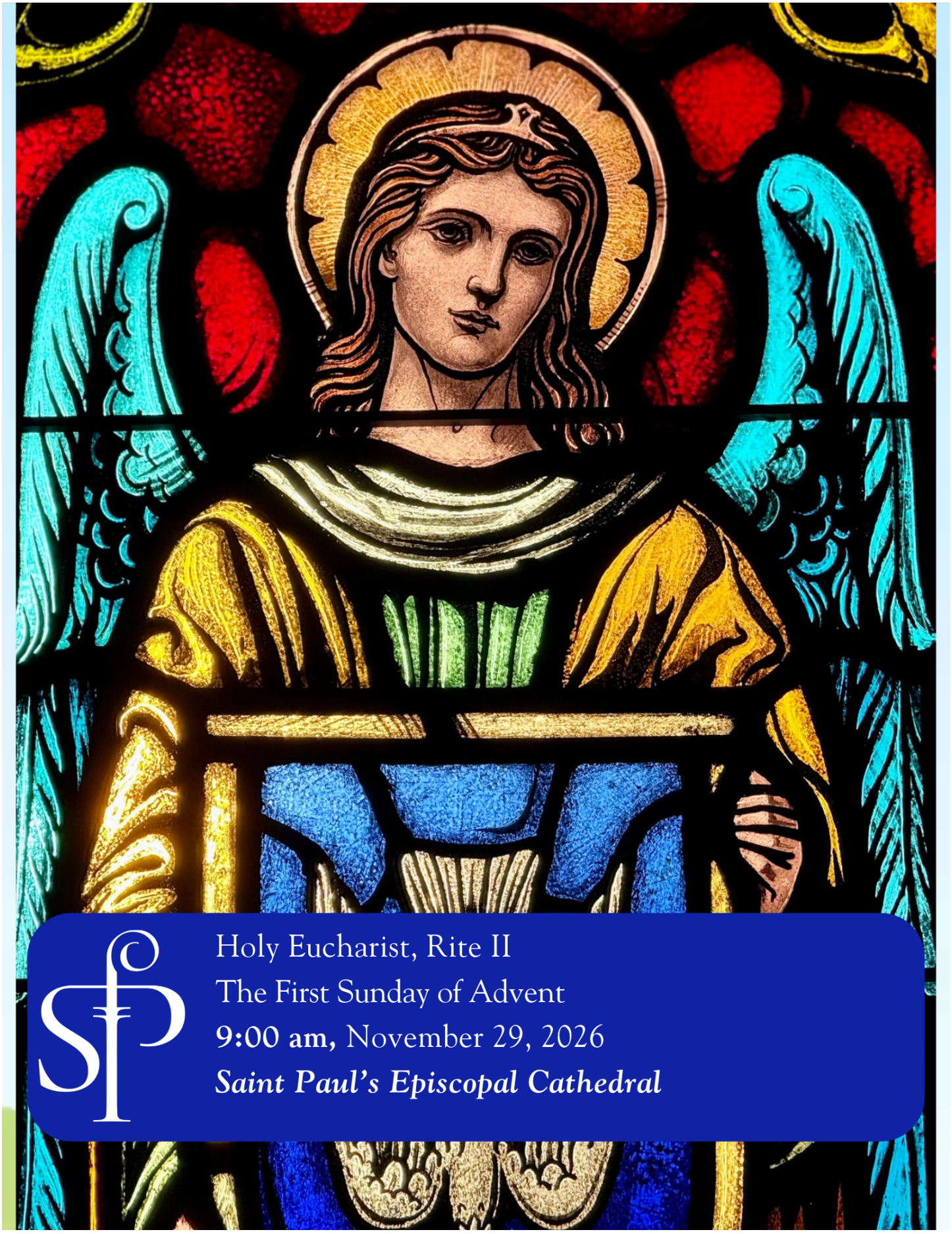


Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The First Sunday of Advent

9:00 am, November 29, 2026

Saint Paul's Episcopal Cathedral

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

St. Paul's Cathedral is a vibrant Episcopal church in the heart of downtown Oklahoma City. Deeply rooted in the ministry and teachings of Jesus Christ and the traditions of the Episcopal Church, St. Paul's is the spiritual center of the Diocese of Oklahoma. We are committed to being a place for all who seek and share God's unconditional and abundant love, which calls us to comfort and stand with the vulnerable and each other. All are invited; all are welcome.

WORSHIP

Worship at the Cathedral is centered around the Book of Common Prayer. All are invited. All are welcome.

† ~Making the sign of the cross in the Episcopal Church is a common personal devotional gesture—a bodily prayer that proclaims faith in the Trinity and recalls our baptismal vows. It is entirely optional, and is often made during prayers, at the mention of the Trinity, or during the Eucharist.~

COVER ART

St. Paul's Columbarium

Advent (Violet)

Advent, the first season of the year, begins four Sundays before Christmas and continues through Dec. 24. Advent is considered a time of preparation, hope, and expectation, as the church awaits both Christ's earthly birth as the baby born in Bethlehem and his final coming "in power and glory," as we confess in reciting the Nicene Creed.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & CAREGIVERS

Everyone is invited and a part of our worship. We encourage children, youth, and caregivers to engage in worship in ways that meet your family where you are at. We have busy bags (coloring, fidgets, stickers) and headphones available in the foyer as you enter the sanctuary or you can ask an usher for one.

We also offer an opportunity for children in 5th grade and below to join us for children's chapel, which mirrors what is happening in the Cathedral. Before the Gospel reading, children can follow the cross to St. Nicholas Chapel, children will return at the peace.

At the conclusion of the service we invite children and youth to join us for church school in the Undercroft (basement).

NEWCOMERS

We're glad you're here. Whether you're visiting for the first time, returning to church, or looking for a community to call home, **there is a place for you at St. Paul's.** We invite you to worship with us, get to know our community, and discover the many ways to connect, learn, serve, and grow in faith. **Ready to connect? Scan the QR code or complete the Welcome Card in your pew—we'd love to get to know you.**

VOLUNTARY *Betsy Banks, Organist*

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 *J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: THE PATRIARCHS AND THE MATRIARCHS

Leader: Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory for ever. You called the patriarchs and matriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation. Blessed be God for ever.

