



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

St. Paul's is a loving family united in the ministry of Jesus Christ;
worshiping, learning, and serving together in the Episcopal tradition.

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The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures, here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Eucharistic Prayer B.....[BCP 367]

Sanctus.....[S128]

The Lord's Prayer [BCP 364]

The Breaking of the Bread (sung)[S154]
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for
us; therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Communion Music [Hymnal 87, 115, 99]

Post Communion Prayer..... [BCP 365]

The Blessing

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the
Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the
Gospel. Amen.

The Recessional Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!" ...[H107]

Dismissal

Postlude O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings.....G.F. Handel

Lesson and Carols
Holy Eucharist Rite II
December 29, 2024
10:00 AM

Prelude The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came.....Paul Manz

Processional Hymn "Once In Royal David's City" vs. 1-4..... [H102]

A Bidding Prayer

Dear People of God:

In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once
more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son
of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the
story of Christ's birth and let us make this place glad with our carols of
praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and
justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he
died, and especially for his Church in our country and in Maumee.
And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name
the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick
and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little
children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus
Christ.

(Intercessions added here)

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and
that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the
Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of
everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above, may the
King of Angels bring us all. Amen.

Lesson I: Isaiah 7:10-15[Bible pg. 554]

God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as 'God With Us.'

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the incarnation of your Son established the new covenant of peace: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*

Hymn "O Come All Ye Faithful" vs. 1-3.....[H83]

Lesson II: Luke 1:26-58.....[Bible pg. 831]

The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.

Father in heaven, by your grace the virgin mother of your incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping your word: Grant us who honor the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*.

Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" vs 1, 2.....[H96]

Lesson III: Luke 2:1-7[Bible pg. 833]

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Heavenly Father, through the birth of your Son you have raised the lowly and sent away the high and the haughty: may his light which shone forth in Bethlehem continue to shine in our hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. *Amen*.

Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs. 1-3.....[H79]

Lesson IV: Luke 2:8-20[Bible pg. 832]

The shepherds go to the manger.

Eternal Father, you promised us we would never be forsaken and sent a child called Emmanuel to be born unto us: plant in every heart, we pray, the love of your Son Jesus Christ so that our lives may be signs of your presence throughout the world; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*.

Hymn "Away in a Manger" vs. 1, 2..... [H101]

Lesson V: Matthew 2:1-12[Bible pg. 783]

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*.

Hymn "We Three Kings" vs. 1, 5[H128]

Lesson VI: John 1:1-14 [Bible pg. 862]

The Word was made flesh and we have seen His glory.

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the Holy name Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*.

Hymn "Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming" vs. 1, 2.....[H81]

Collect of the Day

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 forever. *Amen*.

The Confession of Sin..... [BCP 360]

The Peace

Celebrant: May the Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Announcements

The Great Thanksgiving

The Offertory "Mary Did You Know" (Jane Weber & Bill Fayerweather)

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