



# ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

815 High Street, Downtown Des Moines, IA 50509

## The Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Baptism and Choral Eucharist

**Sunday, December 5, 2021**

**Ten o'clock in the morning**

*Current CDC guidance advises everyone in Polk County to wear a mask in indoor public places. Thank you for wearing your facemask when inside at St. Paul's.*

**Organ Voluntary**

*Savior of the Nations Come*

Paul Manz

**Hymn 65**

*Prepare the way, O Zion*

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

## Opening Acclamation

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*Celebrant* Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** **And blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* There is one Body and one Spirit;

**People:** **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant:* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**People:** **One God and Father of all.**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

## THE LESSONS, *the People sit*

### A Reading from the Book of Malachi

[3: 1 – 4]

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

*Leader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

1.   Blest be the God of Israel, Who comes to set us free;  
      Who visits and redeems us, Who grants us liberty.  
      The prophets spoke of mercy, Of freedom and release;  
      God shall fulfill that promise and bring the people peace.
  
2.   Now from the house of David A child of grace is giv'n;  
      A Savior comes among us To raise us up to heav'n.  
      Before him goes the herald, Forerunner in the way,  
      The prophet of salvation, The messenger of day.
  
3.   On those who sit in darkness The sun begins, begins to rise,  
      The dawning of forgiveness Upon the sinner's eyes.  
      God guides the feet of pilgrims Along the paths of peace.  
      O bless our God and Savior With songs that never cease!

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians**

[1: 3 – 11]

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

*Leader*           The Word of the Lord.

**People**           **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 56** *O come, O come, Emmanuel* VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

St. 3 *O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height*

*In ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, in majesty, and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!*

St. 4 *O come, thou branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny*

*That trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!*

**The Holy Gospel**

[Luke 3: 1 – 6]

*All Stand*

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

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tibe'rius, when Pon'tius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Her'od was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Iturae'a and Trachoni'tis, and Lysa'nias ruler of Abile'ne, during the high priesthood of An'nas and Ca'iaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechari'ah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isai'ah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE HOMILY**

The Rt. Rev. Alan Scarfe, Bishop

*After the Homily, a period of silent reflection is kept.*

## LITURGY OF BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, AND RECEPTION

*The Bishop says*

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

*Clergy, Baptismal Candidate, Parents and Godparents proceed to the font*

### **Presentation and Examination**

*Celebrant*      The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents*

I present Jack Emmett Buscher to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant*      Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*      Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the candidate*

*Question*      Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer*        I renounce them.

*Question*      Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer*        I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*Candidates for Confirmation and their Presenters rise*

*Bishop* The Candidates for Confirmation will now be presented.

*Presenter* I present Sheila Brown, Nathan Brown, and Josiah Sutton for Confirmation.

*Presenter* I present Kaj Gardyasz for Confirmation.

*Candidates for Reception and their Presenters rise*

*Bishop* The Candidates for Reception will now be presented.

*Presenter* I present Michael McCarthy for Reception.

*Presenter* I present Duane Sand for Reception.

*The Bishop asks the candidates*

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidates* I do.

*Bishop* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidates* I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying*

*Bishop* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

***People*** **We will.**

*Bishop* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Father?

***People*** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Bishop* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***People*** **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***People*** **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Bishop* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

***People*** **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

***People*** **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

***People*** **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

***People*** I will, with God's help.

*Bishop* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

***People*** I will, with God's help.

#### **PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES**

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*Petitioner* Deliver them O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

***People*** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Petitioner* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

***People*** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Petitioner* Fill them with your Holy and life-giving Spirit.

***People*** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Petitioner* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

***People*** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Petitioner* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

***People*** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Petitioner* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

***People*** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Petitioner* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

***People*** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Celebrant:*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**



## **THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE BAPTISM**

*The candidate is presented by name to the Bishop, who then immerses, or pours water upon the candidate saying*

Jack, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The Bishop prays over the newly-baptized, saying*

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to

will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Then the Bishop places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross with the oil of Chrism and saying*

Jack, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

*The Baptismal Candidate, Parents and Godparents return to their seats*

#### **FOR CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION**

*The Bishop says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ. *Silence may be kept.*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### **FOR CONFIRMATION**

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says*

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Sheila with your Holy Spirit; empower her for your service; and sustain her all the days of her life. **Amen.**

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Nathan with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life. **Amen.**

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Kaj with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life. **Amen.**

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Josiah with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life. **Amen.**

**FOR RECEPTION**

*The Bishop says*

Michael, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

Duane, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

*Then the Bishop says*

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The congregation may give thanks with clapping*

**THE PEACE**

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**Announcements**

**Thanksgiving for Ministry**

O God, you have bound us together for a time as Bishop and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past.