Reader: Let us pray. People of God: awake! The day is coming soon when you shall see God face to face. Remember the ways and the works of God. God calls you out of darkness to walk in the light of his coming. You are God's children.

People: **Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ today and forever. Amen.**

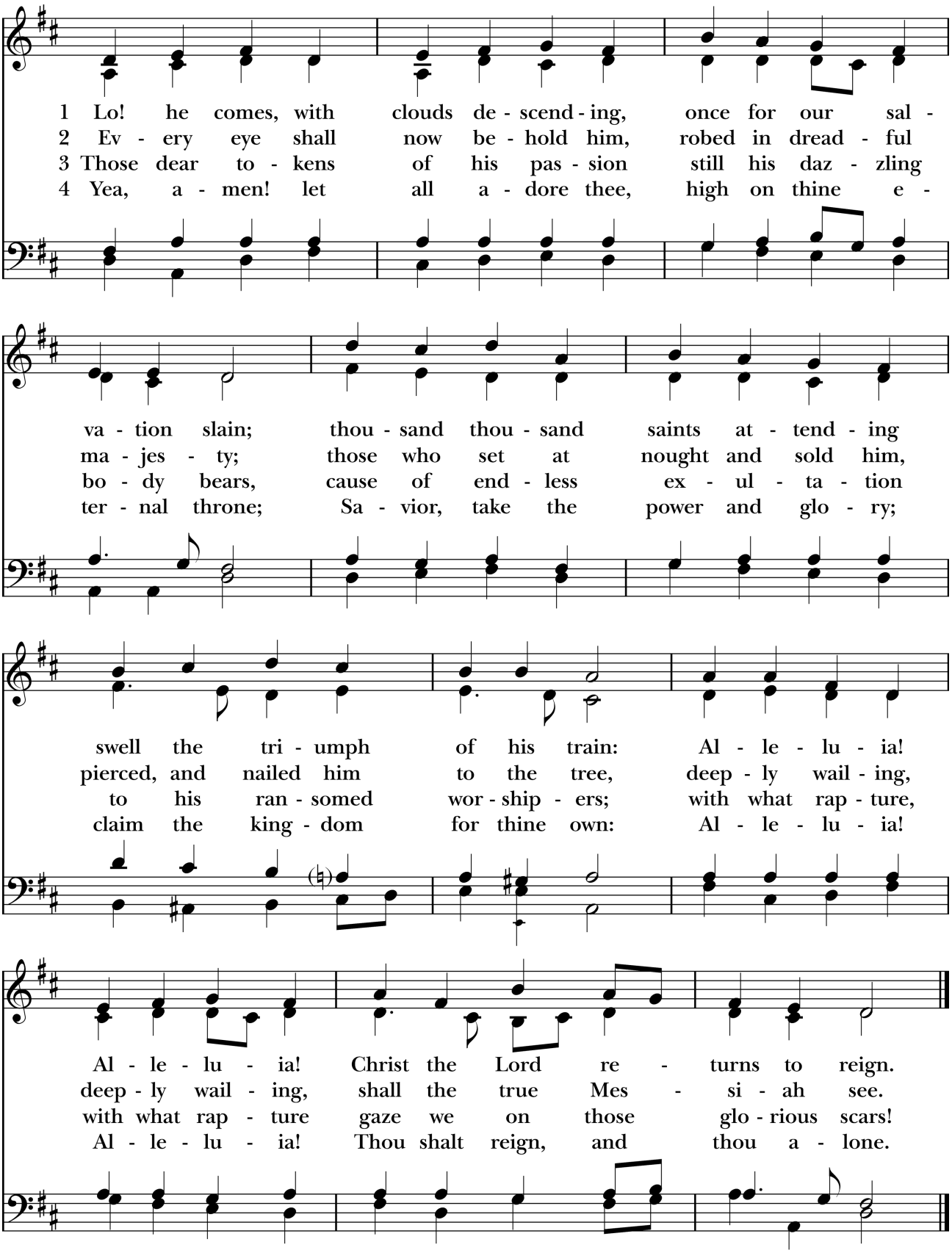
The first Advent candle is lit as the chorister sings.

Veni, Veni Emmanuel

Please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 58

St. Thomas



THE WORD OF GOD

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

† Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

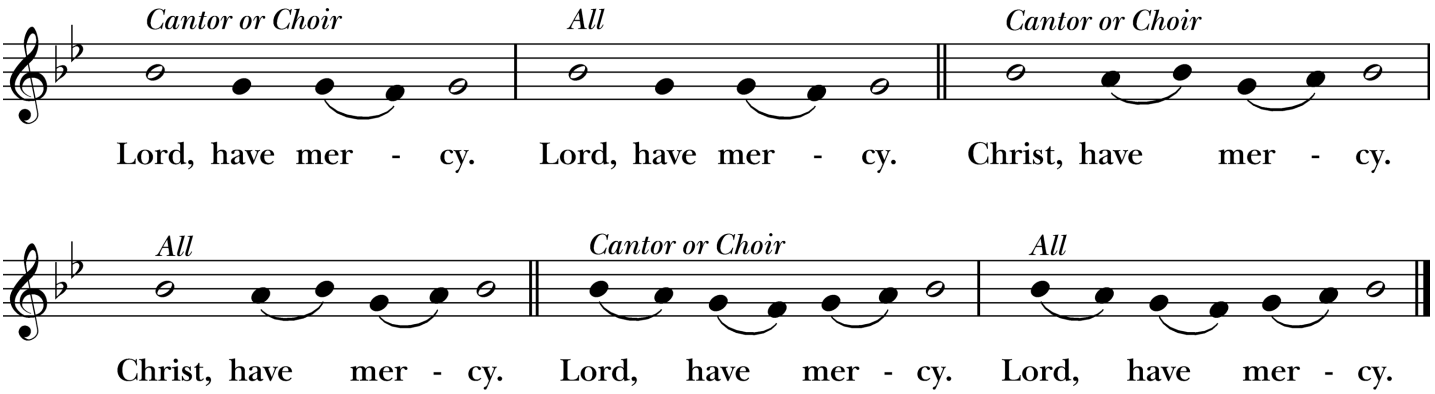
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says

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**.

