



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER

November 28, 2021 | 9:15 & 11:15 AM

You are welcome here.

A Little About St. Paul & the Redeemer

What kind of church is this?

St. Paul & the Redeemer (SPR) is a community that seeks to mirror the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus, holding together a progressive outlook and a rootedness in the Christian faith. We are woven of different races, economic statuses, cultural backgrounds, faith backgrounds, gender identities, and sexual orientations, and we are strengthened and enriched by each person's story and voice.

Let's Get Connected

Welcome! If you are new, tell us about yourself and get connected to what's happening at St. Paul & the Redeemer. Scan the code or visit sprchicago.org/new to complete a *Let's Get Connected* form.



Children's Formation

Nursery, 9:00am-12:30pm | Professionally staffed nursery care is available during the services for children ages 0-4. The nursery is down the southwest stairs. Changing tables are in the downstairs restrooms and the nursery.

Children's Chapel, 9:30am-9:45am | During the sermon at the 9:15 service, children from preschool to second grade are invited to a special liturgy in the children's chapel, featuring songs and a Bible story.

Godly Play For All, 10:20am-11:05am | Today, after the 9:15 service, all ages are invited to the parish hall for a Godly Play for All session led by director of children's formation Dafne del Risco-Nolla. There will be a Godly Play Advent story told, and all ages will be invited to enter into the mystery of Advent. All children in grades PK-5 are invited to join Godly Play at any time throughout the year. For details, contact Dafne (nolla@sprchicago.org).

SPR's Anti-Racism Vision Statement

We strive to become a beloved community that reflects on our own racial identities and recognizes racism and privilege in our church and society; works for justice by building relationships and sustained efforts to heal, reconcile, and seek Christ in each other; and acts to interrupt and dismantle white supremacist structures, transforming ourselves and our church to become a living embodiment of justice and peace.

Giving to SPR

Every dollar you give to SPR supports our ministry to and with our community. You may place cash or a check in the offering plate, or scan this code to give via PayPal. If you are visiting, please do not feel obligated to give—it is our honor to have you as our guest!



Bulletin Rubrics

Throughout the bulletin, the congregation is invited to say all **bolded** text aloud. There are also times when it is customary to make the sign of the cross by touching your forehead, chest, left shoulder, and right shoulder. If you wish to do so, the **+** indicates that.

Youth Formation

Youth Formation, 10:20am-11:05am | All youth are invited to join today's Godly Play for All session in the parish hall.

Youth Group: There is **NO** youth group today.

On Sunday, December 5, we will take a trip to see the Zoolights display at Lincoln Park Zoo! All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join the youth group at any time throughout the year. For details, contact director of youth formation Ross Fogg (fogg@sprchicago.org).



Welcome to Advent.

What Is Advent?

Advent is a four-week season of preparation for Christmas. At a time when secular culture pushes us to rush, spend, and consume, Advent is the church's invitation to slow down and simplify. One may take up a new practice during Advent, like daily prayer, Scripture reflection, or a service project, in order to find new grounding in the life of God. Or one may make an intentional choice to give something up—perhaps giving up guilt over the inevitable failure to make Christmas “perfect,” a certain holiday tradition that has become more burdensome than joyful, or an old grudge that has ceased to be protective and is now causing more pain than the original offense. If you would like guidance about how you might observe this Advent, talk to our rector, Catherine Healy (healy@sprchicago.org).

Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath has four candles, one for each week in Advent: weeks one, two, and four are purple, to remind us of the solemnity of the season, and week three is pink, to remind us that Advent is also a time of joy. Each Sunday of Advent, we will begin our worship by lighting the Advent wreath. You are also invited to light your own Advent wreath for a daily or weekly devotional at home. For a set of Advent wreath supplies you can take home, please contact our director of children's formation, Dafne del Risco-Nolla (nolla@sprchicago.org).

Our Worship Space

At St. Paul & the Redeemer, we usually worship in the round, with the altar in the center and all of us gathered around it. This Advent, as you can see, we are changing things up. One reason we do this is that change is what Advent is about: reordering our lives in order to wake up to ourselves and to the world around us a bit more—to unsettle us from our usual habits and perspectives. We have not worshiped together in this configuration since the early days of Lent in March 2020, so this visual shift in perspective has been a long time coming, and it serves as a reminder of how far we've come. This arrangement also brings the choir into the midst of us, helping us to sing more boldly.

The particular arrangement of our space in Advent reflects how many monastic communities worship. Such communities are places of service, fasting, and deep prayer. Advent is our chance to detach from the chaos of the “holiday season” and walk in such ways as we prepare the Way for the coming of Christ.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Entrance Hymn

All sing.

1. Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior prom - ised long:
2. He comes, the pris - oners to re - lease in Sa - tan's bond - age held;
3. He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing soul to cure;
4. Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come shall pro - claim;

let ev - ery heart pre - pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
the gates of brass be - fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
and with the trea - sures of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
and heaven's e - ter - nal ar - ches ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

The Hymnal 1982 - #71 "Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes"

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Music: *Richmond*, CM, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816); harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised*, 1950

Welcome

+ Blessed are you, holy and living One.

You come to your people and set them free.

All sing.

Three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on — us.

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #99 Holy God: Trisagion

Music: from *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950), copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc. Reprinted and streamed under OneLicense.net #A-704721.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

give us grace to cast away the works of evil,

and put on the armor of joy,

now in the time of this mortal life

in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility;

that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty

to judge both the living and the dead,

we may rise to the life immortal;

through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9

The choir introduces the refrain, which all repeat together. The choir sings the psalm, the people joining in the refrain where indicated.



To you, O God, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. **Refrain**

Show me your ways, O God, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long. **Refrain**

Remember, O God, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O God. **Refrain**

Gracious and upright are you; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

You guide the humble in doing right and teach your way to the lowly.

All your paths are love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies. **Refrain**

Translation from *The Saint Helena Psalter*, Copyright © The Order of Saint Helena. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Antiphon text by Howard E. Galley, Jr. © Albert Rockenstein, used by permission.

Music: Plainsong Tone I.7

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

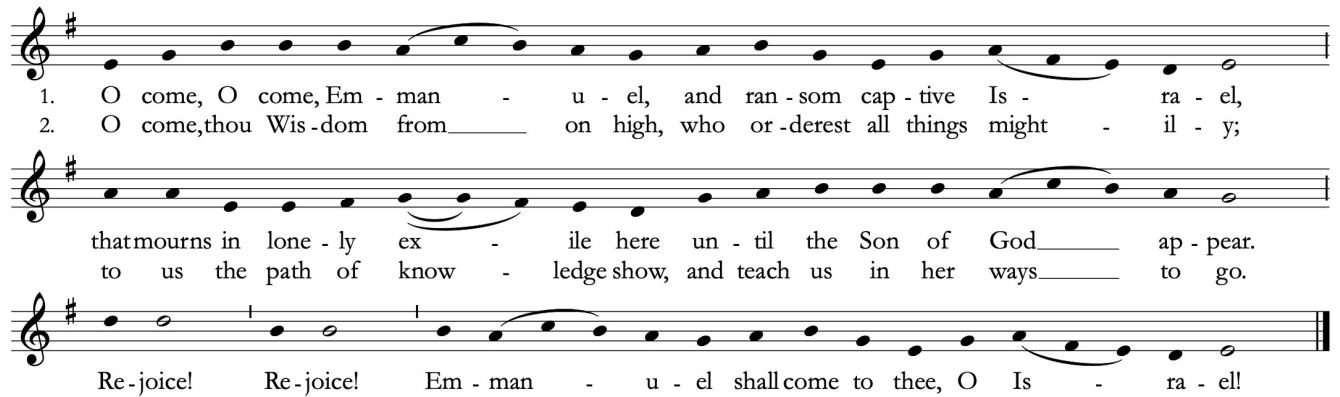
Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

All sing.



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
2. O come, thou Wis - dom from _____ on high, who or - derest all things might - il - y;

that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God _____ ap - pear.
to us the path of know - ledge show, and teach us in her ways _____ to go.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

"O come, O come, Emmanuel" (sts. 1, 2)

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, LM with Refrain, plainsong Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15th cent., adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

At the + below, you are invited to trace a cross over your forehead, your mouth, and over your heart.

+ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Luke 21:25-36

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Chapel (9:15 only)

Children in preschool to second grade are invited to attend their own liturgy in the chapel, led by children's ministry staff Dafne del Risco-Nolla and Gretchen Eng. Participants under age 3 are encouraged to bring a parent. The children will return to the main service at the Peace.

The Sermon

Today's Preacher: The Rev. Catherine Healy (Rector)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

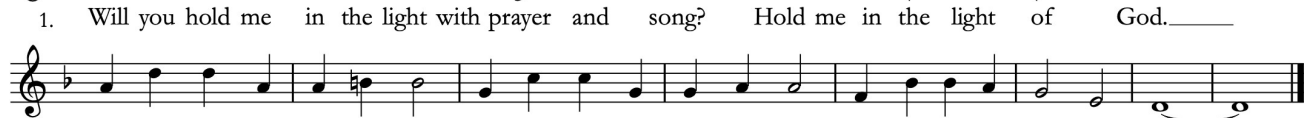
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

All sing the first stanza as an invocation to prayer. At the conclusion of the prayers, all sing the final stanza.



