



December 6, 2020
10:00 a.m. Sung Matins

St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OAKLAND

THE SECOND 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
Facebook page [here](#).

PRELUDE

Fantaisie à 3 on 'Conditor alme siderm'
Eustache du Caurroy (1549-1609)

Morning Prayer

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

OPENING HYMN

LEVAS 13

My Lord, what a morning
Negro Spiritual

Harmony

My Lord, what a morn-ing, My Lord, what a morn-ing, — O

my Lord, what a morn-ing, When the stars be-gin to fall.

Fine

Unison

1. You'll hear the trum - pet sound, _____
2. You'll hear the sin - ner mourn, _____ To wake the
3. You'll hear the Chris - tian shout, _____

na - tions un - der - ground, _____ Look - ing to my God's right

D.C.

hand, When the stars be - gin to fall.

THE INVITATORY & PRECES

Officiant

Lord, o - pen our lips.

People

And our mouth shall pro - claim your praise.

Officiant and People

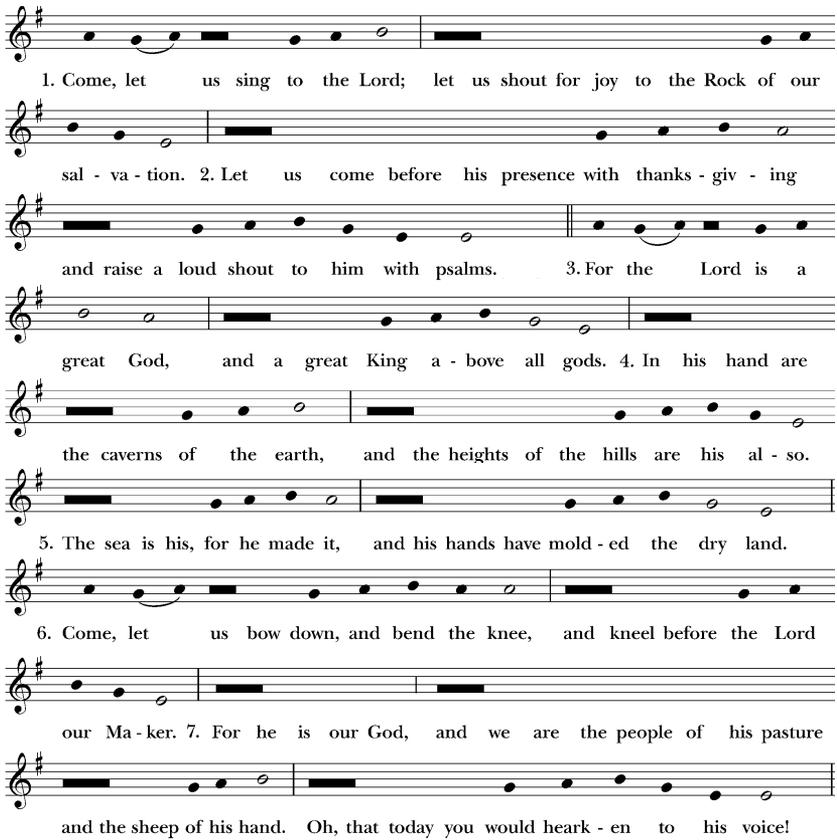
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia.

VENITE

Hymnal S-34



1. Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanks - giv - ing and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King a - bove all gods. 4. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his al - so. 5. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have mold - ed the dry land. 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would heark - en to his voice!

All sit.

PSALM 85: 1-2, 8-13

Benedixisti, Domine
Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

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

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather

the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader: Here ends the Lesson.

All stand.

CANTICLE 15: A Song of Mary

Short Service

Orlando Gibbons (c. 1583-1625)

My soul doth magnify the Lord
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded
the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud
in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.

All sit.

THE SECOND READING

II Peter 3: 8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day
is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day.

The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Reader Here ends the Lesson.

All stand.

CANTICLE 16: A Song of Zechariah

WLP 890

Benedictus Dominus Deus

1. Bless - ed are you O Lord our God: you have come to your

peo - ple and set them free. 2. You have raised up for us a mighty

Sa - vior: born of the house of your ser - vant Da - vid.

3. Through the voices of your ho - ly pro - phets, you have prom - ised since the world ' be - gan:

4. That you would save us from our en - e - mies, and from the hand of

all who hate us. 5. You prom - ised to show mercy to our

fore - bears: and to remember your ho - ly co - ve - nant.

6. This was the oath sworn to our fa - ther Ab - ra - ham: that you would give us:

7. To set us free from the hands of our en - e - mies,

free to worship you with - out fear, 8. Ho - ly

and righteous in your sight all the days of our life.

9. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:

for you will go before the face of the Lord to pre - pare the way

10. To give God's people knowledge of sal - va - tion: through the for - give - ness

of their sins. 11. In the tender compassion of our God:

the dawn from on high shall break up - on us,

12. To shine on those who dwell in darkness, and in the shadow of death;

and to guide our feet in-to the way of peace.

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and e - ver shall be;

through all ag - es. A - men.

All sit.

THE THIRD READING

Mark 8: 1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Reader: Here ends the Lesson.

All stand.

CANTICLE 18: The Song to the Lamb

Hymnal S-266
Dignus es

Introduction *Antiphon*

Splen - dor and hon - or and
king - ly power are yours by right, — O Lord our God,
1. Splen - dor and hon - or and king - ly power are yours by right, —
— O Lord our God, 2. For you cre - a - ted ev - ery - thing that
is, and by your will they were cre - a - ted and have their be - ing. [Ant.]

