



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

November 20, 2022

Last Pentecost

Christ the King

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude: "Priere a Notre-Dame," Leon Boellmann

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn #154 – “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” *See hymnal (red or blue book in pews); the people stand, as able.*

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the One, Holy and Living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Gloria – S280, *Hymnal 1982*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons *The people may be seated.*

First Reading – Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

After the reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 16 responsively by whole verse – *The Song of Zechariah, Luke 1: 68-79*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading – *Colossians 1:11-20*

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

After the reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn #450, v. 1-3, 6 – “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” *please stand, as able*

Gospel Luke 23:33-43

Before the Gospel,

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

After the Gospel,

The Gospel of the Lord. *People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon *The people sit.*

Dean Twila Smith

The Nicene Creed *The people stand, as able; in unison*

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

Leader With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Empower us, O Christ.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Empower us, O Christ.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Bishop, for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Empower us, O Christ.

For Joe, our President, Kathy, our Governor, Byron, our Mayor, for all newly elected to serve, and for our civic engagement, let us pray to the Lord.

Empower us, O Christ.

For this Cathedral, for stewardship of resources God has given us, and generosity of time and talents for God's mission and the good of others, let us pray to the Lord.

Empower us, O Christ.

For this city of Buffalo and our downtown neighborhood, and especially for those who are vulnerable.

Empower us, O Christ.

For the those who are affected by the snowstorm; for first responders, road crews, those working in essential services, and for neighbors helping neighbors.

Empower us, O Christ.

For all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit, including all who have been commended to our prayers: Bill, Connie, Sue, Lisa, Marge, Renee, Elaine, Jeanna, Michael, Judy, Jim, Sharon, Robert, Carol, Shirley, Jeremy, Monica, and Henry, and for our care of them, let us pray to the Lord.

Empower us, O Christ.

For our neighbors who are poor, oppressed, unhoused, unemployed, and facing other needs; for prisoners and captives; and for all who remember and advocate for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Empower us, O Christ.

Let us also pray for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection; for those we remember in our hearts, and for the whole communion of saints.

Presider adds a concluding collect

Confession

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All **God of all mercy,**

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest offers absolution

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory: "Recit de Chromhorne," Francois Couperin

Presentation Hymn #377, v. 1&5 *Please stand, as you are able.*

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore.

The Great Thanksgiving *The Presider, facing them, says,*

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

People We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

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

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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: *Presider and People*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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 St. Paul and 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,

All **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

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Welcome to Christ's table. An usher will invite you to a single-file line in the main aisle for communion. To receive the bread only, simply extend one hand; to receive the bread with intinction in the wine, extend both hands. Gluten-free bread is available and you may indicate your preference to the celebrant.

Cantor sings the refrain once, then all sing the refrain, then the verses

The musical notation consists of three staves of music. The first staff shows the Antiphon: "The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing - of the bread." The second staff shows the first two lines of the Verses: "1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu - 2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -". The third staff shows the repeat Antiphon: "ia, ia, is for the com - mun - ion though ma - ny we Bod - y share of one Christ. bread. refrain refrain". The notation uses a treble clef, a 3/4 time signature, and includes dynamic markings like "Fine" and "All repeat Antiphon".

To receive a blessing, indicate your desire by crossing your arms over your heart.

Communion Hymn #707 – “Take My Life and Let it Be”

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious
Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn #436 – “*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*”

Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: “Menuet Gothique,” Leon Boellmann

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New to the Cathedral?

The greeters/ushers at the church entry are here to help! They can give directions to the restrooms (downstairs) and other locations, answer questions about worship and the church, and provide one of our special boxes for children (purple box) or anyone who would like to draw/color during worship. Children are always welcome in worship and in the full life of the church, and people of all ages are encouraged to explore the Cathedral.

Today at the Cathedral

As of the bulletin preparation on Thursday, the prospects for significant snow by Sunday morning seem likely. For those who are retrieving the bulletin from the “e-news,” know that we are keeping an eye on weather reports. Notices will be sent to our e-news list and posted on Facebook, with updates through the weekend. Worship will be held at 8 and 10:15 a.m., as well as the 9 a.m. “Caring Cafe” forum, in some forms—including online options.

Giving Thanks

Thank you to the Urban Redemption Foundation and all who helped with the Community Thanksgiving Dinner (and coat giveaway and more) on Wednesday: Katherine, Judy, Bill, Bob, Latanya, Canon Mike, Teresa, and Ron. We also support from members of the Diocesan Partnership—Deacon Martha, Bill, and Robin. On a cold, gray day, there was a lot of warmth to share with our neighbors—in the church and Cathedral Park.

This Week at St. Paul's

- Tuesday—11:30 a.m. Garden of Love, *Flickinger Ministry Center*
- Wednesday—5:30 p.m. Property Committee, *on Zoom*
- Thursday—no 12:05 p.m. *Holy Eucharist (Thanksgiving Day)*
- Saturday, November 26—9 a.m. Deck the Stalls, Greening for Advent, *Cathedral*
- Sunday, November 27—Advent 1; beginning of Lectionary Year A

Caring Cafe — 9 a.m. Sundays in the Walker Room (lower level)

Come for coffee, community, and conversations on matters of faith—expressions of caring for one another.