KYRIE

Hymnal S95



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

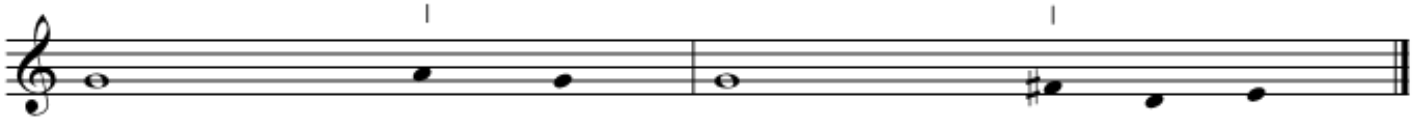
Lector A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18 *Tone 2*



1. Hear O Shepherd of Israel leading Joseph |like a flock; *
shine forth you that are enthroned up-|on the cherubim.

2. In the presence of Ephraim Benjamin and Ma-|nasseh, *
stir up your strength and | come to help us.

3. Restore us O | God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance and we | shall be saved.

4. O Lord |God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers | of your people?

5. You have fed them with the | bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

6. You have made us the derision of our | neighbors, *
and our enemies | laugh us - to scorn.

7. Restore us O |God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance and we |shall be saved.

16. Let your hand be upon the man of your | right hand, *
The son of man you have made so strong |for yourself.

17. And so will we never turn a-|way from you, *
Give us life, that we may call u-|pon your Name.

18. Restore us, O Lord | God of hosts; *
Show the light of your countenance, and we |shall be saved.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Lector A Reading from the First Epistle to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

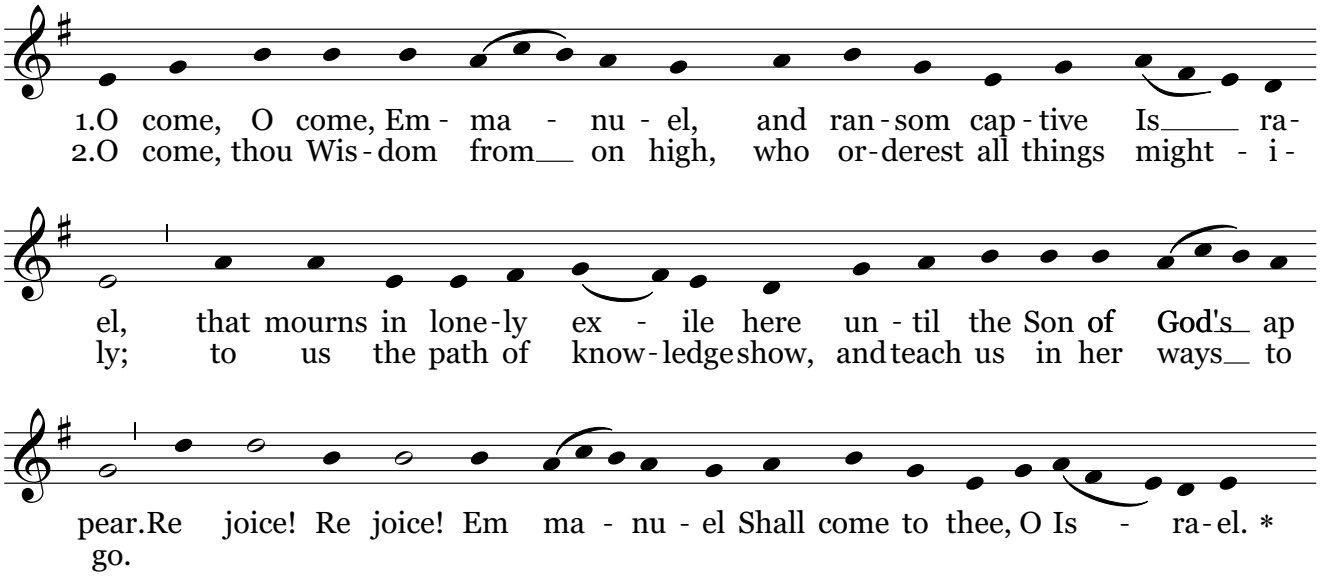
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All children (5th grade and under) are invited to follow the cross in procession to the St. Nicholas Chapel to attend Children's Chapel.

All standing.

SEQUENCE HYMN 56 *(Verses 1-2)* *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*



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GOSPEL
Mark 13:24-37

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

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

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON
The Very Rev. Katie Churchwell

All standing.

THE NICENE CREED

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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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *BCP p. 385*

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sarah, our Archbishop of Canterbury-designate, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Poulson, our Bishop, Katie, our Dean; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.
Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.
Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray especially for those on the Cathedral Prayer list *[names]*, those discerning holy orders *[names]*, and those spoken now, either silently or aloud.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.
Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.
Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially the recently departed and those we hold in memory this day *[names]*.
Pray for those who have died.
Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.
Silence
The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

We invite you to pray for all on the Cathedral prayer list, which is found in the back of this bulletin. Please take a copy with you to pray throughout the week.

CONFESSION OF SIN *BCP p. 360*

The Deacon or Celebrant says
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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 DEDICATION AND BLESSING OF A CROSS TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR OF BLUE CLARK

Presenter (Oakerhater Guild: We present this cross to be dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of the life and faithful witness of Blue Clark, Muscogee (Creek), a gifted storyteller, an advocate for justice, and a faithful follower of the Creator.

