

Love



December 20, 2020  
8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OAKLAND

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

*We are a diverse, inclusive community in the Episcopal Diocese of California. We are a member of Integrity, the LGBTQ+ ministry of the Episcopal Church, and are welcoming to all who attend in worship.*

*We're happy to have you with us today. Our worship follows the order of the Book of Common Prayer 1979 (BCP), Rite II, with music from a variety of musical resources authorized by the Episcopal Church: 1982 Hymnal, Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS) and Enriching Our Worship (EOW).*

Join the service Live Stream on our  
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# Morning Prayer

*At the sound of the bell, all stand for the entrance of the ministers.*

*Officiant* In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

## THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Alleluia.**

*Officiant* Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.

## VENITE

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \***

**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \***

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, \***

**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \***

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \***

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

**All: Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.**

*All sit.*

**PSALM 89: 1-4, 19-26**

*Misericordias Domini*

- 1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; \*  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; \*  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; \*  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 'I will establish your line for ever, \*  
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"
- 19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: \*  
"I have set the crown upon a warrior  
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.
- 20 I have found David my servant; \*  
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- 21 My hand will hold him fast \*  
and my arm will make him strong.
- 22 No enemy shall deceive him, \*  
nor any wicked man bring him down.
- 23 I will crush his foes before him \*  
and strike down those who hate him.
- 24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, \*  
and he shall be victorious through my Name.
- 25 I shall make his dominion extend \*  
from the Great Sea to the River.
- 26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, \*  
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

*All stand.*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*All sit.*

**THE FIRST READING**

II Samuel 7: 1-11, 16

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the

prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

*Reader:* Here ends the Lesson.

*All stand.*

## CANTICLE 11

The Third Song of Isaiah  
*Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-*

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Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
**and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.**  
For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
**deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.**  
But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
**and his glory will appear upon you.**  
Nations will stream to your light, \*

**and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*All sit.*

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

Romans 16: 25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever!

*Reader*            Here ends the Lesson.

*All stand.*

## **CANTICLE 15:**

The Song of Mary

*Luke 1: 46-55*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
**for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \***

**in every generation.**

**He has shown the strength of his arm, \***

**he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

**He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \***

**and has lifted up the lowly.**

**He has filled the hungry with good things, \***

**and the rich he has sent away empty.**

**He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \***

**for he has remembered his promise of mercy,**

**The promise he made to our fathers, \***

**to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*All sit.*

### **THE THIRD LESSON**

Luke 1: 26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

*Reader:*            Here ends the Lesson.

*All stand.*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

**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, died, 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.**

**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. Amen.**

*The people stand or kneel*

## THE PRAYERS

*Officiant*      God be with you.

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

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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,  
the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE SUFFRAGES A

*Officiant*      Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People*          **And grant us your salvation.**

<i>Officiant</i>	Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
<i>People</i>	<b>Let your people sing with joy.</b>
<i>Officiant</i>	Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
<i>People</i>	<b>For only in you can we live in safety.</b>
<i>Officiant</i>	Lord, keep this nation under your care;
<i>People</i>	<b>And guide us in the way of justice and truth.</b>
<i>Officiant</i>	Let your way be known upon earth;
<i>People</i>	<b>Your saving health among all nations.</b>
<i>Officiant</i>	Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
<i>People</i>	<b>Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.</b>
<i>Officiant</i>	Create in us clean hearts, O God;
<i>People</i>	<b>And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.</b>

### 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.**

### COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio J. Wilson

*A period of silence is kept following the sermon.*



*All stand.*

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your  
praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all  
our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon*            Let us bless the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## CLOSING SENTENCE

*Officiant*    May the God of hope fill us with all joy and  
peace in believing through the power of the  
Holy Spirit. **Amen.**            *Romans 15:13*

## ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE

### *Our Heart is filling with Love this Advent!*

Every Advent season, the St. Paul's community, remembering that Christ came into the world as a poor child, prepares for Christmas by helping impoverished children here in Oakland and around the world.

