

*We welcome everyone who is worshipping with us today.
Please participate as much as you are comfortable.*

*We gather as the people of God to be blessed in our time together as
community and engaged with the sacred presence of God.*

*Everyone is welcome at St. Paul's; the youngest to the oldest;
wherever you may be from around the world; regardless of your
sexuality; single, married, divorced or separated; no matter what
your financial situation; whether you are starting out or retired.*

There is a place for everyone here at St. Paul's!! Welcome!!

*Following the service, we invite you for coffee and conversation
in the Lower Hall. We'd like to introduce ourselves to you.*

*The church is equipped with a hearing assistance system.
Please ask for a receiver.*

There are also large print prayer books available.

10:30 a.m. – Celebration of the Eucharist

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" - Arr. R. Hebble

Opening Sentence "Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." (Luke 21:28)

Processional Hymn # 114 "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"

The Opening Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ... **And also with you**

Candle Lighting Liturgy

Reader: A reading from Jeremiah

"The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. "In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the

land. "In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. "And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Reflection - *The Reverend Canon Mark Kinghan*

The Season of Advent is an invitation to meditate on the promises of God. Here is what the prophet Jeremiah sees:

... a righteous leader will spring up

... one who will carry out justice and righteousness

... one who brings salvation and safety for the people

How then do we live as those who believe that the promises of God will be fulfilled?

... as those who lift up their souls to God?

... as those who walk a path of love and faithfulness?

... as those who work for justice and righteousness?

... as those who live in the light of hope?

If we are alert to the promise of the Lord and live in the light of hope, we will be truly blessed as Christ comes again into our lives.

Reader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promises I have made.

All: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls: In you, O God, we trust.

Reader: The one who is coming will show us the path of steadfast love and faithfulness.

All: Teach us your ways, O God of our salvation. We light this candle in the sure hope that God's promises endure.

the first Advent candle is lit

All: We will live in the light of hope as we await the coming of the Lord.

Hymn #107 “Prepare the Way of the Lord” (sung twice)

The Collect for the Day

The Proclamation of the Word

Psalm 25:1-9

BAS p.733

Refrain

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Pew Bible p.218 (NT)

Gradual Hymn # 93

“You Servants of the Lord”

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Pew Bible p.87 (NT)

Sermon – The Reverend Canon Mark Kinghan
(followed by silence for personal reflection)

Nicene Creed

BAS p. 188

Choir Anthem

“Waiting for a King” - by Joseph M. Martin

Prayers of the People

Confession, Absolution & the Peace

BAS p. 191

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn # 90

“How the World Longs for Your Birth”

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus – Hymn 722

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: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With Advent hope and anticipation, let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer – Traditional Language BAS p. 211

The Breaking of the Bread #5 BAS p. 212

Lamb of God
Agnus Dei - Hymn 690

The Communion

This is God's table. Anyone who would like to receive the sacrament is welcome. If you would rather receive a blessing, please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest. If you have concerns about the use of the common cup, you may, after eating the bread, cross your hands over your chest as the chalice passes by or make a sign of reverence by gently touching the base of the cup when it is presented to you. Please do not dip the bread into cup. Those drinking from the cup are asked to assist the chalice administrator by grasping it at the base and guiding it to their lips.

Communion Hymn # 48 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Prayer after Communion

The Doxology BAS p. 215

The Blessing

Announcements and Celebrations

Recessional Hymn # 102 "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

Dismissal

"Go in peace ..."
"Thanks be to God"

Postlude "People, Look East" - Arr. D. Wood



There may be photographs taken during the service that are posted on our website and other social media. If you do not wish your photograph used please let us know.

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