

ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

BISHOP MONNOT
PREACHING AND
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DECEMBER 24
5:00 PM & 10:30 PM

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Christmas Eve

December 24, 2023

Candlelight Festival Eucharist
5:00 pm and 10:30 pm

Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist

Our worship is based on the liturgies of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and this leaflet contains what you will need to follow and to participate actively with us. If you would like to use the book itself, page numbers are provided. Hymn numbers and service music refer to The Hymnal 1982 (bound in blue) and all books are found in the pew racks.

Organ Voluntaries

O Holy Night Adolphe Adam
Taylor Mayne, soloist

The Word of God

Hymn 83 *O come, all ye faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

THE GREETING

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**
Amen.

THE ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant I bring you good news of great joy:
People **A Savior has been born to you. Alleluia!**
Celebrant Unto us a child is born.
People **Unto us a Son is given. Alleluia!**
Celebrant He is Christ the Lord. Alleluia!
People **We worship and adore him. Alleluia!**

Hymn 96 *Angels we have heard on high* GLORIA

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS, *the people sit.*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

[9: 2 – 7]

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Mid'ian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Anthem

Away in a Manger

John Rutter

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus

[2: 11 – 14]

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Alleluia

The Cantor sings the refrain initially and the People join when invited

THE IRISH ALLELUIA
Fintan O'Carroll
Arr. Richard Proulx

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia.

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The Holy Gospel

[Luke 2: 1 – 20]

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirin'ius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to

Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

THE NICENE CREED, *standing*

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers of the People are adapted from a form first offered by the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania in 2018.

All stand or kneel as able for prayer. The Leader and People pray responsively. At the end of each intercession the people respond:

Intercessor: Holy God,

People: Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a Concluding Collect

Celebrant Grant reconciliation to those surrounded with conflict and violence, that they may live in the peace of this holy night. Let us pray for all who are cold, hungry, or alone this night. Embrace with your tender care all who wander alone or have no place to lay their head, that they may experience the hope of this holy night. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME

The Very Rev. Nicola Dance, Dean of the Cathedral

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

In the Bleak Midwinter

arr. Harold Duke

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367

The musical notation consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People. The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant. The fourth staff is for the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. ^{our} lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise."

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The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

Sanctus

S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

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 Father,

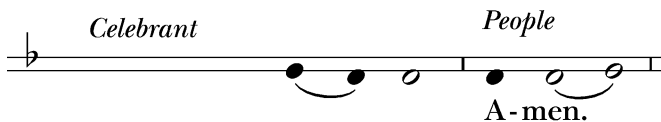
Celebrant and People:

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

The Celebrant continues

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 Paul and with 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



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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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

S161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All who seek a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion by moving forward to the altar rail or by remaining in your place and indicating to an usher that you would like to receive. Wine is offered by sipping from the chalice or by dipping your host wafer into the intinction bowl. Alternatively, you are welcome to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are not yet baptized and feel drawn to receive Holy Communion, please speak with a priest after the service about baptism.

Communion Music

Choir Anthem

Still, Still, Still

arr. Norman Luboff

Hymn 79*O little town of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

The lights are dimmed. Acolytes will walk down the center aisle with candles, from which the congregation will light their own candles, passing the flame to each other along their pews. All then remain seated to sing the following hymn

Hymn 111*Silent night*

STILLE NACHT

Please extinguish your candle at the end of the hymn.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his 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 his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 100*Joy to the world!*

ANTIOCH

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people.

People Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary*A Fantasy on Christmas Carols*

Charles Callahan

Announcements for December 24, 2023

The Cathedral Office will be closed on Monday, December 25,
Tuesday, December 26 and on Monday, January 1, 2024.