*Silence*

We thank you for your patience with us despite our slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our failures and for your affirmation in our growing.

*Silence*

Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained.

*Silence*

We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son.

*Silence*

Now, we pray, be with your servants Alan and Donna as they leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

*Savior of the Nations Come*

Carl Staplin

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### Eucharistic Prayer D

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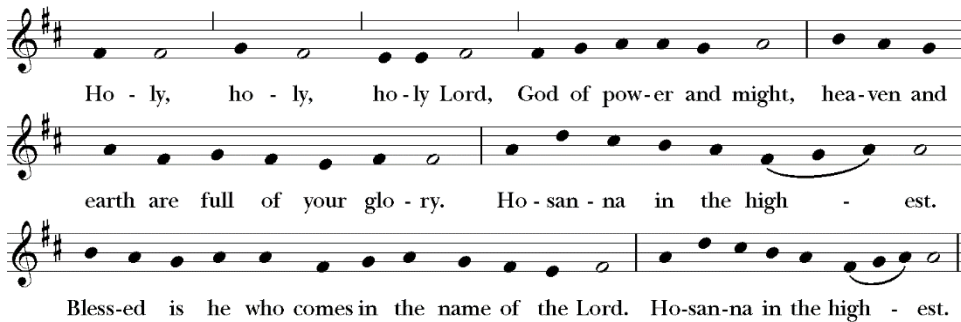
The musical notation consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with lyrics: "It is right to give God thanks and praise." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

#### *The Celebrant continues*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

## Sanctus

S124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

*The People stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy People, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

*Deacon*

Remember Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan, our bishop; Betsey, our bishop-elect, and all who minister in your church.

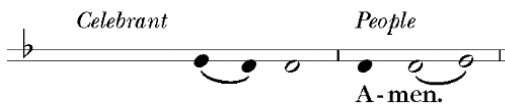
In our diocese, companion dioceses, and the Anglican Communion remember the clergy and people of Grace, Cedar Rapids; Christ Church, Cedar Rapids; St. James, Stonehaven, St. Philip, Catterline in Brechin; Nabubu Parish, Nzara; Sigangeni Parish, Swaziland; and The Anglican Church of Burundi. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember those preparing for marriage: Hannah Early & Nick Gerjol; and those preparing for the birth of a child: Catherine & Brad Krueger, Tom and John Stender-Custer.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

*The Celebrant continues*

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with Paul and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.





*The Celebrant then continues*

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**

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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 baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion by moving forward to the altar rail, at the side altar, or by remaining in your place. In either case you are welcome to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*

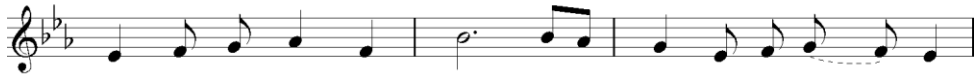
Hymn 75

*There's a voice in the wilderness crying*

ASCENSION



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a\_\_\_\_  
 2 O\_\_\_\_ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee  
 3 but the word of our God\_\_\_\_ en - du - reth, the\_\_\_\_



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst\_\_\_\_ of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The\_\_\_\_  
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the  
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
 flowers of the field they\_\_\_\_ per - ish, like  
 feed his\_\_\_\_ flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of  
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our\_\_\_\_ God\_\_\_\_ may go!  
 na - tions shall\_\_\_\_ pass like a dream\_\_\_\_ a - way;  
 lead them, and\_\_\_\_ bring them\_\_\_\_ safe to his fold.