**A thousand for a thousand in 2020.** This year, like everything else in 2020, will be a little different, but we will once again be working with Episcopal Relief & Development and its Gifts for Life program, this time through the One Thousand Days of Love campaign. Our "village" of St. Paul's has as its goal a \$1,000 gift of a One Thousand Days of Love package to a village that needs our help. To learn more about this program, please visit <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/1000daysoflove/>, where you'll also find engaging activities for people of all ages.

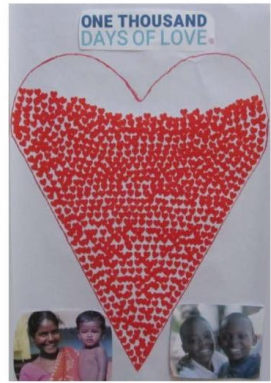
**We're already filling our heart with gifts of love** from our community, **with donations already at \$800!**

**And our gift will be doubled if we send it to Episcopal Relief & Development by December 31st!** That means we can help two villages instead of just one.

**How can my family participate?** A dollar from your family will give a day of love to another family. Talk about gifts of love and what they mean to you. Decide as a family how you will give financially to help a village raise its children. Think about giving a donation in honor of a special child, parent or grandparent in your life and send them a heart to let them know. To contribute your days of love, please send a check made out to SPEC and with "1,000 Days" in the memo line to Fr. Mauricio, St. Paul's, 114 Montecito Avenue Oakland, CA 94610. You may also donate via PayPal, but please remember to specify in the memo space that it is for 1000 Days outreach. Questions? Get in touch with Carolyn Knapp: [csknapp@earthlink.net](mailto:csknapp@earthlink.net).

**Help make this Advent season a season of love for children.**

**Let's fill up that heart!**



**Prayer requests for you or a loved one** may be communicated by placing a note in the offering plate. We will include them in our regular prayer concerns. You may also send prayer requests to [prayers@stpaulsoakland.org](mailto:prayers@stpaulsoakland.org).

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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

*Live stream only, until  
further notice.*

### **Sundays**

8 AM Spoken Eucharist in  
the Church

10 AM Choral Eucharist in  
the Church

### **Fourth Sundays**

8 PM Compline in the  
Church

*(Temporarily suspended)*

### **First Sundays**

4 PM Evensong in the  
Church

### **Wednesdays**

12:10 PM Spoken Eucharist  
with Healing Service on the  
1st Wednesday in the Chapel

**The Sacrament of  
Reconciliation may be  
scheduled with any priest.**

Music usage licensing and  
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### ***Officiant and Preacher***

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio J. Wilson  
*Rector*

### ***Lay Assistant***

Stephen Tiffenson

### ***Altar Guild***

Erica Terry-Derryck

## **DONATIONS TO ST. PAUL'S**

Using your Smartphone, scan this  
QR Code to make a digital  
offering to St. Paul's Church. Your  
donation will be processed through  
SPEC's PayPal account.



## WELCOMING AND AFFIRMING

**Parking** is available in the Senior Center/ Veteran's Memorial Building lot (across Bay Place from the church) for Sunday services. Street parking is unrestricted on Sundays, but metered/2-hour limit all other days. Additional paid parking is available at Children's Fairyland on Grand Ave. and at lots at 155 Grand Ave. and at W 23rd St. & Waverly (behind 180 Grand Ave.). The nearest BART station is the 19th Avenue stop, a .7 mile walk.



**Event Notification:** If you would like to receive information on St. Paul's events and ministries, or receive a call from clergy, please fill out the welcome cards in the pews and place in the collection plate or sign the visitor book in the Narthex. **To join our email list, sign up on our website, [www.stpaulsoakland.org](http://www.stpaulsoakland.org)**

Parishioner Directories are available in either printed or digital form. To request your copy please call or email (510.834.4314 Ext. 501/admin@stpaulsoakland.org).

### **Name Tags**

Let us greet you with your name! Please pick up your name tag in the narthex as you enter the Church or at the coffee hour afterwards.

### **The Restroom**

One is located at the back of the church through the side door. A wheelchair accessible restroom is also available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

### **Questions?**

Don't hesitate to ask an usher for help if you require any assistance.



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