Holy and Mighty God, we long for you and your love. Fill your Church with your grace and goodness, that we may grow in holiness and in hospitality, that we may reach out in mission and love, that we may reveal your light and your glory. Make us active in service and joyful in praise.

Lord, show us your ways

And teach us your paths.

We pray for the nations of the world and for righteous dealings. May the resources of the earth be neither hoarded nor squandered, but used to the benefit of all and the relief of those in need. Strengthen all who strive for justice and integrity in world trade. We pray for peace and security for the people of Haiti, and for St. Patrick's in Tom Gateau, our partner parish.

Lord, show us your ways

And teach us your paths.

Come, Lord, fill our homes with your light and love. Make us sensitive in our dealings and gentle in our actions. Keep us alert to the needs and hopes of others, that our homes may reflect your presence and your glory.

Lord, show us your ways

And teach us your paths.

We thank you for all the joys of this life, and ask your blessing on **Peter** Allen (11/28), **Ashley** Jones (11/28), **Alex** Heyman (11/29), Moses Kitson Jr. (11/30), **Fran** Spaltro (11/30), **Nick** Bellomy (12/1), **John** Downey (12/3), **Cynthia** Bagrowski (12/4), and **Daniella** Pereira (12/4) as they begin another year.

Lord, show us your ways

And teach us your paths.

God of freedom and peace, we remember before you all who struggle with addiction and all who are harmed by oppression, violence or abuse. We pray also for friends and loved ones who are ill, especially **Jewel** Starnes (mother of Pam Anderson), **William** Starnes, Jr. (brother of Pam Anderson), **Hyacinth** Evans, **Bonnie** Parker (sister of Cheryl Vanorsby), **Julienne** Collins, **Sharon** Brown Lawson (friend of Loretta Daniels), **Al** Baker, **Ron** Gatton, **Barbara** Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), **Klara** Burger (godmother of Kerstin Wellbery) and all those on our prayer list.

Lord, show us your ways

And teach us your paths.

We give thanks for all who have passed beyond trouble and darkness and are now at peace in your kingdom, especially **Jaime** Rachel (11/24/2021, University of Chicago Lab Schools staff member and friend of Fran Spaltro). We rejoice in the fellowship of the saints and pray we may follow their way of holiness and love.

Lord, show us your ways

And teach us your paths.

I invite you to offer your own prayers and thanksgivings, ending each with "Lord, show us your ways."

Adapted from David Adam, *Glimpses of Glory: Prayers for the Church Year (Year C)*.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



"Will you hold me in the light"

Words: Adam M. L. Tice (b. 1979). Music: *Assembly*, 11. 7. 7. 7, Sally Ann Morris (b. 1952)

Words and Music Copyright © 2013 GIA Publications, Inc. Reprinted and streamed under OneLicense.net #A-704721.

Prayer list: Jewel Starnes (mother of Pam Anderson), William Starnes, Jr. (brother of Pam Anderson), Hyacinth Evans, Bonnie Parker (sister of Cheryl Vanorsby), Julianne Collins, Sharon Brown Lawson Lawson (friend of Loretta Daniels), Al Baker, Ron Gatton, Barbara Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), Klara Burger (godmother of Kerstin Wellbery), Joseph Burgio, Josef Michael Carr, Jr., Stacey Morris, Hank Underwood, Jacquelynne Corey Hain, David Daniels, Jenny Jeck, Shannon Cate and her family, Marian Elliott, Naomi Haynes, Amelia Dammen (grandniece of Lisa Rademacher), Sophie Dillard (granddaughter of Robert and Sheila Bator), Pauline and Bill Reynolds (parents of Liza Reynolds), Tim Brown (cousin of Maureen Jesuthasan), Kathy Pachuta (sister-in-law of David Farris), William Jenkins (uncle of Twila Jones), Chloe Riethmiller (granddaughter of Mary & Bob Naftzger), Rock Sehr, and Tim Sehr, as well as their caregivers.

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

All are invited to bow or kneel.

