

*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.*

*We thank Robin & Susan Dhillon and Art Mathews for their
participation and leadership.*

*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 - (Choir & Congregation)

**"Let us Adore, "Here is Love",
"Come, O come Emmanuel" / "Immanuel"**

Opening Sentence *"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the
afflicted." (Isaiah 61:1)*

Processional Hymn # 89 *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

The Opening Greeting

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

Candle Lighting Liturgy

Reader: A reading from Philippians

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. "Let your gentleness be known to everyone. "The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. "And the Peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

Reflection - The Reverend Canon Mark Kinghan

Joy is at the heart of the journey through Advent to Christmas: Joy in the knowledge of what God has done throughout the ages, joy in the realization that God is able and that God does change things for the better, joy in the assurance that God can enter into our lives no matter what our situation may be. The Apostle Paul calls us a life of rejoicing:

. . to live a life full of rejoicing and gentleness

. . . to put aside worry in the confidence that the Lord is near

. . . . to lift our requests in prayer, with thanksgiving

. to trust that the Peace of God will guard our hearts and minds.

Let us then consider the condition of joy in our lives.

. . Do worries sometimes seem larger than our confidence that God is near?

. . . Does the busy-ness of our lives sometime interfere in our life of prayer?

. . . . Does anxiety over the big things of the world ruin the little joys of life?

Advent is a time when we can clean out the inner stables of our lives so that new life can be born, our spirits may be refreshed, and our lives may be renewed in the joy of salvation.

Reader: The Lord your God is in your midst, rejoicing over you with gladness, renewing you in love. I will bring you home and restore your fortunes, says the Lord. *The 1st 2 Advent candles are lit*

All: In this new light, we give thanks to the Lord.

Reader: With joy you will draw waters from the wells of salvation.

All: We will rejoice in the Lord always.

Reader: We light a third candle to reveal the pathway to faithfulness. *The third candle is lit.*

All: As a covenant people we will seek to live in the joy of the Lord.

The Collect for the Day

The Proclamation of the Word

Canticle 3 (Isaiah 12:2-6)

Refrain

2nd Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20 Pew Bible p.981 (OT)

Gradual Hymn # 104 *"Joy Shall Come"*

Gospel: Luke 3:7-18 Pew Bible p.61 (NT)

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

Nicene Creed BAS p. 188

Prayers of the People

Confession, Absolution & the Peace BAS p. 191

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn # 312 *"Sing a New Song unto the Lord"*

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus – Hymn 732

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 *"Christmas Offering" - by Paul Baloche*
Duet - Robin & Susan Dhillon

Prayer after Communion

The Doxology BAS p. 215

The Blessing

Announcements and Celebrations

Recessional Hymn # 589 *"Come, O God of All the Earth"*

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

Postlude - Piano Solo "Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child!"



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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