



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Historic Key West's Church"

December 13, 2020 8:30 a.m.

The Third 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 gospel according to John.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

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

The Third Candle is now lit.

People: *We look to John, the one you sent, to point us to your light. The light will come into our world and enlighten everyone.*

Celebrant: God sent John the Baptizer to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus Christ, the true Light of the World. John called for people to repent of their sins and to live faithfully. He baptized with a cleansing water and proclaimed the new life that Christ, the one who would follow him, would bring. This Advent, we ask for God's mercy and a joyful new beginning.

People: *Merciful God, we give thanks that you send messengers like John to call us to greater faith. We ask that in these days we prepare for you in prayer and acts of holy compassion. Forgive us and lead us to your light. Amen.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

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.

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.*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah *seated*

(61:1-4, 8-11)

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;

he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,

to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;

to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,

the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;

they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;

I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;

all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

In convertendo

BCP 782

- 1 *When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, **
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 *Then was our mouth filled with laughter, **
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 *Then they said among the nations, **
"The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 *The Lord has done great things for us, **
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 *Restore our fortunes, O Lord, **
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 *Those who sowed with tears **
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 *Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, **
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

A Reading from 1 Thessalonians

(5:16-24)

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn #65 Prepare The Royal Highway

Prepare the way, O Zion,
your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley
a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory,
foretold in sacred story.

*Oh, blest is Christ that came
in God's most holy Name.*

He brings God's rule, O Zion;
he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom,

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and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding,
for grace and joy abounding.

Refrain

Fling wide your gates, O Zion;
your Savior's rule embrace.
His tidings of salvation
proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow before him,
their voices will adore him.

Refrain

All standing

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

(1:6-8,19-28)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

Fr. Lenworth Haughton

All standing

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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 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	My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness sung by Dean Warden	Anne Krentz Organ
	My soul proclaims your greatness, O Lord; I sing my Savior's praise! Great wonders you have done for me, And holy is your name.	The ruthless you have cast aside, The lowly thronged instead; The hungry filled with all good things, The rich sent off unfed.
	My soul proclaims your greatness, O Lord; I sing my Savior's praise! You looked upon my lowliness, And I am full of grace.	To Israel, your servant blest, Your help is ever sure; The promise to our parents made Their children will secure.
	Now every land and every age This blessing shall proclaim Great wonders you have done for me, And holy is your name.	Sing glory to the Holy One, Give honor to the Word, And praise the Pow'r of the Most High, One God, by all adored.
	To all who live in holy fear Your mercy ever flows. With mighty arm you dash the proud, Their scheming hearts expose.	

Holy Communion

All standing

Eucharist Prayer 1, Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer I

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast!

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 Bratton), Craig Cates, Crystal Cates, and the entire Cates family

Remember those who have died: Cheryl Cates

We Celebrate these December Birthdays:

Victoria Albury	12/02	John Payne	12/15
Linda Sparks	12/03	Byron Colley	12/18
Chase Langdale	12/04	DavidMcLaughlin	12/18
Brooke Myers	12/05	Zoe Pischke	12/19
Philip Schneider	12/08	Samantha Hall	12/20
Jackie Gahan	12/10	Greta Schneider	12/22
Sarah Kindinger	12/12	Edward Toppino	12/23
Keith Hernandez	12/14	Caimyn Eage	12/25
James Colligan	12/15	William Porter	12/25

We Celebrate December Anniversaries:

Kevin & Barbara Mitchell	12/06	Robert & Jane Burchett	12/26
Nancy & Barry Hitch Campbell	12/17	Roger & Shirley Sweeting	12/27
David & Karen Horan	12/20	Janette & Warren Chalmers	12/28
Nat and Lyle Harris	12/23	Kim Grizzle-Malgrat & Mickey Malgrat	12/28

Announcements: Please consider buying a personalized brick for the brick paver portion of the Memorial Garden. The cost of a 4 x 8 brick is \$100. Each brick will accommodate up to 3 lines and up to 18 characters per line, including spaces. You may order a Donor Brick with an additional donation of \$35; this is a duplicate of the brick being placed in the garden. With an additional donation of \$12 you may purchase a Donor Certificate to frame or to present on Christmas morning. You can order your brick(s) at <https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/stpaulskw>

We are planning to have 2 Christmas eve services this year. 5:30pm and 8:00pm. We will also be broadcasting “Premiere” on Facebook and YouTube at 10:pm. This will feature our 5:30pm service. We encourage you to stay at home with family and friends that evening, and enjoy the service in the safety of your home. We will also have Morning Prayer, on Christmas morning at 10 am. You must register through our church office to make reservations for all in-person services at St Paul’s. We will have to be strict with our attendance numbers or each of these services. *Be aware, these service times may change or have to be cancelled, depending on the number of COVID-19 cases in our community. We will try to keep you up-to-date through our ongoing weekly services and our e-Newsletter “The Epistle”.*

Our local community chorus, The Keys Choral Arts, will be presenting a virtual Christmas Concert this year. “Premiering” today at 4 pm online at keyschoralarts.org. **Christmas Carols and Cocktails** will be available for online viewing for 2 weeks, beginning with this ‘premiere’. Information is available on their website, keyschoralarts.org/events. They hope to see you all on line!

Celebrant:	Fr. Lenworth Haughton
Director of Music:	Tim Peterson
Cantor:	Dean Warden
Reader:	Mary Simmons

St. Paul's Vestry

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

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