



**ST. PAUL'S**  
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**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Worship, Love, Live the Message

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

## Benicia, CA

**10:00 AM Worship for Sunday, December 29, 2024**

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

First Sunday after Christmas

### ENTRANCE HYMN: (H 100) Joy to the World! The Lord is Come

*All stand.*

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 \*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far - as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
 3 far - as the curse is found, far -  
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
 peat the sound - ing joy,  
 as the curse is found,  
 won - ders of his love,

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

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*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

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

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

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*Let us pray in unison*

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.

## GLORIA: (H 96) Angels We Have Heard On High

*The following is sung, all standing*



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### FIRST READING:

Isaiah 61:10--62:3

*The people sit.*

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

<sup>62:1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow*

## PSALM:

## Psalms 147

*Remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*

**how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!**

<sup>2</sup>The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; \*

**he gathers the exiles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>He heals the brokenhearted \*

**and binds up their wounds.**

<sup>4</sup>He counts the number of the stars \*

**and calls them all by their names.**

<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and mighty in power; \*

**there is no limit to his wisdom.**

<sup>6</sup>The LORD lifts up the lowly, \*

**but casts the wicked to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; \*

**make music to our God upon the harp.**

<sup>8</sup>He covers the heavens with clouds \*

**and prepares rain for the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.

<sup>10</sup>He provides food for flocks and herds \*

**and for the young ravens when they cry.**

<sup>11</sup>He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*

**he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;**

<sup>12</sup>But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, \*

**in those who await his gracious favor.**

<sup>13</sup>Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*

**praise your God, O Zion;**

<sup>14</sup>For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*

**he has blessed your children within you.**

<sup>15</sup>He has established peace on your borders; \*

**he satisfies you with the finest wheat.**

<sup>16</sup>He sends out his command to the earth, \*

**and his word runs very swiftly.**

<sup>17</sup>He gives snow like wool; \*

**he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.**

<sup>18</sup>He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*

**who can stand against his cold?**

<sup>19</sup>He sends forth his word and melts them; \*

**he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.**

<sup>20</sup>He declares his word to Jacob, \*

**his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**

<sup>21</sup>He has not done so to any other nation; \*

**to them he has not revealed his judgments.**

**Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING:

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

*Remain seated.*

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

<sup>4:4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

<sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

## GOSPEL HYMN: (H 101) Away In a Manger, No Crib For His Bed

*The following is sung, all standing*



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
\* 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.  
close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.



The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

## **GOSPEL:**

**John 1:1-18**

*All stand*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **THE SERMON:**

**The Rev. Annie Mertz**

## **THE CREED**

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*All stand.*

**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

*All remain standing.*

### CONFESSION OF SIN

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*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

*Silence may be kept. Celebrant 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 Celebrant 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

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*All stand.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND TRANSITIONS

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin anew. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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#### OFFERTORY CANON: Awake My Soul

*The following is sung by the chorus only*

**Verse:** Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
thy daily stage of duty run;  
shake off dull sloth, and early rise  
to pay thy morning sacrifice.

Music by William Billings (1746 – 1800)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

### SURSUM CORDA:

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*The People remain standing.*

Celebrant: 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 our thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

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*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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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: (S 130) Holy, Holy, Holy

*Celebrant and People*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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### *The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### *Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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### *The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