3. And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, for with your
 blood you have re - deemed for God, 4. From ev - ery fam - ily, lan - guage,
 peo - ple, and na - tion, a king - dom of priests to serve our God. [Ant.]
 5. And so, to him who sits up - on the throne, and to Christ the Lamb, 6. Be
 wor - ship and praise, do - min - ion and splen - dor, for ev - er and for ev - er - mor - e

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Monotone

**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 PRAYERS

Monotone

The people stand or kneel

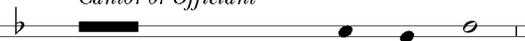
Officiant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

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

Cantor or Officiant



V. Show us your mer - cy, O Lord;

People



R. And grant us your salva - tion.



V. Clothe your ministers with right - eous - ness;



R. Let your people sing with joy.



V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;



R. For only in you can we live in safe - ty.



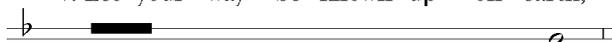
V. Lord, keep this nation un - der your care;



R. And guide us in the way of jus - tice and truth.



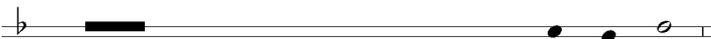
V. Let your way be known up - on earth;



R. Your saving health among all na - tions.



V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgot-ten;



R. Nor the hope of the poor be ta - ken a - way.



V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;



R. And sustain us with your Holy Spi - rit.

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.**

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 RENEWAL OF LIFE

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SERMON HYMN

Hymnal 60 Creator of the stars of night *Conditor aëne siderum*



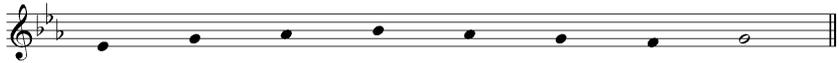
1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
3 When this old world drew on toward night,
4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
* 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
2 you came, O Sa - viour, to set free
3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.
2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

SERMON

The Rev. Anne Jensen

A period of silence is kept following the sermon.

All stand.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Monotone

Officiant and People

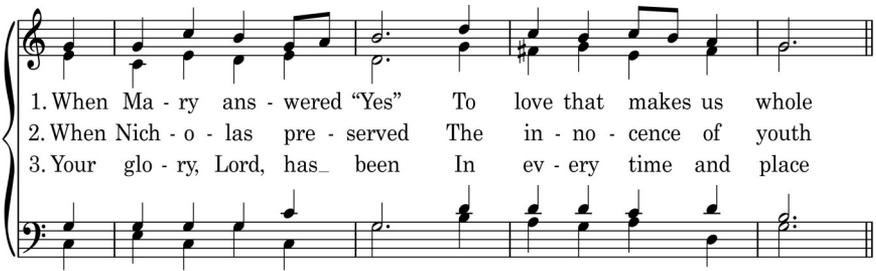
**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption 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

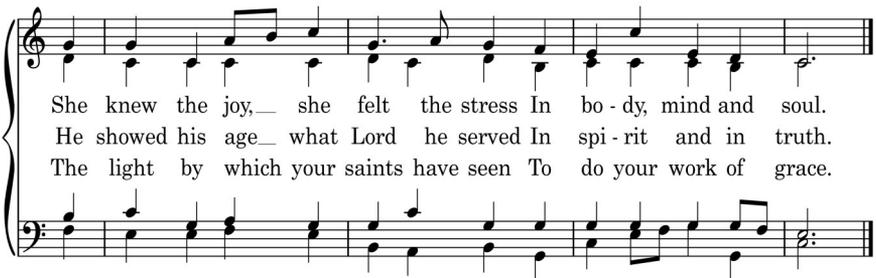
Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may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

CLOSING HYMN

When Mary Answered “Yes”
Sandy



1. When Ma - ry ans - wered “Yes” To love that makes us whole
2. When Nich - o - las pre - served The in - no - cence of youth
3. Your glo - ry, Lord, has_ been In ev - ery time and place



She knew the joy, — she felt the stress In bo - dy, mind and soul.
He showed his age_ what Lord he served In spi - rit and in truth.
The light by which your saints have seen To do your work of grace.

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*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in A Minor
Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780)

Filling a Heart 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 will have as its goal a \$1,000 gift of a One Thousand Days of Love package to a village that needs our help. Our gift will benefit children and their families in the village by

Nurturing healthy children through improving food and nutrition, protecting health and preventing disease, empowering parents, and protecting families;

Helping children achieve their full potential by providing access to clean water, hygiene, sanitation, and reducing the impact of disasters and building resilience.

Bringing positive change to children's lives by creating economic stability;

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 over \$250!



How can my family help? 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 .

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

**ONE THOUSAND
DAYS OF LOVE** ♥



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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.

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Soprano: Alice Brilmayer, Mackenzie Covington*, Christine Dukey
 Alto: Amy Kessler*, Victoria Larson, Sharon Pilmer
 Tenor: Joshua Black*, Ben Clausen, Elizabeth Jenkins, Richard Larson
 Bass: Charles Blue, William Davis, John Prescott, Philip Saunders*

**Section leader*

**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.**

Officiant

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson
Rector

Preacher

The Rev. Anne Jensen
Assisting Priest

Lay Assistant

Stephen Tiffenson

Music Director

Christopher Kula

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Maria Paull

**DONATIONS TO
ST. PAUL'S**

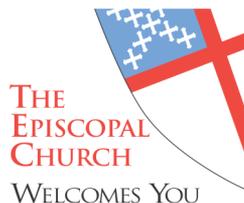
Using your Smartphone, scan this
QR Code to make a digital
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WELCOMING AND AFFIRMING

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**

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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