*Presider:*We gather in thanksgiving for the life of Blue Clark, whose stories carried wisdom, whose witness called us toward justice, and whose faith reminded us of our sacred responsibility to one another and to all creation.

In dedicating this cross, we remember the life of one who understood that stories are gifts to be shared, that every person bears dignity, and that faith calls us to live with courage, compassion, and love.

May this cross stand as a sign of Christ's redeeming love and a reminder of the faithful witness of those who have gone before us.

We will glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, our life, and resurrection.

Presider Christ for us became obedient unto death:
People **Even death on a cross.**
Presider Let us pray.
Silence is kept.

Presider: O gracious God, who in your mercy ordained that your Son should suffer death on a cross of shame: We thank you that it has become for us the sign of his triumph and the banner of our salvation; and we pray that this cross may draw our hearts to him, who leads us to the glory of your kingdom.

Creator of all things, whose love reaches to the four directions and whose Spirit gives life to all creation:

Bless this cross and all who behold it.
May its colors remind us of the beauty of your creation, the wisdom of those who have gone before us, and the sacred responsibility we share to care for one another and the earth.
May the stories of our ancestors guide us in wisdom, may the voices of our children call us toward hope, and may the example of Blue Clark strengthen us in the work of justice, reconciliation, and peace.
May we walk gently upon the earth, honor the dignity of every person, and recognize the presence of the Creator in all that surrounds us.
And may the blessing of God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, rest upon us and remain with us always.
People: **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**
Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Please scan to make a gift online.
Make a Gift

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please remain standing for the offertory sentence and the offerings of bread and wine.

The Celebrant begins the Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE OFFERTORY

Please be seated. You may place your offering in the alms basin, send a text message to 73256 and enter Stpaulsokc$ and an amount, or scan the QR code to give online. If your offering has been previously given (online or otherwise), you are invited to place a token in the alms basin. Tokens are available in the narthex or from an usher.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

O Thou the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most high,
Eternal light of this our wintry world,
Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith!
Hope soars above, above.

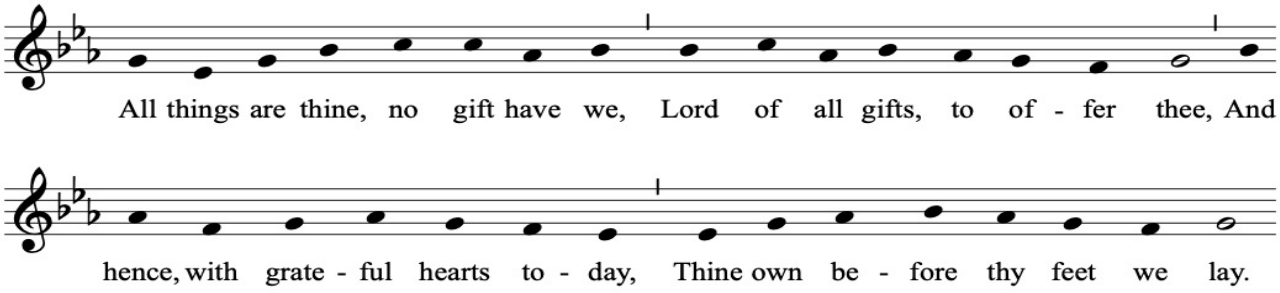
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.
Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
of God's ordaining counsel,
As thy sight gives measur'd grace to each,
Thy power to prove.

Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,
In fellowship with Thee,
Transforming clay to souls erewhile unclean,
now pure within, now pure within.
Amen

All stand.

PRESENTATION HYMN

Conditor alme siderum



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

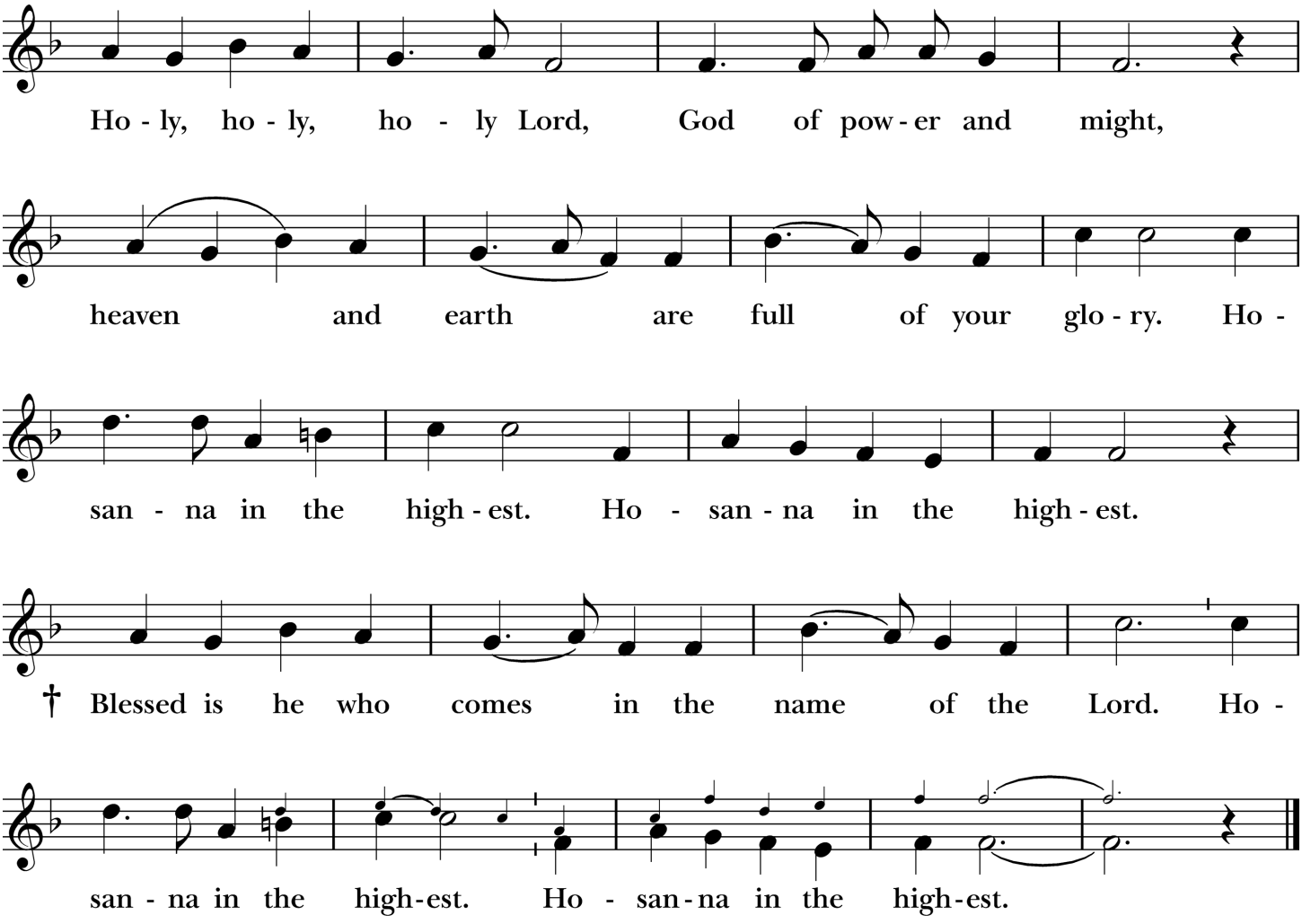
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, 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:

