



ST. PAUL'S  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

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## The Second Sunday of Advent Choral Eucharist

**Sunday, December 10, 2023**

**Ten o'clock in the morning**

**Voluntary** Voluntary on *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* John Behnke

### The Word of God

**Hymn 65** *Prepare the way, O Zion* BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 355

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

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

*The Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity and the people respond Amen.*

**The Kyrie** (*in the front section of the Hymnal*) S95

*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 Isaiah**

[40: 1 – 11]

**Psalm 85: 1 – 2, 8 – 13**     *Benedixisti, Domine*     BCP p. 708

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

Mode 1

Refrain

Show us your mer - cy, O Lord, and grant us your sal - va - tion.

from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated.

**A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter**     [3: 8 – 15a]

**Hymn 75**     *There's a voice in the wilderness crying*     ASCENSION

**The Holy Gospel**     [Mark 1: 1 – 8]

**THE HOMILY**     Jonathan Hansen, M. Div.  
*After the Homily, a period of silent reflection is kept.*

**THE NICENE CREED, standing**     BCP p. 358

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM II**     BCP p. 385  
*All stand or kneel as able for prayer.*

Deacon Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*The Celebrant adds a Concluding Collect and the People respond Amen.*

**THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**     BCP p. 360

**THE PEACE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Anthem**     *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*     K. Lee Scott

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**Eucharistic Prayer A**     BCP p. 361  
*The people remain standing*

**Sanctus**     (*in the front section of the Hymnal*)     S124  
*The people stand or kneel*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

BCP p. 364

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

BCP p. 364

**Fraction Anthem** *(in the front section of the Hymnal)*

S161

*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.*

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

**Hymn 56**

*O come, O come, Emmanuel* VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

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

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

BCP p. 365

**ADVENT BLESSING**

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 72**

*Hark! the glad sound!*

RICHMOND

**DISMISSAL**

**Voluntary**

*Toccata on O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Behnke

**Announcements for December 10, 2023**

*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**

- Bible series meets today after the 10 am service.
- Connection Café: All are welcome to help make sandwiches after both services today. We will serve tomorrow, December 11.

## **The Giving Tree is Back!**

The St. Paul's Giving Tree will be out throughout Advent, starting on November 27, 2022, to collect needed winter items for adult clients served at the Connection Cafe. We need new and gently used winter outer wear such as hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and coats for adults or children and hand warmers are always appreciated.

### **Experience Advent & The Joy of Christmas Advent Worship**

Sundays 8:00 am & 10:00 am

### **Advent Service of Lessons and Carols**

Sunday, December 17 at 4:00 p.m.

### **Christmas Eve, December 24**

Bishop Monnot preaching and presiding  
5:00 pm & 10:30 pm

### **Christmas Day, December 25**

10:00 am

### **The Epiphany – January 6, 2024**

5:00 pm

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

*Presider* – The Very Rev. Nicola Dance

*Homilist* – Jonathan Hansen, M. Div.

*Deacon* – The Rev. Jean Davis

*Crucifer* – Alex Kane

*Torch-bearers* – Wilhelmina Hansen, Freya Baccam

*1<sup>st</sup> lesson* – Henry Harmon

*Cantor* – Lexie Thiessen

*2<sup>nd</sup> lesson* – Mike Bany

*Intercessor* – TBD

*Eucharistic Ministers* – TBD, TBD, TBD

*Audio* – TBD

*Video* – Nathan Thiessen

*Ushers* – Sheila & Nathan Brown

*Chapter Counters* – Tom Smith, Rosa Walker, (alt., Phyllis Melton)

*Coffee Hour Hosts* – Stephanie Murphy



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