Christmas at the Cathedral
Christmas Day, December 25

10:00 am

The Epiphany, January 6, 2024

5:00 pm

*The Advent Wreath is given in loving memory of Barbara N. & Marshall G. Linn by
Barbara L. & Douglas H. Hein, Marshall & Julie Linn, and Scott N. & Denise Linn.*

Christmas Offerings & Flowers Are Given to the Glory of God

and in Loving Memory of:

Peggy Aerisolphal	<i>In memory of Anita Hawes</i>
Jill Williams Ayers, Rick Williams, & Nancy Williams Dotson	<i>In memory of Marvin F. Williams, Betty M. Williams, & Sue Williams Deever</i>
Mike & Ro Ruth-Bany	<i>In memory of Minnie & Percy Bany, Bob Ruth & our relatives</i>
R. Dean Bice	<i>In memory of parents and brother</i>
John & Jan Doherty	<i>In memory of Joe & Nia Doherty and Frank & Jean Cate</i>
Barbara Duro	
John Fletcher & Mark Thompsen	
Mike & Susan Gillespie	<i>In memory of Patrick McClintic & Zel Hibbs</i>
Carol Clay Hall	<i>In memory of John D. Hall & Ceola Hall</i>
Marian Jacobs	<i>In memory of The Rev. William L. Jacobs</i>
Phyllis Blood Melton & Terry Melton	<i>In thanksgiving for children and grandchildren</i>
Marilyn & Duane Sand	<i>In memory of Howard & Esther Sand and Robert & Roberta Paulette</i>
Jacob Wal	
Mary Whisenand	
Robert & Laura Wootten	<i>In memory of J. Robert Wootten, Mary Lou Avery, James & Martha Dacus</i>
John Zickefoose & Elvin McDonald	

**Invitation to join the Des Moines Faith Committee for Peace
at a Prayer Service for Peace on December 28**

What: Once again the DM Faith Committee for Peace will be holding a Service on the Feast of the Holy Innocents. We remember the slaughter of the innocents in Herod's time, and raise our prayers to stop violence against innocent children caused by wars and conflict around the world today. We continue to insist that "War is not the answer." Waging peace is the answer.

When: 6:30 pm Thursday, December 28, 2023

Where: Valley United Methodist Church, 4201 Ashworth,
West Des Moines. The service will also be live streamed.

Joyful Hearts Prayer Group for Epiphany

Coming January 7, 14, 21, February 4, 11

Praying in Epiphany

Weekly prayer practices and meditations in the light of God's love. Conversations Sundays at 11:30 am. Suggested daily activities for thank you, welcome, listening, healing, guidance, joy, and observing God at work today.

Sacred Ground Series Starts Again

This winter, a Sacred Ground discussion circle will meet via Zoom on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. from January 8 through March 18 (no meeting on March 11). There is no cost to register. For more information contact Ruth Ratliff at Ratliff@cfu.net. Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based series on race, developed by the Episcopal Church, which addresses the histories of America's Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American people as they intersect with European American histories. Participants in the program meet weekly to share their responses to the materials and our nation's tragic heritage of racism. Past participants have found the experience informative, moving, and inspiring. Here is the program's website: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/>

St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral Leaders

The Rt. Rev. Betsey Monnot	<i>Bishop of The Diocese of Iowa</i>
The Very Rev. Nicola Dance	<i>Dean of the Cathedral</i>
The Rev. Jean McCarthy	<i>Priest Associate</i>
The Rev. Michael Monnot	<i>Priest Associate</i>
The Rev Jean Davis	<i>Deacon</i>
The Rev. John Doherty	<i>Deacon</i>
Canon Mark Babcock	<i>Organist/Choirmaster</i>
Dr. Joshua Boggs	<i>Assistant Choirmaster</i>
Jonathan Hansen	<i>Formation Missioner</i>

Altar Flowers

If you would like to contribute altar flowers in 2024, please contact the Cathedral Office (515-288-7297) or email execadmin@stpaulsdm.org Thank you!

Tonight's Liturgical Ministers

5:00 p.m.