SANCTUS *Hymnal S125*



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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. Oakerhater, St. Nicholas and 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. **AMEN**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant *BCP p. 364*

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. A period of silence is kept. Then is said

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

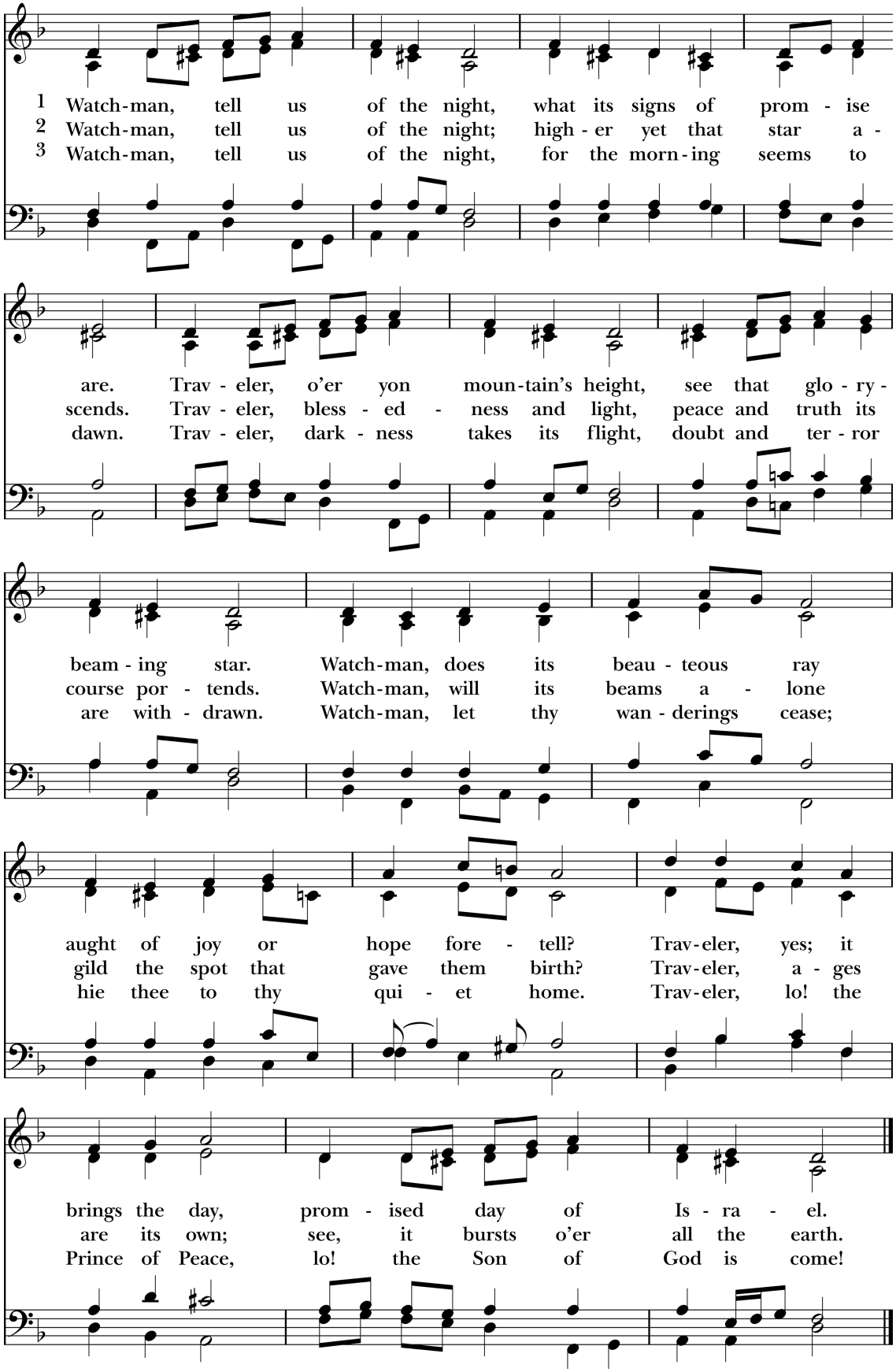
The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

You may receive communion at a standing station or move down the center aisle to receive at the altar rail. Gluten free host and chalice is available by request to the priest. If you wish to receive the bread and wine by intinction, please hand the bread to the Lay Eucharistic Minister. Please do not intinct (dip) the bread yourself. If you prefer a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. All are welcome to come forward.

During communion, members of the Prayer Team will be available in the narthex for personal prayers by request.

