



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

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The Third Sunday of Advent Choral Eucharist

Sunday, December 12, 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.*

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

The Word of God

Hymn 72

Hark! the glad sound!

RICHMOND

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- St. 1 Hark, the glad sound! the Savior comes,
the Savior promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.
- St. 2 He comes, the prisoners to release,
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.
- St. 3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor.
- St. 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim,
and Heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy belovèd Name.

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

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Kyrie

S95

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has three measures: the first measure is marked 'Cantor or Choir' and contains the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.'; the second measure is marked 'All' and contains 'Lord, have mer - cy.'; the third measure is marked 'Cantor or Choir' and contains 'Christ, have mer - cy.'. The second staff has three measures: the first is marked 'All' with 'Christ, have mer - cy.'; the second is marked 'Cantor or Choir' with 'Lord, have mer - cy.'; the third is marked 'All' with 'Lord, have mer - cy.'.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS, the People sit

A Reading from the Book of Zephaniah

[3: 14 – 20]

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

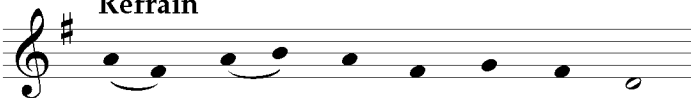
Leader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 9 *The First Song of Isaiah, (Ecce, Deus)* BCP p. 86

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

Refrain

Mode 7 

Sing the prais - es of the Lord.

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

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of

Israel.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Philippians [4: 4 – 7]

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

St. 5 *O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;*

Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path of misery.

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

The Holy Gospel [Luke 3: 7 – 18]

All Stand

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

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John,

whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

St. 6 *O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy
drawing nigh;*

*Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow
put to flight.*

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

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Nicola Bowler

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

THE NICENE CREED, standing

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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 FORM IV

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All stand or kneel for prayer.

Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor:

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan, our bishop; Betsey, our bishop-elect, and for all clergy and people. In our diocese, companion dioceses, and the Anglican Communion we pray for St. Anne, Ankeny; St. Martin, Perry; Grace, Boone; St. Christopher, Royal Marine Base, Condor, Arbroath in Brechin; Parish Akorome, in Nzara; Lubombo Parish, Swaziland; and The Anglican Church of Canada.

Silence

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor:

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor:

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor:

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor:

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for those preparing for marriage: Hannah Early & Nick Gerjol; for the birth of a child: Catherine & Brad Krueger, Tom and John Stender-Custer.

Silence

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor:

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor:

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially J. R. Savko, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Holy Communion

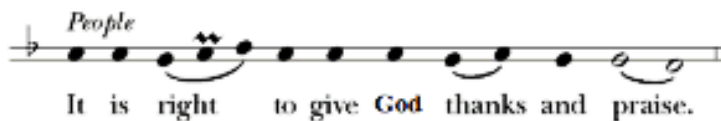
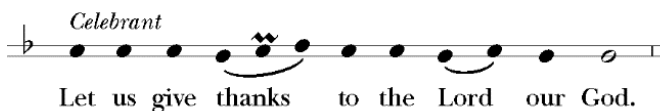
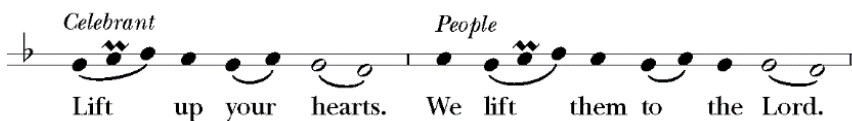
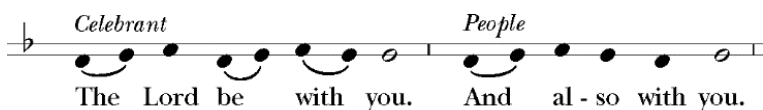
Offertory Anthem

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

K. Lee Scott

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

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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.

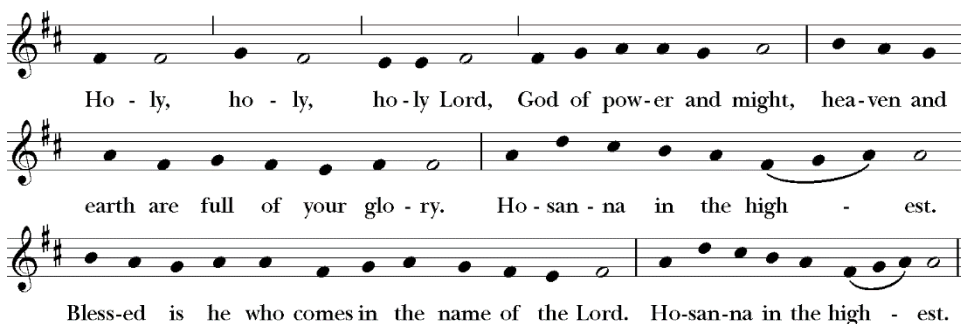
Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

Celebrant and People

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 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,

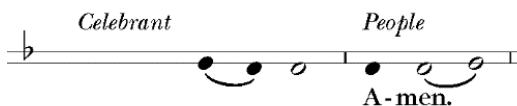
Celebrant and People:

**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.



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 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.

Communion Music *Surely It Is God Who Saves Us* Mark Babcock

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 when present, or the Priest, may bless 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 66

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

STUTT GART

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Toccata on *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

John Behnke

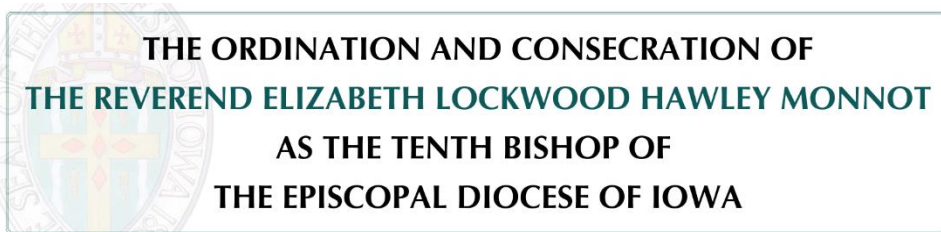
Announcements for December 12, 2021

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

*Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Dominic Braid.*

Today at St. Paul's

- Litany of Blessing follows both services today. Please gather at the side altar in the sanctuary for an extended blessing that includes opportunity for healing prayer.



All are warmly invited to attend the ordination, consecration and seating of the Rev. Elizabeth Lockwood Hawley Monnot as the Tenth Bishop of Iowa. The ordination and consecration will take place on Saturday December 18, 11:00 am, at Lutheran Church of Hope, West Des Moines. The seating will take place on Sunday December 19, 10:00 am, at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral. RSVP [here](#) for either or both events.


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!

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.



Why I GIVE TO ST. PAUL'S
STEWARDSHIP
2022

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!

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:

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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.

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.



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 (livestreamed)

Late service at 10:30 pm

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



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