Christmas Eve

December 24, 2022

Candlelight Festival Eucharist
5:00 pm and 10:30 pm
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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.

Christmas Carols Sing

Organ Voluntary

The Word of God

Hymn 83 (St. 1, 2, 3, & 6)  O come, all ye faithful  ADESTE FIDELES

THE GREETING

Celebrant  Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People  And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever.  Amen.

THE ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says
Celebrant  I bring you good news of great joy:
People  A Savior has been born to you.  Alleluia!
Celebrant  Unto us a child is born.
People  Unto us a Son is given.  Alleluia!
Celebrant  He is Christ the Lord.  Alleluia!
People  We worship and adore him.  Alleluia!

Hymn 96 (St. 1 & 3)  Angels we have heard on high  GLORIA
THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant  The Lord be with you.
People      And also with you.
Celebrant  Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

THE LESSONS, the people sit.

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah [9: 2 – 7]

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Mid'ian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Leader  The Word of the Lord.
People  Thanks be to God.
Psalm 96  Cantate Domino  BCP p. 725
The Cantor sings the refrain initially and the People join when invited

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus  [2: 11 – 14]
For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

Hymn 81  Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming  EST IST EIN ROS

The Gospel Alleluia
The Cantor sings the refrain initially and the People join when invited
In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirin'ius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.
THE HOMILY

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 Come let us adore Christ, the Lord. Let us pray, "Gracious Lord, grant us your peace."

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 New Song, Coralville; Church of the Savior, Orange City; Vestry Members and Lay Representatives, Church Musicians and Volunteers, Brechin; Yabongo Deanary, Nzara; Uniswa Chapelry, Swaziland; and The Diocese of Okinawa. Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: make joyful our hearts. Strengthen your Church with humility and faith that we might triumph over the power of evil.

Silence

Gracious Lord,

People Grant us your peace.
Intercessor  Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you abhor neither the simple or the lowly. Shine your light on all the world that the nations may look upon your truth and find their salvation.

Silence

Gracious Lord,

People  Grant us your peace.

Intercessor  Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: may all of creation burst forth in songs of praise. May all the works of your hand glorify you.

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

Gracious Lord,

People  Grant us your peace.

Intercessor  Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: summon the people of the city to yourself. May all of the distractions and heartache of our lives fade away in the joy of your presence.

Silence

Gracious Lord,

People  Grant us your peace.

Intercessor  Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you love us so dearly. Grant your healing grace to sinners, to the poor, to those in need of love. Open your arms to the sick and the lonely.

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

Gracious Lord,

People  Grant us your peace.
Intercessor Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: all glory be given to you. You blessed our earthly bodies with your birth, and your promise to raise us to new life by your death and resurrection.

Silence

Gracious Lord,
People Grant us your peace.

The Celebrant concludes
Almighty God who has turned our darkness into a marvelous light, through the gift of your Son: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, that all may come to the peace you promise in Jesus, who is Lord and God, this night and forever. Amen.

The Peace
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Welcome The Rev. Nicola Bowler, Acting Dean of the Cathedral

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem This Day Our Christ Was Born David Kidwell

The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer B BCP p. 367

Celebrant People
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant People
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. H
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.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us. 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 and indicating to an usher that you would like to receive. Alternatively, you are welcome to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are not yet baptized and feel drawn to receive Holy Communion, please speak with a priest about baptism after the service.

Communion Music
Choir Anthem        My Lord Has Come       Will Todd

Hymn 115            What child is this        GREENSLEEVES

Hymn 79             O little town of Bethlehem    ST. LOUIS

The lights are dimmed. Acolytes will walk down the center aisle with candles, from which the congregation will light their own candles, passing the flame to each other along their pews. All then remain seated to sing the following hymn

Hymn 111            Silent night               STILLE NACHT

Please extinguish your candle at the end of the hymn.

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 100 Joy to the world! ANTIOCH

DISMISSAL
The Deacon dismisses the people.
People Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary Joy To The World Michael Burkhardt

Merry Christmas!
Announcements for December 24, 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, 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
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.
St. Paul’s Episcopal Cathedral Leaders

The Rt. Rev. Betsey Monnot  Bishop of The Diocese of Iowa
The Rev. Nicola Bowler  Acting Dean of The Cathedral
The Rev. Jean McCarthy  Priest Associate
The Rev. Jean Davis  Deacon
The Rev. John Doherty  Deacon
Canon Mark Babcock  Organist/Choirmaster

St. Paul’s audio system includes the T-coil Hearing Loop. If you have questions or need assistance, please speak with one of our Audio Coordinators.

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 Braida  In memory of our grandparents
Rick Williams, Nancy Williams Dotson, & Jill Williams Ayers  In memory of Betty M. Williams, Marvin F. Williams, & Sue Williams Deever
John Zickefoose & Elvin McDonald
Thank you for joining us today. If you are visiting us for the first time today, please know you are truly welcome, and we are glad you are here! We invite you to sign our guest book in the Narthex. Your participation with us today has been a blessing.

Online Giving: Visit www.stpaulsdm.org and click “Donate Now”
Thank you for your generosity

**Tonight’s Liturgical Ministers**

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