejoice before you as at the harvest,
as men make merry when dividing spoils.

For a child is born to us, a son is given us;
Upon his shoulder dominion rests.

They name him
Wonderful-Counselor, God-Hero,
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.
His dominion is vast and forever peaceful,
From David's throne, and over his kingdom,
Which he confirms and sustains
By judgment and justice, both now and forever.

Celebrant: Show us your mercy, O Lord.
People: *And grant us your salvation.*

ALL: *Our King and Savior draws near,
O Come let us adore him.*

The Blessing: O God, by your word all things are sanctified, pour out your blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts and joyfully await for the coming of your Son, the Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may the light that shines forth from them illumine our way as we journey towards Christmas; may the light that shines forth from them illumine our lives as we wait in hope for the birth of the Christ-child; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever. We ask this through Christ who is the Light of the World. ***Amen.***

Celebrant: O God, we light the first candle of Advent.

The First Candle is now lit.

People: *We kindle it with hope. We long for you to come to our world, to break through and reign with compassion, justice, and peace.*

Celebrant: We remember times we longed for God to be present to us, this congregation and this world. We recall how it was that people prayed for us, to heal us, to call us home, to awaken love within us, to act on behalf of others, to be peacemakers. The prophet Isaiah also cried to God to tear open heaven and come down. He called God's people to do right. Isaiah called them to be refashioned like clay by God, the potter. This advent, we call out to God.

People: *Mighty God, creator of the world, break through all that keeps us from you. We ask for your mercy and reform us in your image. This Advent, visit us with your justice, love, and peace. Amen.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Opening Acclamation

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

Liturgy of the Word

Collect for Purity

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.

Kyrie

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

People : *Christ have mercy.*

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

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 him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah seated

(64:1-9)

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

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We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Qui regis Israel

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1 *Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; **
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 *In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, **
stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 *Restore us, O God of hosts; **
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 *O Lord God of hosts, **
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

5 *You have fed them with the bread of tears; **
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 *You have made us the derision of our neighbors, **
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 *Restore us, O God of hosts; **
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

16 *Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, **
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 *And so will we never turn away from you; **
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 *Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; **
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians

(3:1-9)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn-#601 O day of God, draw nigh

O day of God, draw nigh
in beauty and in power,
come with thy timeless judgment now
to match our present hour.

Bring to our troubled minds,
uncertain and afraid,
the quiet of a steadfast faith,
calm of a call obeyed.

Bring justice to our land,
that all may dwell secure,

St. Michael

and finely build for days to come
foundations that endure.

Bring to our world of strife
thy sovereign word of peace,
that war may haunt the earth no more
and desolation cease.

O day of God, draw nigh
as at creation's birth,
let there be light again, and set
thy judgments in the earth.

All standing

***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark**

(13:24-37)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

Fr. Lenworth Haughton

All standing

The Nicene Creed

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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.

The Prayers of the People, Form II

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In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for our Bishop(s) ; for this gathering; and for all
ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.
Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;
and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.
Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.
Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.
Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially
Pray for those who have died.
Silence].

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored
[especially whom we remember today].
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.
Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People:

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Priest says

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

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always be with you.
People: *And also with you.*

Let us share the Peace of Christ with one another. Reach out beyond yourselves and be encouraged.

aged and empowered by God's grace to perhaps share this Peace with someone that you've not met yet. Stay in place, smile and wave and let us delight in being children of God in the House of the Lord.

Please be seated

Announcements

Solo

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel sung by Dean Warden

O Come, O Come Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That morns in lowly exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny.
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.

arr. Battistelli, Eskelin, and Lauer

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Holy Communion

All standing

Eucharist Prayer 1, Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 1

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Celebrant:

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. 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 say:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Mary the God bearer, Paul, Peter, all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. 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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Prayers when we cannot receive Holy Communion

In union, O Lord Jesus Christ, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I join in offering the sacrifice of my praise and thanksgiving to you. I present to you myself, my soul, and my body, with the earnest longing that I may ever be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you in this Holy Sacrament, come spiritually, I pray you, into my heart. I unite myself to you, and love you with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength. Let nothing ever separate me from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

Post-communion prayer

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God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit; that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Remember in Your Prayers Today: Brittany (Sherri Hodies' daughter), Beth and Jon Peterson (sister-in-law and brother of Tim), Mickey Malgrat, Peter Nanos, Zane Wruble (daughter of Kathleen Braxton), Mark Simcox (member of our chamber group SCMS), Mark Sandground (husband of Judy), Craig and Cheryl and Crystal Cates, and family

Remember those who have died: Adrienne Shryock (mother of Sarah Kindinger)

We Celebrate these November Birthdays:

