



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Historic Key West's Church"

December 20, 2020 8:30 a.m.

The Fourth 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 St. Luke.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to see Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.” Then Mary said, “Here I am Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

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.*

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

The Fourth Candle is now lit.

People: *We hear your angel Gabriel and witness the faith of Mary. Fill us with your grace and light.*

Celebrant: Mary was a young, strong, spiritual woman. Even though her life was not easy, she heard God’s voice and said yes. Her song was a prayer that would uplift those who were downtrodden. Her lyrics shattered the proud and called the world to change. She would bear within her the promised child, Jesus, the Light of the World. This Advent, we respond to God’s beckoning to us as well.

People: *Revealing God, visit us and fill us with your Spirit. Bring your good news to life within us. Give us courage to carry the light into the injustices and shadows of this world. 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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Second book of Samuel *seated* (16:25-27)

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Misericordias Domini

BCP 713

1 *Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.*

2 *For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.*

3 *"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:*

4 *'I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"*

19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: *

*"I have set the crown upon a warrior
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.*

20 I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.

22 No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.

23 I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.

24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.

25 I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.

26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

A Reading from the book of the Romans

(16:25-27)

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn-#66 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Stuttgart

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

All standing

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

(1:26-38)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will

conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

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 **O Come to Us, Emmanuel**
 sung by Dean Warden

Joseph M. Martin

O Come to us, Emmanuel,
Deliver us we pray.
Lord, come to us, abide with us,
Restore our joy today.
Lord, come walk beside us,
Come lead, teach, and guide us.
Shine in our shadows and show us the way.

O come to us, Emmanuel,
Deliver us we pray.
O come to us, Emmanuel,
Restore our joy today.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to us
And ransom Israel.

O come to us, Emmanuel,
And make us one in love.
By your strong hand, Lord,
Heal our land with grace from above.
Bring peace for our sorrows,
Hope for tomorrow.
Shine in our shadows and bring a new day.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to us
And ransom 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

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), Peter Nanos, Al (Kitty Robert's partner), 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	David McLaughlin	12/18
Brooke Myers	12/05	Zoe Pischke	12/19
Philip Schneider	12/08	Samantha Hall	12/20
Jackie Gahan	12/10	Great 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 at 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, has been presenting a virtual Christmas Concert this year. "Premiering" last Sunday, this very special Christmas concert can still be viewed online. A virtual ticket can be purchased at keyschoralarts.org. **Christmas Carols and Cocktails** will be available for online viewing through December 27, 2020. They hope to see you all on line!

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

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

Year end Giving

Thanks to the generosity of many people St. Paul's Episcopal Church continues to provide support to the many people who live, work, and visit the Lower Keys. As you plan your year-end charitable contributions we hope that you will consider a special gift to St. Paul's. Here are our many convenient payment options: Contribute online from the "[Giving Page](#)" page of our website by December 28, 2020. Put your payment in the offering plate at any worship service by December 31 2020. Mail checks to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 401 Duval Street, Key West, FL, 33040, postmarked by Dec. 31, 2020.

If giving stock or funds managed by a broker, ask them to contact St. Paul's email at info@stpaulskeywest.org by December 28, 2020.

If you wish to make a donation from your IRA, here are the details:

- You must be 70½ or older.
- You may transfer up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to St. Paul's.
- If you have not yet taken your required minimum distribution for 2019, your gift can satisfy all or part of that requirement.
- You pay no income tax on the gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your tax deductions.
- Transfers will need to be made by Dec. 28, 2020, if you want your gift to qualify this year.

Thank you for considering St. Paul's in your year end giving. To do so is a direct reflection of your stewardship of that with which God has blessed us. May God, through us, continue to bless others.