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*After the people receive Communion a period of silent reflection is kept*

*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 Bishop blesses the people*

May the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

**Hymn 76**

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

WINCHESTER NEW

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.  
 Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

**DISMISSAL**

*The Deacon dismisses the people.*

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Organ Voluntary** *Toccata on Savior of the Nations Come*

Paul Manz

## **Blessing of the Parish House**

*Bishop and liturgical ministers move to the narthex. The congregation turns to face them*

Peace be to this house, and to all who enter here: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:

**From this time forth for evermore.**

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

SOVEREIGN LORD, you are Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end: Send us, your servants, out from this place to be the hands and heart of Christ in the world, be our constant companion in the way, and welcome us upon our return, so that coming and going we may be sustained by your presence. **Bless us and refresh us, O Lord.**

*Bishop asperges the narthex*

*Bishop and liturgical ministers move to the Guild Hall. The congregation follows.*

GOD OF WELCOMING LOVE, bless this space which hosts wondrous combinations of people who come to talk, pray, eat, discuss, and learn together. Send them on their way fed and refreshed.

**Bless us and refresh us, O Lord.**

*Bishop asperges the Guild Hall*

*Bishop and liturgical ministers move to the midpoint of the long hallway. The congregation follows.*

EVERPRESENT LORD, bless the offices placed throughout this hall and those who minister here, serving the congregation, diocese, and our community neighbors. **Bless us and refresh us, O Lord.**

HEAVENLY FATHER, bless the Nursery and classrooms and the children who play here and learn to know Jesus. Provide them with teachers to tend them with joy and patience while in their care. Fill classrooms with students of all ages seeking to know you better. **Bless us and refresh us, O Lord.**

GOD OF RESOURCES, bless all who share this corridor of varied resources for study, practical support and urgent needs.

**Bless us and refresh us, O Lord.**

*Bishop asperges the rooms off the main hallway, also the library and copy room, returning to the north door*

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

GOD OF WELCOME AND NEW LIFE, visit this parish house with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who enter here with the gift of your love; and grant that they may show your love to each other and to all whose lives they touch. May they grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen them; and preserve them in peace.

**Bless us and refresh us, O Lord.**

*Bishop asperges the north door and entry way*

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:

**From this time forth for evermore.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen!**

## Announcements for December 5, 2021

*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*

### **Today at St. Paul's**

We welcome Ben Hoskins, guest Carillonneur today

We welcome Bishop Scarfe who is presiding and Celebrating today



The offering today benefits the Bishop's Discretionary Fund, and online giving to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund is a practice that is most welcome on the occasion of the Bishop's Visitation. [https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted\\_button\\_id=87MBHZMGT7BC4&source=url](https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=87MBHZMGT7BC4&source=url)

### **You can also donate by mail:**

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Episcopal Diocese of Iowa  
225 37<sup>th</sup> Street  
Des Moines IA 50312

### **The Work of Your Church**

Join us, **Thursday, December 9, 2021**, when Presiding Bishop and Primate Michael B. Curry discusses the year ahead for The Episcopal Church.

Joining him in this conversation are his Canons:

- The Rev. Cn. C. K. Robertson, Ph.D., Canon for Ministry Beyond The Episcopal Church
  - The Rev. Cn. Stephanie Spellers, Canon for Evangelism, Reconciliation and Creation Care
  - The Rev. Cn. E. Mark Stevenson, Canon for Ministry Within The Episcopal Church
- The conversation will be moderated by the Rev. Winnie Varghese, Rector of St. Luke's Atlanta, Georgia.

Thursday, December 9, 2021

6 p.m. EST

The 60-minute event will include a moderated panel discussion, followed by a Q & A session. You are invited to join cathedral clergy for a watch-party in the **Guild Hall at 5:00 pm on December 9**, followed by conversation, or you may [register](#) and join the event online at home.

### **Advent Tea with A Twist**

In order to make this a safe event for everyone, we are focusing on giving to the community this year. This year the Tea is a family-friendly event. We hope you will join us! If you are not able to join us we hope you consider making a donation. **Please clearly label all advance donations "For the Advent Tea." Checks need to be made payable to St. Paul's with Advent Tea on the memo line.**

Tuesday, December 7

4:30 to 6:30 pm (come the whole time or for 30 minutes!)

