



St. Paul's Episcopal Church Brookline



The FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS with Holy Eucharist December 30, 2018

Welcome to St. Paul's!

We invite and encourage your full participation in our worship this morning.

This service bulletin is the only document you'll need to participate in this morning's liturgy. Any hymns not printed here may be found in the Hymnal, found next to your seat. When the community stands, please join us as you are able.

We are blessed because of your presence here this morning, and we want to do everything possible to make you feel at home. In our celebration of Holy

Communion we believe that God welcomes all to Christ's Altar. You are welcome here! You are invited to fill out an information card found next to your seat and place it in the offering plate, or hand it to an usher so that we may welcome you more fully into this vibrant community of faith.

Accessibility

If you would like assistance with a wheelchair or walker, or if you would like Communion brought to you at your seat, please see an usher for assistance.

Prelude *Es ist ein Ros*

James Woodman, arr.

The Prelude helps us transition into our shared sacred space. During the Prelude, some greet one another, some listen to the music, some pray, and some read through the bulletin and announcements.

GATHER

All stand to sing the

Hymn *Go tell it on the mountain*

Hymnal #99

We remain standing for the

Bidding Prayer

Dear People of God: In this Christmas season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against God until the glorious redemption brought to us by the holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of God's whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the church, and especially for this church, in this community.

And because Jesus particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who long to know God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

The Almighty God bless us with grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above, may the King of Angels bring us all. **AMEN.**

WORD

All are seated for the readings and hymns

First Lesson

Genesis 3:1-15

After each lesson is said

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn *Creator of the stars of night*

Hymnal #60

Second Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-15

Hymn *Lo, how a rose e'er blooming*

Hymnal #81

Third Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

Hymn *The angel Gabriel from heaven came*

Hymnal #265

Fourth Lesson

Luke 1:39-56

Hymn *In the bleak midwinter*

Hymnal #112

Fifth Lesson

Luke 2:1-20

Hymn *What child is this*

Hymnal #115

Sixth Lesson

Hebrews 1:1-12

Hymn *Of the Father's love begotten*

Hymnal #82

Seventh Lesson

John 1:1-18

Hymn *Break forth, o beauteous heavenly light*

Hymnal #91

A presider bids the

Peace

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All are seated for the

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

All remain seated for the

Offertory Hymn *It came upon the midnight clear*

Hymnal #89

All stand to sing the

Presentation of the Gifts

Hymnal #380, verse 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

Presider We remember that this is God's table, and not our own. We invite everyone to come forward to receive the bread and the wine, or a blessing. Wherever you are on your journey with or toward God, from any tradition or none at all, know that you are welcome and invited at this table.

TABLE

All remain standing for the

Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of salvation in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Presider and People sing the

Sanctus

Hymnal #S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav'n and
6 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
12 high - est. Bless'd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
17 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, according to his command, O God,

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Saint Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

The people respond, saying

AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People and Presider

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The consecrated bread is broken. A period of silence is kept.

Presider We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Gifts for Holy People.

Chalice bearers and healing ministers come forward.

*All are welcome to receive Communion by placing one hand over the other to receive the bread, and then help guide the chalice of wine to your lips. Please let the clergy know if you desire a **gluten-free wafer**. **Blessings** are available for those who desire one by placing your arms across your chest in an "x". If you would like prayers for **healing** for yourself or someone you love, please remain in place after receiving communion or a blessing, and members of the healing ministry team will come to you.*

Communion Hymn *Away in a manger*

Hymnal #101

A member of the Lay Eucharistic Visitor Team comes forward to receive a communion kit to bring to members of the community unable to be with us this morning.

After a moment of silent reflection, all stand to say the

Postcommunion Prayer

Presider

Together, let us pray.

People

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 forever

in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

SEND

Hymn *Hark! The herald angels sing*

Hymnal #87

Christmas Blessing

May Almighty God, who took on our nature, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness from before your path, and brighten your heart with the light of holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty: Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon or Presider Christ our Savior is born, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *In dulci jubilo*

F. W. Zachau

Like the Prelude, the Postlude is transitional music. During the Postlude, some leave the space to head out into the world or to coffee hour for fellowship and conversation, while others use this time to sit quietly in some final moments of prayer or meditation, savoring the beauty of the music.

References: All worship materials come from the *Book of Common Prayer* unless otherwise noted. Hymns are from *The Hymnal 1982* unless noted. The Post Communion Prayer is from *Enriching Our Worship 1*.

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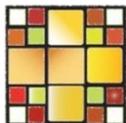
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