COMMUNION HYMN 640

Aberystwyth



SENDING OUT OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

The Deacon or the Celebrant says

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. *BCP p. 365*

Celebrant and People

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 Celebrant blesses the people.

May the Sun 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.**

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words

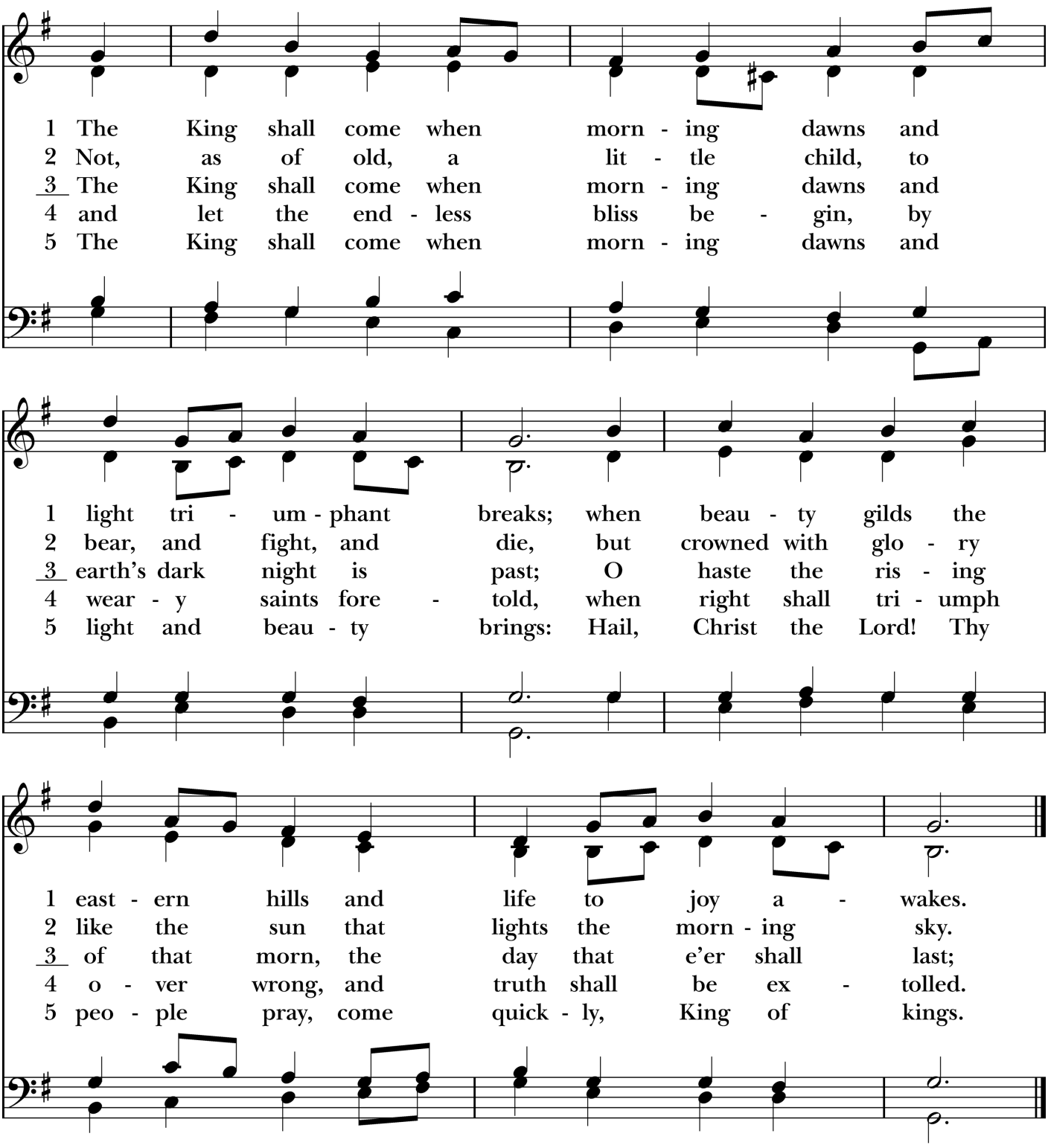
Let us go forth in the name of Christ, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Eucharistic candles on the altar symbolize that Christ is the light of the world. Remain silent, prayerful, and fully engaged in the reverence of worship until the Eucharistic candles have been extinguished.

CLOSING HYMN 73

St. Stephen



VOLUNTARY Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661 *J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

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in appreciation for our St. Paul's community,
whose steadfast, life-giving love remains evergreen in the garden of this life we share.

Those serving today:

Celebrant
The Rev. Canon Tim Sean Youmans
Preacher
The Very Rev. Katie Churchwell
Assisting Priest
The Rev. Canon Dr. Tony Kroll
Deacon
The Rev. Tracy Anderson
Canon Precentor and Director of Music
Joseph Ripka
Choir
The Cathedral Choir and Choristers
Assistant Organist
Richard Jobe
Verger
Kyle Foster
Children's Chapel
Sandra Opalka
Lectors
Debbi Bullock, Sarah Mosser
Lay Eucharistic Ministers
James Collins, Jay Childs,
Jesse Chesnut, Jo Martin

Intercessor
James Collins
Acolytes
John Koons, Beckett Fischer,
McLain Fischer, Lila Newton,
Eleanor Newton, Rex Newton
Oblationer
Mary McElroy
Welcome Team
Roger Guilford
Sunday Sexton
Chris Allbright
Audio-Visual Booth
Terry Jenks
Prayer Team Ministers
Franci Hart, Bradley Henderson-Davidson
Ushers
Chris Sexton, Neils Dowuona-Hammond
Altar Guild
Robert Dennis, Mary Cohen,
Page Jackson, Kelly Masters-Newton,
Mary Jewett, Claudia San Pedro

Nun komm, der heiden Heiland or 'now come, saviour of the heathen,' is a Lutheran chorale with words written by Martin Luther. It appears in our Hymnal 1982 with the first line reading "savior of the nations, come." Johann Sebastian Bach sets this chorale to music in many different ways including a complete cantata based on stanzas of the text, as well as in multiple organ versions. Today, Betsy Banks plays the first of three settings that appear in the Leipzig manuscript of Bach's organ music. The left hand and pedal serve as accompaniment while the right hand displays a highly ornamented, and vocal version of the choral melody.

