



Christmas Eve: December 24, 2020

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church!

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Office Hours: The Church Office is closed with staff working remotely until further notice.

Service Times

SUNDAY

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

WEDNESDAY

Noon . . . NOONDAY PRAYERS (VIA ZOOM)

Morsel for Meditation

There fared a mother driven
forth
Out of an inn to roam;
In the place where she was
homeless
All men are at home.
The crazy stable close at hand,
With shaking timber and shifting
sand,
Grew a stronger thing to abide
and stand
Than the square stones of Rome.

For men are homesick in their
homes,
And strangers under the sun,
And they lay their heads in a
foreign land
Whenever the day is done.
Here we have battle and blazing
eyes,
And chance and honor and high
surprise,
But our homes are under mirac-
ulous skies
Where the yule tale was begun.

A Child in a foul stable,
Where the beasts feed and foam,
Only where He was homeless
Are you and I at home;
We have hands that fashion and
heads that know,
But our hearts we lost - how
long ago!

In a place no chart nor ship can
show
Under the sky's dome.

This world is wild as an old
wives' tale,
And strange the plain things are,
The earth is enough and the air
is enough
For our wonder and our war;
But our rest is as far as the fire-
drake swings
And our peace is put in impossi-
ble things
Where clashed and thundered
unthinkable wings
Round an incredible star.

To an open house in the evening
Home shall men come,
To an older place than Eden
And a taller town than Rome.
To the end of the way of the
wandering star,
To the things that cannot be and
that are,
To the place where God was
homeless
And all men are at home.

G. K. Chesterton: "The House of
Christmas" (1915)

Lay Ministry

LECTOR/LEM

12/24: SUZANNE TAYLOR (7PM)
12/24: JEFF FAUNCE - THURIFER (7PM)
12/24: DAVID CLEGG (11PM)
12/24: JEFF FAUNCE - THURIFER (11PM)
12/27: DEBBIE SHAFFER

ACOLYTES

12/24: DAVID KIRKLIN (7PM, 11PM)
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ALTAR GUILD

12/24: GAIL ROLSTON, GEORGIANNA HARRISON,
LAURA FUNK
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VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY

12/27: JOHN-PAUL BALLARD, STEVE RAMSEY

CIRCLE OF CARE (WEEKLY)

ON HOLD UNTIL IN-PERSON MEETINGS RESUME

INTERCESSORY PRAYER (WEEKLY)

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Jesus Christ, *Head of the Church*

The Rt. Rev. Dr. George R. Sumner, *Bishop*

The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk, *Rector*

The Rev. Gordon Miltenberger, *Assisting Priest*

David Gish, *Music Director*

John Shasteen, *Organist*

Angela Dryer, *Parish Administrator*

Order of Worship

7pm and 11pm — HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude	
Processional Hymn	H #83
<i>O come, all ye faithful</i> <i>(Adeste fideles)</i>	
Opening Sentence	BCP 323
Collect for Purity	BCP 323
<i>Gloria in excelsis</i>	H #S280
Collect.	BCP 161
The Lessons	
First Reading	Isaiah 62:6-12
Psalm	Psalm 97
Epistle	Titus 3:4-7
Gospel Hymn	H #96
<i>Angels, we have heard on high (Gloria)</i>	
Gospel	Luke 2:(1-7)8-20
Nicene Creed	BCP 326
Sermon	The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk
Prayers of the People	BCP 328
The Confession.	BCP 331
The Peace.	BCP 332
Announcements	
Holy Communion	
Offertory	H #439
<i>What wondrous love is this, O my soul</i> <i>(Wondrous Love)</i>	
Offertory Anthem	A3 #221
<i>Doxology (Old 100th)</i>	
The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer 1 . . .	BCP 333
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
<i>Agnus Dei</i>	BCP 407
Prayer of Humble Access	BCP 337
The Presentation	BCP 338
Communion Hymns	
<i>Silent Night (Stille Nacht)</i>	H #111
Post Communion Prayer	BCP 365
The Blessing & Dismissal	BCP 366
Recessional Hymn	H #109
<i>The first Nowell the angel did say</i> <i>(The First Nowell)</i>	

10:30pm — CAROL SINGING

<i>O little town of Bethlehem</i>	H #78
<i>It came upon the midnight clear.</i>	H #89
<i>On this day earth shall ring</i>	H #92
<i>Angels, from the realms of glory.</i>	H #93
<i>God rest you merry, gentlemen</i>	H #105
<i>Good Christian friends, rejoice.</i>	H #107
<i>O come, O come, Emmanuel</i>	H #56
<i>Gabriel's Message</i>	H #265
<i>Come thou long-expected Jesus.</i>	H #66

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (black)
H= Hymnbook (red)
A3 = Alleluia III (yellow)

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.

Pray for the Church, the Body of Christ

Please pray for those on our prayer list this week: Jincey Jones, Rita Woods, Ken Gunter, Dana Medford, Bill Rolston, Father Gordon, Dolores Miltenberger, Mike Lavigne, and Paula Reeves. We also pray for our Daughters of the King Ministry as they bring their strength and service together by praying for friends and for the people. Contact our church office to add a name to our prayer list.

The Flowers For The Festival Of The Holy Nativity Were Given By:

- **St. Paul's Daughters of the King** - In loving memory of our departed Sister in Christ, Paula Backus
- **Marie Aughtry** - In memory of Bill
- **Claudine Brown** - With thanksgiving for the audio/video team who make it possible to worship from home.
- **Jennifer, Jacob, & Jeff Faunce** - In Thanksgiving for our friends and family
- **Ginger Garcia** - With thanksgiving for my St. Paul friends
- **Georgianna Harrison** - For our St Paul's family worshipping at home
- **Frank McKee** - In Memory of family members who have passed on, in Thanks for the health and happiness of family members and loved ones who are with us, and in Celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.
- **Bill & Gail Rolston** - In honor of our future first grandson due in March 2021
- **Steve & Mary Ramsey** - In memory of Kay Ramsey
- **Bill & Judy Shaddox** - In honor of Father Gordon and Delores
- **Debbie Shaffer** - In gratitude for my children and grandchildren
- **Suzanne Taylor** - In joyful thanksgiving for the birth of my granddaughter, Amelia Rizvi Loudermilk



Cover Art: This Silver Star marks the traditional site of Jesus' birth in the Grotto of the Nativity within the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem, Israel.