

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Historic Key West's Church"

December 06, 8:30 a.m.

The Second 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.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall be come level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

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

*The Second Candle is now lit.*

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

Celebrant: We seek your comfort, O God; both mighty and tender, you come. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you. Isaiah announced God's coming to a people exiled in a broken and parched wilderness. He declared that God's redemption would make a highway in the desert and change the rough places into plain. God would come as a shepherd—feeding, leading, and cradling the weary flock—establishing peace forever. This Advent, we seek such a God.

People: *Saving God, look upon your world and heal your land and your people. Prepare us to be changed. This Advent, teach us to be tender and just, as you are. O Lord, make us instruments of your peace. 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.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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*

*(40:1-11)*

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,

lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
“Here is your God!”

See, the Lord God comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.  
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.  
The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13**

*Benedixisti, Domine*

**BCP 708**

*You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.  
You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.  
I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.  
Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.  
Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.  
Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.  
The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.  
Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.*

**A Reading from 2nd book of Peter**

*(3:8-15a)*

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**Sequence Hymn-#53 Once He Came In Blessing**

*Gottes Sohn ist kommen*

Once he came in blessing,  
all our ills redressing;  
came in likeness lowly,  
Son of God most holy;  
bore the cross to save us,  
hope and freedom gave us.

Thus, if thou canst name him,  
not ashamed to claim him,  
but wilt trust him boldly  
nor dost love him coldly,  
he will then receive thee,  
heal thee, and forgive thee.

Still he comes within us,  
still his voice would win us  
from the sins that hurt us,  
would to Truth convert us:  
not in torment hold us,  
but in love enfold us.

One who thus endureth  
bright reward secureth.  
Come, then, O Lord Jesus,  
from our sins release us;  
let us here confess thee  
till in heaven we bless thee.

*All standing*

**\*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark**  
*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

*(1:1-8)*

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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,

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.

## BCP 385

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**

**The Call**

sung by Dean Warden

Vaughan Williams

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a Way, as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:  
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light, as shows a feast:

Such a Feast, as mends in length:  
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part:  
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

## 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**

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**

**BCP 365**

*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), Irene Eyer, Mark Sandground (husband of Judy), Craig Cates, the entire Cates family

**For those who have died:** Cheryl Cates, Crystal Cates

**We Celebrate these December Birthdays:**

Victoria Albury	12/02	Byron Colley	12/18
Linda Sparks	12/03	DavidMcLaughlin	12/18
Chase Langdale	12/04	Zoe Pischke	12/19
Brooke Myers	12/05	Samantha Hall	12/20
Jackie Gahan	12/10	Edward Toppino	12/23
Sarah Kindinger	12/12	Caimyn Eage	12/25
Keith Hernandez	12/14	William Porter	12/25
James Colligan	12/15	Harvey Lynch	12/27
John Payne	12/15	Laurence Marius, Sr.	12/29

**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 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 on 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” on Sunday, December 13, 2020 at 4 pm online at [keyschoralarts.org](https://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](https://keyschoralarts.org/events). They hope to see you all on line!

**TRUE Fund** Sunday. This Sunday, the first Sunday of the month, we are asking for special offerings to benefit those in our community in need. We ask you to give generously to this outreach that St. Paul’s offers our community. As you can imagine, there are many of our own, who are suffering greatly during this pandemic. We all have been blest with so much, and now the need is so great.

<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Lenworth Haughton
<b>Director of Music:</b>	Tim Peterson
<b>Cantor:</b>	Dean Warden
<b>Reader:</b>	Wendy Niven

**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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## 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.