St. Paul's Choir Room

Here are the details:

- We will be creating toiletry gift baskets for households spending Christmas at St. Joseph's Emergency Shelter for Families. They expect 30 people to be there over Christmas, many working families that need basics such as shampoo, deodorant and gas gift cards. We are also providing the items for breakfast Christmas morning!
- What you can bring to the event or drop off at St. Paul's prior to the event - new/unused toiletries - shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, razors, etc.; and for making up the gifts - small to medium sized baskets or Christmas themed gift bags and tissue paper.
- We are accepting cash donations to purchase gas gift cards to help the adults drive to work.
- Christmas breakfast items -Egg casseroles that we will freeze and deliver, quick breads or muffins (pumpkin, banana, etc.) or a cash donation to purchase items
- Paper towels for the shelter
- Pre-packaged Advent Tea treats to send home with those that attend (a few cookies wrapped up)

If you have questions, please contact Deacon Jean

at [jeandeacon@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org](mailto:jeandeacon@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org) or 515-480-5432 or Stephanie Murphy at [stephmurphy2020@gmail.com](mailto:stephmurphy2020@gmail.com) or 515-229-7737.

### **Central College Christmas Candlelight Concert**

**Thursday, December 9 at 7:30 pm**, Westminster Presbyterian Church in Des Moines presents one of the Central College Christmas Candlelight Concerts, under the direction of Cathedral Organist/Choirmaster Mark Babcock. See Mark for complimentary tickets.

### **Connection Café**

We will serve at Connection Café on Monday December 13th. We need 6 volunteers to make 20 lunches. Sign up here <https://volunteersignup.org/E499T>

### **St. Paul's Cathedral Arts Advent Organ Concerts at Noon**

- Thursday, December 16 – Cathedral Organist Mark Babcock.

**St Paul's offers Wednesday Eucharist at 12:05 pm every week in the Chapel.**



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### **St. Paul's Children's Formation!**

Saturday, December 11, 10:00 am, carol singing at the Cathedral. Bring your facemask!

### **One-service Sunday on December 19, at 10:00 am**

- December 19 – Seating of the Tenth Bishop of Iowa. Join us for a special service inviting Bishop Monnot to be seated in St. Paul's cathedra for the first time. Bring your handbells!

	<p>We hope you will consider pledging to our Stewardship campaign. If you need a pledge card, they are available in the Narthex. If you received a pledge card in the mail, please be sure to mail it to the Cathedral. You can also place it in the plate. Thank you!</p>
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**St. Paul's Sr. Men's Study Group meets Wednesdays at 10:00 am, in the Guild Hall.** For more information, please contact John McKinney: [j123mck@aol.com](mailto:j123mck@aol.com) or the cathedral Office [administrator@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org](mailto:administrator@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org)

### **Visitors**

If you are visiting today, we extend to you a warm welcome! Please make yourself known to a greeter, usher, or one of the clergy. You may sit, kneel or stand throughout the service, following the guidance in this bulletin or as you prefer. The Episcopal church offers communion in two kinds, both consecrated bread and wine. While the coronavirus pandemic continues, bread alone is offered. We are so glad you are with us today.

**Mission Statement:** The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, the Cathedral and liturgical center of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa, is a vital metropolitan Christian community. We are committed to accepting and giving Christ's unconditional love through worship, fellowship, education, and service within and beyond our parish church.

# Christmas Services 2021

Our services will be surrounded by music appropriate for this great Festival in the Church Year, and will surely inspire those of us who wait again this Advent Season for the "Savior of the Nations" to come bringing peace and redemption to a broken world.

## **Christmas Eve**

**Friday, December 24**

**Early service at 5:00 pm**

**Late service at 10:30 pm (livestreamed)**

## **Christmas Day**

**Saturday, December 25**

**One service at 10:00 am**

**Please note that the Cathedral Office will be closed on the following days:**

Monday, December 27, 2021

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

Monday, January 3, 2022

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



### **Today's Liturgical Ministers**

*Crucifer* – Catherine Gillespie

*1<sup>st</sup> lesson* – Scott Jeneary

*Cantor* – Austin Rozendaal

*2<sup>nd</sup> lesson* – Peggy Aerisolphal

*Petitioner* – John Zickefoose

*Presenters* – Tyler and Hannah Springer, Josh and Shelby Matillano,

Jonathan Hansen, Fr. Zeb Treloar, The Rev. Jean McCarthy

*Video* – Nate Thiessen

*Audio System* – Mike Gillespie

*Chapter Counters* – Jolene Phelps, John Stender-Custer