Crucifer – Jolene Phelps
1st lesson – Phyllis Melton
Cantor – Austin Rozendaal
2nd lesson – Peggy Aerisolphal
Intercessor – TBD
Audio System – Bill Gentsch
Ushers – John Skinner, TBD
Organist/Choirmaster Canon Mark Babcock
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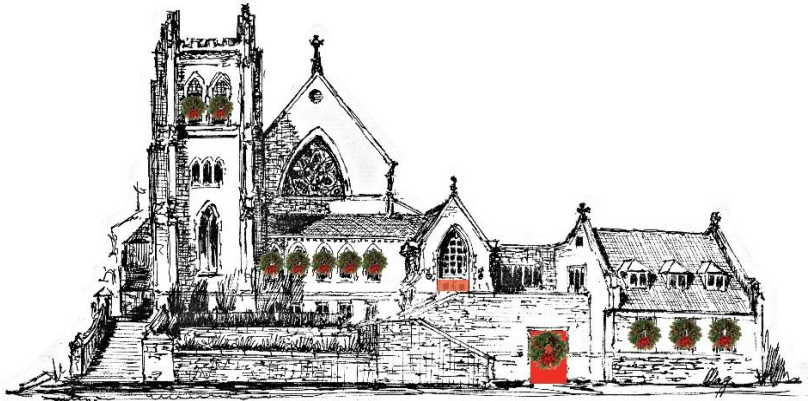
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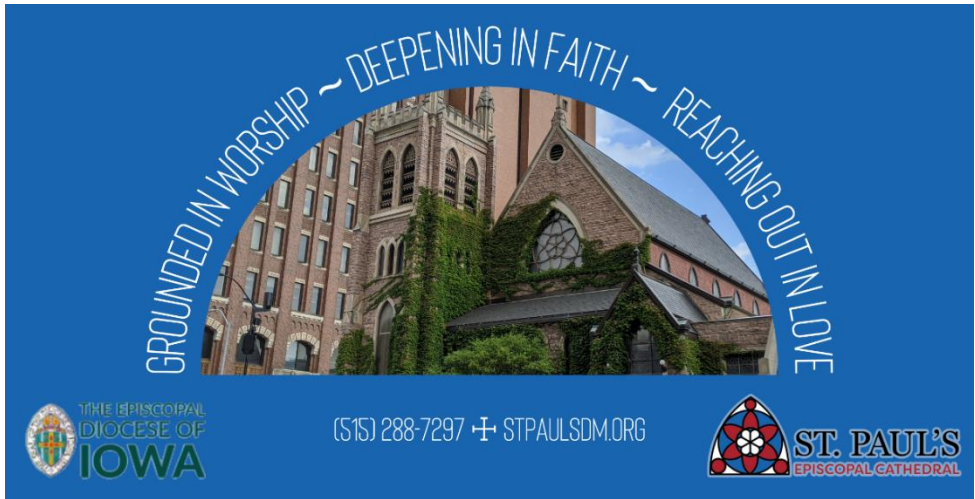
Crucifer – Catherine Gillespie
Thurifer – Alex Kane
1st lesson – Diane Hayes
Cantor – Austin Rozendaal
2nd lesson – Martin Chevalier
Intercessor – TBD
Audio System – Tim Hird
Ushers – Jolene Phelps, TBD
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Mission Statement: St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral is a welcoming, worshiping community committed to living Christ's unconditional love through fellowship, service, and kindness. **Vision Statement:** Grounded in Worship. Deepening in Faith. Reaching Out in Love.

Merry Christmas!





Weekly Services at the Cathedral

Sunday

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite II livestreamed and on Facebook

Wednesday Noon Eucharist

12:05 pm in the Chapel.

St. Paul's audio systems include the T-coil Hearing Loop. If you have questions or need assistance, please speak with one of our Audio Coordinators.



Hearing Loop
Switch hearing aid to T-coil

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