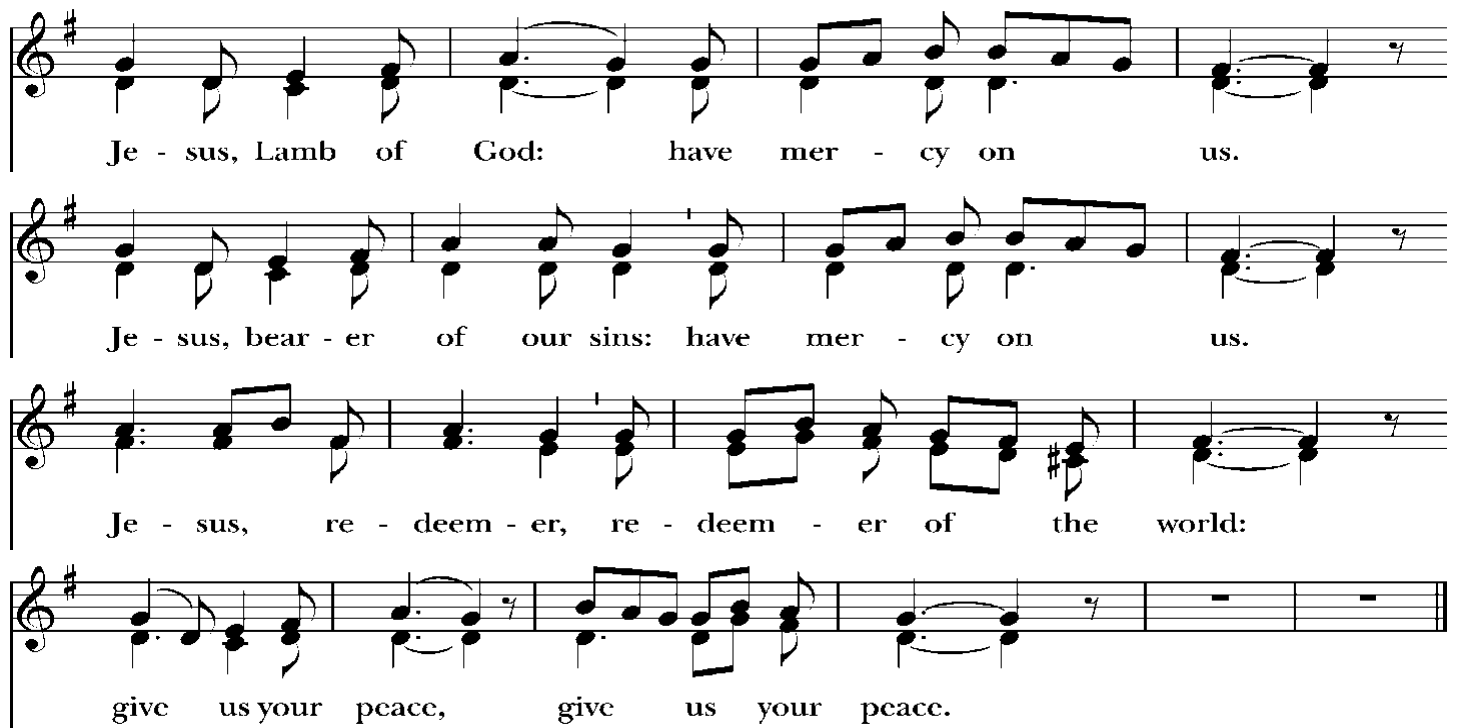
### *People and Celebrant*

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

## FRACTION ANTHEM: (S 164) Jesus, Lamb of God

*Celebrant and People*



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

## INVITATION

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## COMMUNION

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**



# COMMUNION HYMN: (H 324) Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

*The following is sung*



1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and  
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard  
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -  
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man  
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -  
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the



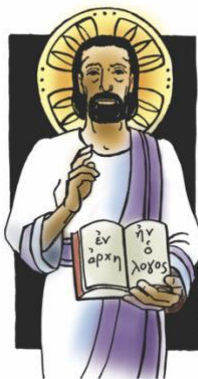
mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
 he will give to all the faith - ful  
 that the powers of hell may va - nish  
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"



our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 his own self for heaven - ly food.  
 as the dark - ness clears a way.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"



# COMMUNION HYMN: (H 115) What Child is This, Who, Laid to Rest (Greensleeves)

*The following is sung*

*Unison or harmony*

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for  
peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

*Refrain*

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds  
guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to  
bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*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.**

## BLESSING

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*The Celebrant blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN: (H 87) Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*The following is sung, all standing*

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!  
2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.  
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

## DISMISSAL

*The Deacon or Celebrant will dismiss the people*

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.



# Christmas Events

DEC 20

7 PM

## BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

A quiet and reflective Christmas service for those seeking peace and comfort on the longest night.

DEC 22

8:45 & 11 AM

## ADVENT IV: EUCHARIST & "COME AS YOU ARE" CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The final Sunday of the preparatory season of Advent; Children's Christmas pageant at 11:00am Service.

DEC 24

4 PM

## CHRISTMAS EVE EUCHARIST

A festive and child-friendly celebration of Christ's birth.

DEC 24

10 PM

## CHRISTMAS EVE EUCHARIST

A traditional candlelit mass with carols and hymns.

DEC 25

10 AM

## FEAST OF CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

A celebration of the joy of Christmas in the morning light.

DEC 29

10 AM

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

We continue the Christmas Season with a combined service.

JAN 5

8:45 & 11 AM

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

We return to two services.

JAN 12

8:45 & 11 AM

## FEAST OF EPIPHANY (TRANSFERRED)

We celebrate the arrival of the Magi.



The flowers at today's service are dedicated in celebration of:

**Our 31st wedding anniversary**

**From: Ann Lindsay**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pledge Update**  
 as of 12/15/2024

	2025	2024
# Pledges	54	70
Amount Pledged	\$277,770	\$303,374



**Thank You For Your Pledges!**

We are grateful to everyone for your generous annual pledges, which play a vital role in supporting the mission and ministries of St. Paul's.

There's still time to turn in your 2025 pledge! Blank cards are available in the back of the church.



