Christmas Day
December 25, 2022

Holy Eucharist
Ten o’clock in the morning
Our worship is based on the liturgies of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and this leaflet contains what you will need to follow and to participate actively with us. If you would like to use the book itself, page numbers are provided. Hymn numbers and service music refer to The Hymnal 1982 (bound in blue) and all books are found in the pew racks.

Voluntary

The Word of God

The Greeting

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn 87 Hark! the herald angels sing MENDELSSOHN

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 96  Angles we have heard on high GLORIA
Stanzas 1 and 4

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
THE LESSONS, the people sit.

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah  
[52: 7 - 10]
How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the L ORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the L ORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The L ORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Leader  The Word of the Lord.
People  Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98  
Cantate Domino  BCP p. 727
The Cantor sings the refrain initially and the People join when invited

1 Sing to the L ORD a new song,*  
   for he has done marvelous things.
2 With his right hand and his holy arm*  
   he has won for himself the victory.
3 The L ORD has made know his victory;*  
   his righteousness has he openly shown in  
   the sight of nations.
4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to  
   the house of Israel,*  
   and all the ends of the earth have seen the  
   victory of our God.
5 Shout out with joy to the L ORD, all you lands;*  
   lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

* from Gradual Psalms for the RCL, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated
Sing to the Lord with the harp,*
with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn*
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,*
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands,*
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world*
and the people with equity.

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews [1: 1 - 4 (5 - 12)]
Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

Leader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
The Holy Gospel

Deacon  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Deacon  The Gospel of the Lord.
People  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily  The Rev. Jean McCarthy
THE NICENE CREED, standing

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
All stand or kneel as able for prayer. The Leader and People pray responsively

Deacon The Lord God is both sun and shield; God will give grace and glory. In the house of our God, let us pray, “Lord God of hosts, hear our prayer.”
Intercessor For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Betsey, our bishop; St. Paul’s clergy and staff; In our diocese, companion dioceses, and the Anglican Communion we pray for St. John, Mason City; Grace, Charles City; St. Matthew-by-the-Bridge, Iowa Falls; St. Mary, Broughty Ferry; Brechin; Nambazia Deanary, Nzara; Usuthu Mission, Swaziland; and The Anglican Church of Melanesia. We give thanks for your Church, O God. Bless it with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. May we be made happy in the knowledge of the hope to which we are called.

*The congregation is invited to add their own petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence*

Intercessor Lord God of hosts; 
**People** Hear our prayer

Intercessor We give thanks for this nation, O God. Give to our leaders a spirit of wisdom. Deliver them from selfish ambition and give all the people a heart for your children, especially those little ones born into poverty.

*Silence*

Intercessor Lord God of hosts; 
**People** Hear our prayer

Intercessor We give thanks for your creation, O God. Where there is desolation, bring forth springs of clean water. Where your creatures are without a place, may they find a place with you.

*Silence*

Intercessor Lord God of hosts; 
**People** Hear our prayer
Intercessor    We give thanks for this city, O God. Set us on a straight path where we shall not stumble. Bring new lift to languishing areas.

Silence

Intercessor    Lord God of hosts;
People    Hear our prayer

Intercessor    We give thanks for all those in our lives, O God. We pray especially for those who know weeping and tears. Turn their mourning into joy, comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow.

The congregation is invited to add their own petitions, followed by silence

Intercessor    Lord God of hosts;
People    Hear our prayer

Intercessor    We give thanks for the saints at rest, O God. Gather them into your great heavenly company. May they enjoy forever the riches of your glorious inheritance among the saints.

Silence

Intercessor    Lord God of hosts;
People    Hear our prayer

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

The Confession

Deacon or Celebrant
Hear the words of the angel to Joseph: “You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus the Savior of the world.
All kneel. Silence
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says
Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.
Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements
The Holy Communion

Offertory Music

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Eucharistic Prayer B  
BCP p. 367

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Celebrant and People**

**Sanctus**

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\text{Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,} \\
\text{heaven and earth are full of your glory. Ho-} \\
\text{sanna in the highest. Ho-} \\
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The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;
The Celebrant continues
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Paul and with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

In Unison 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. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread,
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem S161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Lamb of God, you take away the
Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All who seek a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion by moving forward to the altar rail or by remaining in your place. Alternatively, you are welcome to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are not yet baptized and receive Holy Communion, please speak with a priest after the service.

Communion Music

After the people receive Communion a period of silent reflection is kept.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. Amen.

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.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.
**Hymn 107**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice**

**IN DULCI JUBILO**

**DISMISSAL**

*The Deacon dismisses the people.*

**People**

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Voluntary**

**Announcements for December 25, 2022**

*The Advent Wreath is given by Scott & Denise Linn, Marshall & Julie Linn, and Douglas & Barbara L. Hein in loving memory of Barbara N. & Marshall G. Linn*

**The Cathedral Office will be closed on Monday, December 26, Tuesday, December 27 and on Monday, January 2, 2023.**

**Christmas and New Year at the Cathedral**

Sunday, December 25 – 1 service at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, January 1 – 1 service at 10:00 a.m.

St. Paul’s offers Wednesday Eucharist at 12:05 pm every week in the Chapel.

**Stewardship Campaign**

We need your help to maintain all that St. Paul’s provides to our parish, the Diocese of Iowa, and the Des Moines community. To do so, we prayerfully ask you to consider one or more of the following options:

- If you have not pledged before, please do so. Budgeting is easier with known dollars available.
- If you currently pledge, any increase, however modest, would help.

For more information, please visit our website [www.stpaulsdm.org](http://www.stpaulsdm.org), or call the Cathedral Office 515-288-7297.

**Altar Flowers**

If you would like to contribute altar flowers in 2023, please contact the Cathedral Office (515-288-7297) or email [execadmin@stpaulsdm.org](mailto:execadmin@stpaulsdm.org) Thank you!
Epiphany Service with the Bishop
Bishop Monnot will preside and preach at St. Paul’s at a special service of Holy Eucharist on Epiphany, January 6 (Friday), at 7:00 pm.

*Flowers Are Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:*
(As of December 23, 2022)

John & Jan Doherty  
*In memory of Joe & Nia Doherty and Frank & Jean Cate*

Mark Babcock & Anthony  
*In memory of our grandparents*

Rick Williams, Nancy  
*In memory of Betty M. Williams, Marvin F. Williams, & Sue Williams Deever*

William Dotson, & Jill  
*In memory of our grandparent's*

Williams Ayers

John Zickefoose & Elvin

McDonald

**Today's Liturgical Ministers**

*Crucifer – Phyllis Melton*

*1st lesson – Phyllis Melton*

*2nd lesson – Scott Jeneary*

*Intercessor – Volunteer requested*

Eucharistic Minister – Scott Jeneary, Volunteer requested

Audio System – Tim Hird

Ushers – Volunteer requested

Chapter Counters – Duane Sand, Volunteer requested, (alt. Henry Harmon)