- Today—“Who Are Our Neighbors?” Dean Twila will share data about our Cathedral neighborhood, changing demographics downtown, and issues people in our area have said are important to them.
- November 27—Advent series begins: “Practicing Simplicity With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind.” Devotional booklets will be available at the Cathedral on Sunday, November 20 (no cost), and while supplies last. You may also download a free PDF or purchase an e-book (99 cents) at livingcompass.org/advent

From the SJAT Notebook

The Social Justice Action Team of St. Paul's shares information on issues—you'll find these announcements in our weekly “e-news,” as well, with web links. If you have been in the Episcopal Church awhile, you are likely familiar with the United Thank Offering or at least the little blue collection boxes that are part of an annual effort to raise funds and awareness for missionary efforts of the church. The UTO was established in 1889, primarily as a missionary effort led by women in the Episcopal Church. United Thank Offering grants have funded a variety of ministries over the years and we will be holding a collection drive in the spring. Social Justice Action Team member Kathy Riess draws our attention this week to grants that were awarded by UTO and shared through a webinar, “Becoming Beloved Community—Indigenous Perspective” <https://unitedthankoffering.com/webinar/>—both the video link and an information sheet are on this site.

Forward Day by Day

New editions of the Forward Day by Day devotional are available at the back of the church.

Deck the Stalls! – 9 a.m. Saturday, November 26

It's time to deck the stalls. The clergy and choir stalls with greenery for Christmas. If you thought elves came on Advent 1 eve and put up the greens, etc., in the cathedral, you would be wrong. For that we need all hands on deck, and that means you! We will meet in the cathedral on Saturday, November 26 at 9 a.m. to get the wreaths and greens out of storage and into place in the church. If you have never been a part of this activity, this could be a first for you. It will put you in the mood for Christmas and you can glow with pride of accomplishment when you come to church on Advent 1 Sunday to celebrate a New Year for the church. Coffee and other goodies will be provided. Come one, come all. We hope to see MANY of you there!

· If you can't make it on the 26th, then join us on December 17 when we put up the trees and creche. More on that later.

Giving to St. Paul's – 2023 Pledge Update

So far, we have received pledges for 2023 from 37 households, totaling \$110,000. This compares to just 20 pledges by late December of last year – an 85% increase! Gifts to the God through the Cathedral are gratefully received. We encourage people to give of time, talent, and treasure – as has been a theme throughout this fall – and that we all strive to be stewards of people, of our relationships. To make a financial commitment for 2023, pledge cards are available at the back of the church or through the church office, office@spcbuffalo.org. You may place offerings in one of the alms basins in the church or give electronically. To give electronically, see the "DONATE" button in the top right corner of our home page, at spcbuffalo.org. From this link, you may make one-time offerings or set up regular giving (weekly, monthly, etc.). If you need assistance, please contact Teresa in the church office.

Lighting the Path – Fundraiser for Refugees – Wednesday, November 30

Jewish Family Services, who the Social Justice Action Team worked with in the recent apartment set up for a refugee family, is holding a fundraiser, "Light the Path," the evening of Wednesday, November 30, at the Dnipro Ukrainian Cultural Center, Buffalo (562 Genesse Street, Buffalo). Dean Twila will be attending. This casual evening will include an opportunity to learn more about JFS initiatives such as Uniting for Ukraine and Buffalo United for Afghan Evacuees, along with traditional food samplings from Ukraine and Afghanistan and an assortment of favorite Jewish desserts.

Garden of Love Donations: Important Update

While we are grateful to our congregation and the many other people who have donated clothing to the Garden of Love, we cannot accept any further clothing donations at this time.

Advent – begins Sunday, November 27 ... more to come!

· Advent Greening – 9 a.m. Saturday, November 26

· Advent Quiet Day: Fragments of Blessing – 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, December 3

This Advent "mini-retreat" will offer space for gently entering into the blessings of the season, with time for quiet, prayer, creativity, and peace. Led by Dean Twila, for our region – all are welcome to attend and you are encouraged to invite friends/family. Light lunch provided; no cost (love offerings gratefully received). Rsvp, twila@spcbuffalo.org.

· St. Nicholas Day – Tuesday, December 6 – come and help hand out St. Nicholas candy and cards at the transit stop. For details, contact Dean Twila, twila@spcbuffalo.org.

· Advent Day of Prayer – Wednesday, December 7 – Join churches from across our Diocesan Partnership in prayer. *There will be intervals of prayer at the Cathedral and ministry center throughout the day, beginning with "outbound prayers" at the Church Street Metro station for the first run of the day, at 5:14 a.m.*

Pastoral Care

If you know someone in need of pastoral care, please contact Judy Elliott (elliottking77@aol.com) or Canon Barbara Price (barbara@spcbuffalo.org). Canon Barbara, Judy, Del Milander, Kathy Reiss, Jessy Alexander, and Katharine Woodard provide care to our community through phone calls, visits and notes. If you have prayer requests, please email prayerrequests@spcbuffalo.org.

New or visiting today? Everything you need to participate in worship is in this bulletin and the hymnal (in the pew racks; hymn numbers are noted in the bulletin). We invite you to join in praying, singing, and responding, as you are comfortable. Greeters are available at the back of the church to assist you.

If you would like a hearing enhancement device, see a greeter.



Restrooms are available near the kitchen on the lower level.

A handicapped accessible restroom is located near the Walker Room.
Please ask a greeter for directions.

TODAY'S LITURGY PARTICIPANTS

The Very Rev. Twila Smith, Dean—Presider and Preacher;
Del Milander, Altar Guild and Reader/Intercessor (both services); Tracy Thomas, Livestream;
Kathy Reiss, Coffee Host; David Jemmott and Kim O'Connell, Ushers;
The Rev. Canon Earle King, Organist

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