Charles Wood is probably the most celebrated sacred choral composer from Ireland. Born in Armagh, Ireland, which is now Norther Ireland, Wood sang as a boy chorister at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Armagh and later studied with very well-known teachers including Ralph Vaughan Williams and Herbert Howells.

O thou the central orb, written in 1915, appears a decade and a half after the death of Queen Victoria 1901, but in both musicality and lyrics, it harkens back to the spirit of the 19th century, when "the sun never set" on the British Empire, and the English reveled in the view that "thank God the empire is safe."
The lyrics were penned by the poet H. R. Bramley, an Oxford academic who became the Canon Precentor at Lincoln Cathedral. The 'central orb' can be assumed to be the poet's way of describing Jesus who was foretold to be the Sun of righteousness shining forth the eternal light of God the Father. An orb symbolizes kingship and there is no doubt about describing Jesus as a King. Jesus is also described in the first section of this anthem as a 'pure beam of the most high' and the 'eternal Light' with 'radiance bright.' The middle section initially picks up an Advent theme ('Come, quickly come') before offering a heavenly vision of saints. The final section returns to the theme of light and, particularly, its ability to turn darkness into light. (Adapted from David Jolliffe)

This Week at St. Paul's
November 29 – December 7, 2026

ADVENT QUIET DAY RETREAT
SATURDAY DECEMBER 5 |
8:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 – First Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist Rite I | St. Nicholas Chapel
9:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist Rite II | Cathedral
10:10 a.m. | **Advent Event | Dean Willey Hall | No Formation Today**
Celebrate the beginning of Advent with one of St. Paul's favorite annual traditions! Create and take home your own Advent wreath with fresh greens, enjoy crafts and activities for all ages, hot cocoa, treats, music, and fellowship as we enter this holy season together. A goodwill offering for wreath supplies and fresh greens is appreciated.
11:15 a.m. | Holy Eucharist Rite I | Cathedral
4:00 p.m. | Advent Procession with Lessons & Carols | Cathedral

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30
12:00 p.m. | Dwelling in the Word – Lectio Divina with Janie Kirt Morris | Adult Learning Room & Online
12:00 p.m. | AA Meeting | Making Medicine Room
12:10 p.m. | The Feast of St. Andrew, the Apostle with Holy Eucharist | St. Nicholas Chapel

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1
12:00 p.m. | AA Meeting | Making Medicine Room

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2
12:00 p.m. | AA Meeting | Making Medicine Room
12:10 p.m. | Holy Eucharist | St. Nicholas Chapel
1:00 p.m. | Prayer Shawl Ministry | Reception Area
1:00 p.m. | ROMEO Cathedral Circle | IHop Restaurant, Classen Drive
6:00 p.m. | Evening Prayer in St. Nicholas Chapel

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
12:00 p.m. | AA Meeting | Making Medicine Room
6:30 p.m. | Holy Spirit Society | McNellie's Midtown

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4
12:00 p.m. | AA Meeting | Making Medicine Room
7:00 p.m. | Adults Only Cookie & Puzzle Exchange | Ozan Home | RSVP to aozan@stpaulsokc.org for details

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. | Advent Quiet Day Retreat | Dean Willey Hall & Cathedral Campus
9:30 a.m. | Retreat in Daily Life with Franci Hart | Parlor
10:00 a.m. | Centering Prayer with Cynthia Jones | Sun Dancer Library

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & ST. NICHOLAS RECEPTION | DECEMBER 13
Join us for a beloved highlight of the Christmas season! Children and youth, infants through 12th grade, are invited to participate, with speaking and non-speaking roles available. Rehearsal and costume fittings will be Saturday, December 12, at 9 a.m. Email aozan@stpaulsokc.org to sign up for a role. Following the pageant, join us in Dean Willey Hall for a festive reception and a special visit from St. Nicholas. Bring a favorite treat to share!

WE PRAY FOR THOSE...

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FOR LONG-TERM HEALING
Alex Goodman † Alice Costello
Anne Lynch † Arlene Halley
Bretton Pierce † Cheryl Baker
David Berry † David Parker
David Ponstein † Diane Parker
Dorothy Dodd † Elizabeth King
Evangeline Allbright
Gerald Butcher † Hank Bowen
Jack Towner † Jody Vandijk
Jonah Baker † Lauren Bass
Laura Skalak
Leighton Kirkpatrick
Lucia Dougherty
Mardy Grubb
Margaret Crawford-Peacock
Marinell Guild † Mary Crabbe
Michael Reed † Mike Kiespert
Mike King † Mike McDonald
Monte Stephens
Patsy Kiespert † Peter Duncan
Ralph Guild † Regina Browne
Rhonda Kessling
Richmond Thweatt
Robert Brandi
Stephanie Wilson
The Pedigo Family
Tony Pendegraph
Will Schneeberger

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
Fernando de Jesús Calvillo Silva
Edie Schneeberger
Millie Baker
Mary Kline
Mark Revelle

FOR URGENT AND SHORT-TERM HEALING
Diane Alworth
Linda Reed
Tiffany Lindsey
Danielle Pellum
James Collins

OTHER NEEDS & REQUESTS
The Allbright Family
The Revelle Family

FOR ST. PAUL'S POSTULANTS
JD Weiss
Mark Sessing
Christopher Haygood

FOR ST. PAUL'S ASPIRANT
Kyle Foster

CATHEDRAL CYCLE OF PRAYER
The Children's Care Team of St. Paul's

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER
St. Stephen's, Guymon

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER
The Anglican Church of Australia

ALTAR GIFTS
Today's Altar Flowers are given by Lauren Bass & Family in thanksgiving for the love and support of the St. Paul's Community.

SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST

PRAYER REQUESTS
Prayer is at the heart of our common life. Submit a prayer request for yourself or someone you love. Names remain on the prayer list for four months unless otherwise requested.

CONNECT • LEARN • SERVE

ADVENT QUIET DAY RETREAT
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ANNUAL ADULTS ONLY COOKIE EXCHANGE | FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 | 7:00 P.M.

Kick off the holiday season with one of St. Paul's favorite annual traditions! Bring a dozen or more cookies to share, and enjoy an evening of treats, fellowship, and cheer. We'll provide containers so everyone can take home a delicious assortment of cookies to enjoy. RSVP to aozan@stpaulsokc.org

ADVENT CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT DAY | SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

In the midst of Advent–a season often crowded with noise, obligations, and activity–make room for stillness. This day-long retreat (8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.) offers intentional space to slow down, listen, pray, reflect, and rest in God's presence. Through silence, guided reflection, contemplative practices, and personal time, participants are invited to step away from the rush of the season and attend more deeply to the holy. Led by Dean Churchwell, this day of sacred pause, held on the grounds of St. Paul's, invites us to prepare not simply our homes and calendars for Christmas, but our hearts. Snacks and meals included. A freewill offering will be received to help offset costs. Scan QR code to register.

SCAN TO REGISTER

Celebrate the season while supporting our Cathedral Choir's 2027 New York City Residency! Order using the QR code



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ADVENT AT ST. PAUL'S

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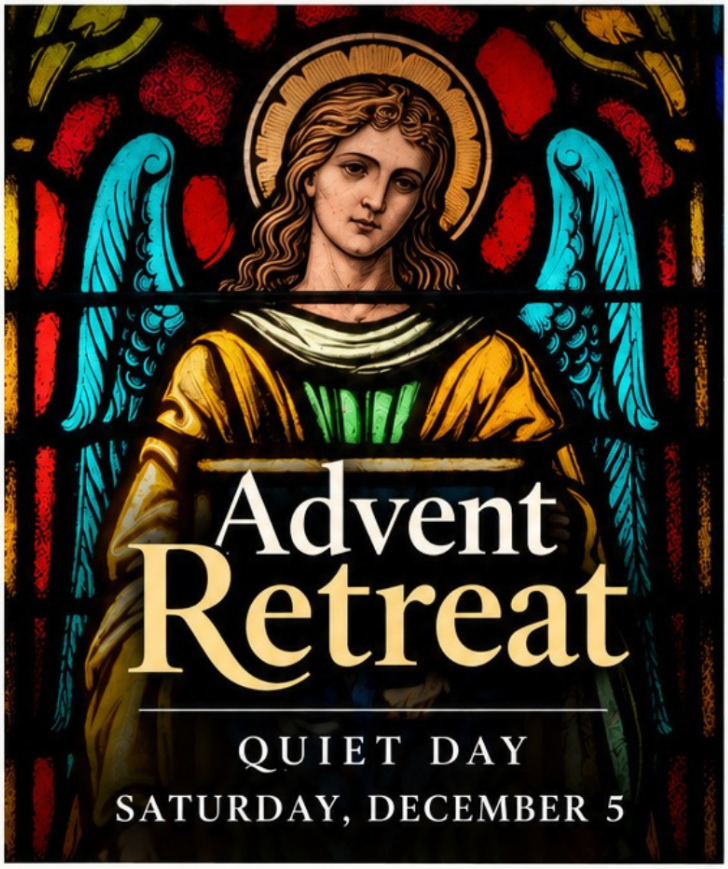
MAKE ROOM FOR WONDER

A FAITHFUL LIFE THROUGH ADVENT

"And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake." — Mark 13:37

Advent invites us to slow down, watch, wait, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. As we continue living a faithful life, this sacred season offers opportunities to deepen our worship, prayer, and connection with God and one another.

Through beautiful liturgies, sacred music, cherished traditions, and moments of quiet reflection, we invite you to experience Advent at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral. Come discover the wonder of a season that calls us not only to prepare for Christmas, but to prepare ourselves to receive Christ anew.



ADVENT EVENTS

NOV 29	**First Sunday of Advent**	Advent Wreath Making 4:00 p.m. | Advent Procession
DEC 4	**Annual Adults-Only Cookie Exchange**	7:00 p.m. | Ozan Home
DEC 5	**Advent Contemplative Retreat Day**	8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. | Registration Open
DEC 6	**Second Sunday of Advent**	
DEC 11	**A Ceremony of Carols**	7:00 p.m.
DEC 12	**Christmas Pageant Rehearsals***	
DEC 13	**Third Sunday of Advent**	9:00 a.m. | Children's Christmas Pageant 10:10 a.m. | Annual St. Nicholas Reception
DEC 20	**Fourth Sunday of Advent**	4:00 p.m. | Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

EXPLORE ADULT FORMATION

Choose a place to begin—and discover how ancient practices can shape everyday discipleship.

Scan for programs, dates & details.

EXPLORE CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION

There's a place for every age at St. Paul's. Explore formation opportunities for children and youth and discover ways to learn, grow, and live a faithful life together.

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A Thanksgiving for the Life and Witness of Blue Clark



Creator of all things, we give you thanks for the life and faithful witness of Blue Clark, a son of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, a keeper and teller of stories, a seeker of justice, and a faithful follower of the Creator.

We give thanks for the wisdom he shared, for the stories through which he taught and inspired others, and for his commitment to honoring the dignity of every person.

As we behold this cross and its colors, may we remember the beauty and sacredness of creation, the wisdom passed from generation to generation, and the relationships that bind us to one another.

May Blue's memory call us to listen deeply, to speak truth with courage, to seek justice with humility, and to walk faithfully in the way of Christ.

May the stories we tell and the lives we lead bear witness to your love, so that those who come after us may find in our words and actions the same generosity of spirit that Blue shared with so many.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





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