

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Second Sunday in Advent
December 4, 2022 10:00 am

The Rev. Paul DeWitt Reid, Rector

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Welcome to St. Paul's Elkins Park!

***We are on a mission to know Christ;
to make Christ known in our community;
and to follow His Way of compassion and service to
others.***

Sunday Service

10:00 AM in the Sanctuary or on ZOOM Family Communion
Contemporary worship with ancient depth, with all kinds of music.

Tuesday Service

10:00 AM ZOOM Spoken Morning Prayer
Start your day with beauty and devotion with this 15-minute service.

Intellectual, Devotional, and Faithful Tuesday ZOOM Bible Study
11:00-12:00

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with members from all over the world.*

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Holy Eucharist

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Prelude:

The Lighting of the Second Candle

(At the Advent Wreath)

Presider *(from the back of the church)*
Come and save us, O Lord God of all.
People Come and save us, O Lord God of all.
Presider Show us your light and we will be saved:
People O Lord God of all.
Presider Glory to God, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier.
People Come and save us, O Lord God of all.

Presider Show us your mercy, O Lord:
People And grant us your salvation.

The Opening Hymn

There's a voice in the wilderness crying
Join our soloist and sing along at home!

Blue Hymnal #75

There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where the Lord our God may go!

O Zion, that bringest good tidings,
get thee up to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King.
Like the flowers of the field they perish,
like grass our works decay,
the power and pomp of nations
shall pass like a dream away.

But the word of our God endureth;
the arm of the Lord is strong;
He stands in the midst of nations,
and he will right the wrong.
He shall feed his flock like a shepherd,
the lambs he'll gently hold,
to pastures of peace he'll lead them,
and bring them safe to his fold.

The people standing, the Presider says

Blessed be the Lord Our God.

People **For ever and ever. Alleluia.**

Hymn of Praise

Be Glorified

Lift Every Voice #216

Join our soloists and sing along at home!

In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified!

In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified today.

In my song Lord, be glorified, be glorified!

In my song Lord, be glorified, be glorified today.

In Your church Lord, be glorified, be glorified!

In Your church Lord, be glorified, be glorified today.

The Collect of the Day

The Presider says

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.**

The Hebrew Scripture

A reading from Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,

the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
 His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
 He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
 or decide by what his ears hear;
 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
 and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
 he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
 and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
 and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
 The wolf shall live with the lamb,
 the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
 the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
 and a little child shall lead them.
 The cow and the bear shall graze,
 their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
 and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
 They will not hurt or destroy
 on all my holy mountain;
 for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
 as the waters cover the sea.
 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall
 inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Give the King your justice, O God, *
 and your righteousness to the King's Son;
 That he may rule your people righteously *
 and the poor with justice;
 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
 and the little hills bring righteousness.
 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
 he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
 from one generation to another.
 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
 like showers that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

Gospel Hymn

Oh day of peace that dimly shines

Blue Hymnal #597

Join our soloist and sing along at home!

O day of peace that dimly shines
Through all our hopes and prayers and dreams
Guide us to justice, truth and love
Delivered from our selfish schemes
May swords of hate fall from our hands
Our hearts from envy find release
Till by God's grace our warring world
Shall see Christ's promised reign of peace

Then shall the wolf dwell with the Lamb
Nor shall the fierce devour the small
As beasts and cattle calmly graze
A little Child shall lead them all
Then enemies shall learn to love
All creatures find their true accord
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled
For all the earth shall know the Lord

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew 3:1-12

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the
prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,
“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." "

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily Rev. Paul DeWitt Reid

The Affirmation of Faith

You, O God, are supreme and holy.

 You create our world and give us life.

 Your purpose overarches everything we do.

 You have always been with us.

 You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,

 good beyond all measure.

 You came to us before we came to you.

 You have revealed and proved

 your love for us in Jesus Christ,

 who lived and died and rose again.

 You are with us now.

 You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

 You empower us to be your gospel in the world.

 You reconcile and heal; you overcame death.

 You are God. We worship you.

Taken from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

O promised Christ:

We are a world at war.

Our peace depends on Your coming.

We are a sinful people.

Our pardon depends on Your coming.

We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises;

our only hope of doing God's will

is that You should come and help us do it.

Lord Christ, Word made flesh,

our world waits

for Your peace,

for Your pardon,

and for Your grace.

Even so: Lord Jesus, quickly come. Amen.

(From the Worship Sourcebook)

The Absolution

Celebrant I proclaim the grace of God to all of you.

Your sins are forgiven

By the light of Christ.

May God strengthen you in all goodness

and by the power of the Holy Spirit

keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Reader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for all who have died.
(Please pray for those who have died.)

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
(Please add your own intercessions.)

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

People The peace of Christ be always with you.
 And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Words of Welcome, Announcements & Blessings

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer for Advent II

By Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher

The Offertory

The Offering of Music

Shango-Jamal Lewis, baritone

The Doxology

The Blue Hymnal #38 verse 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son & Holy Ghost. Amen.

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.

Celebrant

Eternal God, with you a thousand years are like one day.

We thank and praise you because you have not been slow about your promise, but have patiently waited that all might come to repentance.

In John the Baptist you sent a herald who embodied the prophecies of your chosen people and announced the coming of your Son Jesus Christ.

Through baptism you offer us the forgiveness of sins, and after the water of cleansing you clothe us anew in your Spirit.

You invite us into the heritage of your prophets and the destiny of your saints.

In your Son's death you lay down your life for us, and in raising him from the tomb you open for us your eternal kingdom of peace.

And so we join angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing forever of your glory.

Celebrant and People

The Blue Hymnal #S124

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, you call your people to wait for and hasten the day of your coming.

We long to open wide the gates and spread apart the everlasting doors that you, our king of glory, may enter among us, and we may say, "Here is our God."

Fulfill our hopes and send now your gracious Spirit on your people and on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord

Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,

"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

"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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Gentle God, you feed your flock like a shepherd and gather your lambs in your arms. Speak tenderly to all who linger under the shadow of violence, slavery, exile, imprisonment, exclusion, or rejection.

Give your children the joy of knowing that they have served their term, that their penalty is paid, that they shall receive back from your hand double for all that they have ached to lose.

Where your people are isolated on a mountain top, cry to them that their mountain will be laid low; where they are in the valley of despair, whisper to them that they shall be exalted.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, hasten the coming of our new day begun, when we shall see the wonder of your tender face, when the grass never withers and the flower never fades because you are all in all, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, let us join hands as we 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,
for ever and ever.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread
and the one cup.*

Agnus Dei

Blue Hymnal #S161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Celebrant invites the People.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray

Loving God, we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen*

Advent Blessing

May you remember in the consumer busy-ness of the season, to find quiet times of waiting and to keep a Holy Advent. Amen.

May he whose coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, be upon you and remain with you this day and for ever more. Amen.

The Closing Hymn

Blue Hymnal #76

*On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry
Join our soloist and sing along at home!*
On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake, and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
Make straight the way for God within;
And let each heart prepare a home
Where such a mighty Guest may come.

For Thou art our Salvation, Lord,
Our Refuge, and our great Reward.
Without Thy grace we waste away,
Like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out Thine hand,
And bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth, and let Thy light restore
Earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to Thee
Whose advent doth Thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Holy Spirit evermore.

The Presider dismisses the people with these words

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia
People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Postlude:

HOLIDAY! POPS!

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