



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Choral Eucharist

Sunday, December 24, 2023 **Ten o'clock in the morning**

Voluntary

Hymn 66 *Come, thou long-expected Jesus* STUTTGART

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

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS, the People sit

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel [7: 1 – 11, 16]

Psalm 89: 1 – 4, 19 – 26 *Misericordias Domini*

BCP p. 713

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



Your love, O Lord, for ev - er will I sing.

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

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

[16: 25 – 27]

Hymn 56 (St. 1 & 2) *O come, O come, Emmanuel* VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

The Holy Gospel

[Luke 1: 26 – 38]

THE HOMILY

The Rev. John Doherty

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

THE NICENE CREED, standing

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM II

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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

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THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

Hymn 265 *The angel Gabriel from heaven came* GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

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The people remain standing

Sanctus

(in the front section of the Hymnal)

S124

The people stand or kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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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

Communion Music

Christ Be Our Light

arr. Mark Babcock

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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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 54

Savior of the nations, come!

NUN KOMM,
DER HEIDEN HEILAND

DISMISSAL

Voluntary

Announcements for December 24, 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

- We need volunteers to help us put the decorations up in the Narthex and the Nave **after the 10:00 am service**
- **Christmas Eve Services at 5:00 pm & 10:30 pm**
Bishop Monnot preaching and presiding

The Giving Tree is Back!

The St. Paul's Giving Tree will be out throughout Advent 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 The Joy of Christmas at the Cathedral

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

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.

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

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.

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/>

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Today's Ministers

Eight o'clock Eucharist:

Presider – The Very Rev. Nicola Dance

Homilist – The Rev. John Doherty

Deacon – The Rev. Jean Davis, The Rev. John Doherty

Crucifer – TBD

1st lesson and Psalm – Sharon Gentsch

2nd lesson – Chris Cyran

Intercessor – Chris Cyran

Eucharistic Ministers – Sharon Gentsch

Audio – Bill Gentsch

Ten o'clock Eucharist:

Presider – The Very Rev. Nicola Dance

Homilist – The Rev. John Doherty

Deacon – The Rev. Jean Davis, The Rev. John Doherty

Crucifer – Catherine Gillespie

Torch-bearers – Lacie Dietzenbach, Wilhelmina Hansen

1st lesson – Jolene Phelps

Cantor – Austin Rozendaal

2nd lesson – Martin Chevalier

Intercessor – TBD

Eucharistic Ministers – Catherine Gillespie, TBD, TBD

Audio – Tim Hird

Video – Nathan Thiessen

Ushers – Sheila & Nathan Brown

Organist/Choirmaster Canon Mark Babcock

Members of St. Paul's Cathedral Choir

Chapter Counters – Samuel Hutchisson, Jolene Phelps, (alt., Nathan Brown)

Coffee Hour Hosts – No Coffee Hour Today



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.

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>



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.

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