**Let's Welcome Back the Healing Prayer Ministry!**

Healing prayer is offered at each service during communion to individuals who wish to have personalized, one-on-one prayer with a healing prayer minister. A healing prayer minister listens carefully and empathetically and prays with individuals about their specific concerns. Healing prayer ministers serve once a month at their preferred service. If you would like to be a part of this rewarding ministry, please contact me by email at [deacon@stpaulsbenicia.org](mailto:deacon@stpaulsbenicia.org). I will be happy to meet with you individually to discuss how to pray with others and to

practice this important skill.



**Community Meal Volunteer Online Signups**

If you would like to volunteer at the Community Meal on Mondays or Wednesdays, check our weekly Friday e-mail for a sign-up sheet - or contact the Parish Office at [admin@stpaulsbenicia.org](mailto:admin@stpaulsbenicia.org). Need to sign up for e-mails? Please contact the Parish Office. Please note that we need only one volunteer each day.

Thank You!



**Coffee Hosts Needed**

**It's time to sign up for the New Year! We still need Coffee Hosts in January-**

Please remember that beginning There is a sign-up sheet to the left of the coffee pots under the Cross Wall in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions about what's required, there is an awesome reference guide in the binder next to the sign-up sheet or feel free to reach out to our Coffee Hour coordinators Barry & Sally Cunningham

at [bcunningsb@gmail.com](mailto:bcunningsb@gmail.com).

Sign up with a friend and kick off your Sunday with caffeine and fellowship.



**Morning Prayer Weekdays at 9 a.m. in Church and on Zoom**

Join Zoom meeting (Link in Weekly Announcements online)

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## Updated Holiday Schedules

**Family Ministries:** Please see the schedule below regarding changes to our Family Ministries programs through the holiday season

	<b>12/22</b>	<b>12/24</b>	<b>12/25</b>	<b>12/29</b>	<b>1/5</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	8:30-12:30	Closed	Closed	9:00-11:30	8:30-12:30
<b>Godly Play</b>	Short Godly Play, then Pageant Prep in undercroft	No Class	No Class	No Class	10:00-10:45
<b>Bible Study</b>	Short session, then Pageant Prep in undercroft	No Class	No Class	No Class	10:00-10:45

### **Eucharist & Bible Study**

#### ***Wednesday 12/25 – Christmas Day***

10:00 am Eucharist is moved from side chapel to main church

No Bible Study

#### ***Wednesday 1/1***

No Eucharist

No Bible study

### **Morning Prayer**

***Cancelled*** for Wednesday 12/25 – Christmas Day

### **Coffee with the Rector:**

***Cancelled*** for Thursday, 12/26 and 1/2

### **Parish Office Hours:**

The parish office closes at NOON on 12/24 and will remain closed through 1/1. ***We look forward to seeing you in the new year!***

**Community Meal: *Cancelled*** for Wednesday 12/25 & Wednesday 1/1

**The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.**

Please e-mail information to: [admin@stpaulsbenicia.org](mailto:admin@stpaulsbenicia.org)

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### **NOTICE OF FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY**

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<b>SERVING THIS WEEK - December 29, 2024 10:00 AM - Single Service</b>	
Celebrant	Rev. Annie Mertz
Preacher	Rev. Annie Mertz
Deacon	Rev. Beth Gaines
Music	Dr. Matthew Welch
Lector	Ann Lindsay
Intercessor	Jim Brown
LEM	Jim Brown
Ushers	Robin Silver & Marjorie Lowry
Altar Guild	Robin Silver
Flower Guild	Mittie Railsback
Office Angels	Jeanne Brown & Debbie Varson
Verger	Fred Railsback

<b>Parish Leadership</b>		
<b>Clergy</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Vestry</b>
<p><b>The Rev. Annie Mertz</b>, <i>Rector</i>  <b>The Rev. Beth Gaines</b>, <i>Deacon</i>  <b>The Rev. Canon Mary Goshert</b>,  <i>Associate Priest</i>  <b>The Rev. Pamela Higgins</b>,  <i>Associate Priest</i>  <b>The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder</b>,  <i>Associate Priest</i></p>	<p><b>Dr. Matthew Welch</b>, <i>Traditional Music Director</i>  <b>Cameron De Palma</b>,  <i>Contemporary Music Director</i>  <b>Eric Foster</b>, <i>Communications Director</i>  <b>Lisa Lannoy</b>, <i>Parish Administrator</i>  <b>Tim Markley</b>, <i>Archivist</i></p>	<p><b>Jeff Jarvis</b>, <i>Senior Warden</i>  <b>Chris Prevolos</b>, <i>Junior Warden</i>  <b>Donna Marshall, Ed Curtis, Laura Peabody-Park, Jill Morris, Lisa Pena, Ann Lindsay, Gerri MacGregor</b></p>