Jane Burchett	11/04	Nathaniel Harris	11/16	Manuel Acevedo	11/26
Mike Benfield	11/05	India Hall	11/18	Shirley Albury	11/26
Ashley Cyrillien	11/06	Lorilee McDaniel	11/18	Joan Sammy	11/26
Brian Howard	11/13	Jeff Hillard	11/19	Sandra Highsmith	11/27
Charles Hammond, Jr.	11/14	Wally Senney	11/21	Sheri Sampson	11/27
Michelle Garcia	11/15	Lilla Whiteside	11/23	Kristy Smith Callaway	11/30

We Celebrate November Anniversaries:

Ronald & Sabrina Acevedo	11/01	Kip Colligan and Tiffany Hendry	11/22
Harvey & PK Lynch	11/08	Laurence & Alona Marius, Sr.	11/29
Tim Peterson and Brian Wagstaff	11/09	Lilla & Mark Whiteside	11/30
Billy & Pamela Albury	11/17		

Celebrant: Fr. Lenworth Haughton
Director of Music: Tim Peterson
Cantor: Dean Warden
Reader's Vestry Wendy Niven

Senior Warden, Ray Warren (Class of 2022)
Junior Warden, Greta Philips-Ford (Class of 2023)

Class of 2021: Lonnie Gordon, Joseph Lyles, Perry Hodies
Class of 2022: Kim Grizzle-Malgrat, Samantha Hall
Class of 2023: Bruce Hagemann, Lilla Whiteside

HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Paul's Church was formed by an official act of the City Council of Key West. In a petition to the bishop of New York, the City council requested a priest be sent and the Parish of St. Paul's be established. In 1831, the council gave notice of a public meeting to establish an Episcopal Church, and a committee was appointed.

The first rector was the Reverend Sanson K. Brunot, who arrived December 23, 1832. He held the first service on Christmas Day 1832 in the County Courthouse on Jackson Square. That same day the congregation signed an "Act of Association" of the Episcopal Congregation in Key West to be called St. Paul's Church. The first Vestry was elected April 8, 1833, and Rev. Brunot became a permanent house-guest of Vestryman William Whitehead, as there was no rectory or church building. Land for a church site was given by the widow of John William Charles Fleming in 1832 with the only stipulation that her husband's remains stay where they were. He is still buried on the grounds, but the actual site is unknown.

The original church made of coral rock, was built in 1838-39. The building, when completed, was 38 x 58 feet, and the total cost of construction was \$6,500. This first building was totally destroyed by a hurricane on October 11, 1846. The second church was a wooden structure measuring 28 x 66 feet. Services were held in this building on June 30, 1848, and the church was consecrated on January 4, 1851, by the Right Reverend C.E. Gadsden, Bishop of South Carolina.

In 1857 a Rectory was erected on the corner of Duval and Eaton Street, facing Eaton. The Rev. Osgood E. Herrick was the first in a long line of rectors to call it home. The church was growing steadily, and the seating capacity of 350 was becoming inadequate. This is when St. Peter's was established (1875), and the Spanish Mission of St. John's followed.

The second church was destroyed in the Great Fire of Key West in March 1886. By some good fortune the Rectory survived undamaged. Rebuilding the church began immediately, and the third church was completed in 1887. Constructed of wood, it stood in the center of the block facing Eaton Street. It measured approximately 58 x 98 feet.

In 1890, the Vestry voted to purchase a chime of bells. Once installed, the first chime of bells within Florida was inaugurated on Palm Sunday morning, March 22, 1891, at 10:00 a.m.

On October 11, 1909, another disaster struck, and the church was destroyed by a hurricane. The parish hall (completed in 1904) and the Rectory survived the storm and were used for services. Plans for a new church were approved in 1911, which would be constructed of concrete. The church would be located at the corner of Duval and Eaton Streets. This required the moving of the Rectory to its current location in 1914. The first service in the current building was held June 8, 1919. During this time, many of the beautiful stained glass windows were ordered, and installation began in 1920. The organ arrived in 1931 in time for Christmas services.

A major restoration of the church began in 1991 to save the building from collapse. The concrete used in the initial construction had been mixed with seawater and beach sand, causing the steel reinforcing within the walls and columns to split. Work was complete in 1993 at a cost of nearly one million dollars.

Today the church continues to stand as a beacon within the diverse cultural community of Key West. The church is open daily for prayer, meditation and visitation. Many concerts and other community events take place here, and St. Paul's plays a positive role in the community both artistically and spiritually. Thirty-four priests have served St. Paul's as rector and several others as interim priests. We have been without a full-time Rector or interim since July 2020. We are in the middle of a search for our new Rector, whom we hope that we can welcome into our community of faith in the very near future.