**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.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, + forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

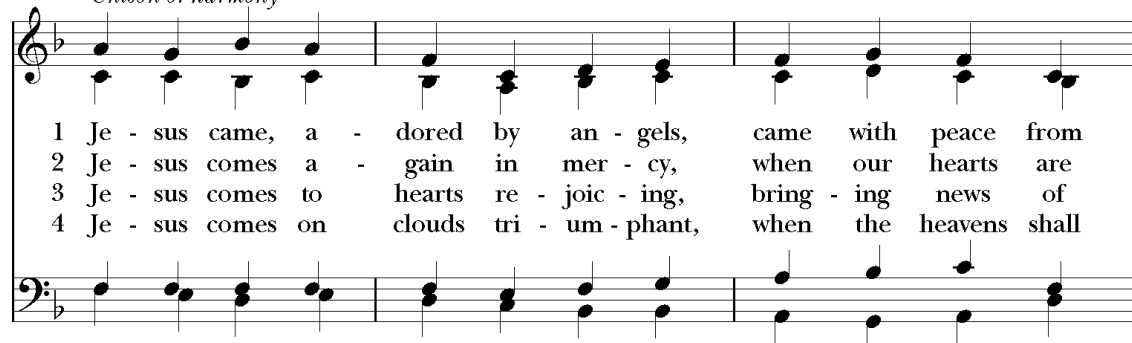
Please remain at your seat and wave to greet your neighbors. Some announcements will be given; there's much more to find out in the front and back pages of this bulletin.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

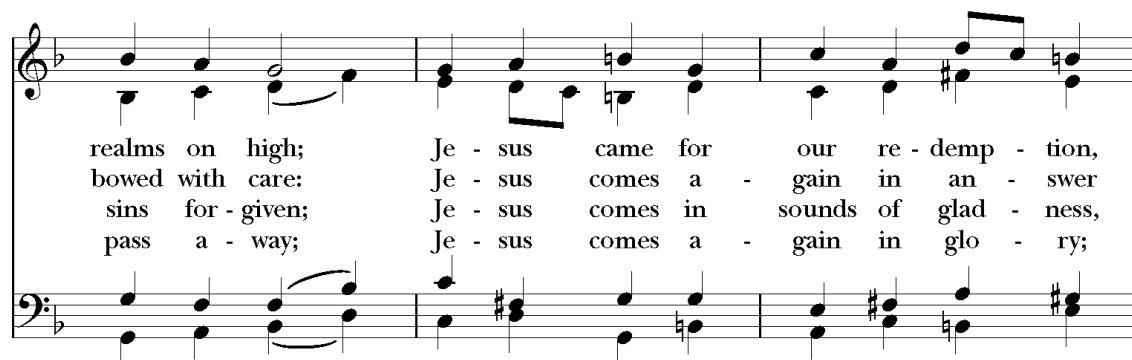
Offertory

All sing.

Unison or harmony



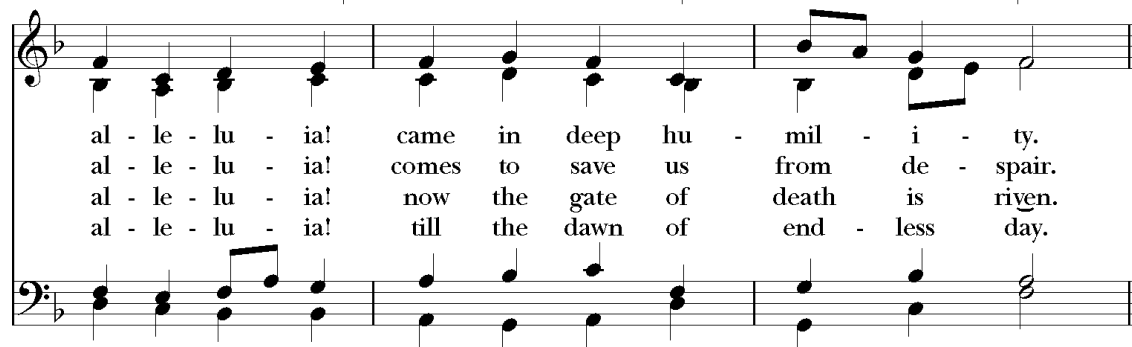
1 Je - sus came, a - dored by an - gels, came with peace from
2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy, when our hearts are
3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, bring - ing news of
4 Je - sus comes on clouds tri - um - phant, when the heavens shall



realms on high; Je - sus came for our re - demp - tion,
bowed with care: Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer
sins for - given; Je - sus comes in sounds of glad - ness,
pass a - way; Je - sus comes a - gain in glo - ry;



low - ly came on earth to die: Al - le - lu - ia,
to our ear - nest heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia,
lead - ing souls re - deemed to heaven; Al - le - lu - ia,
let us then our hom - age pay: Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
al - le - lu - ia! comes to save us from de - spair.
al - le - lu - ia! now the gate of death is riven.
al - le - lu - ia! till the dawn of end - less day.

Words: Godfrey Thring (1823-1903), alt.

Music: Lowry, Gerald Near (b. 1942)

The Great Thanksgiving

All stand as the offering is brought to the altar.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

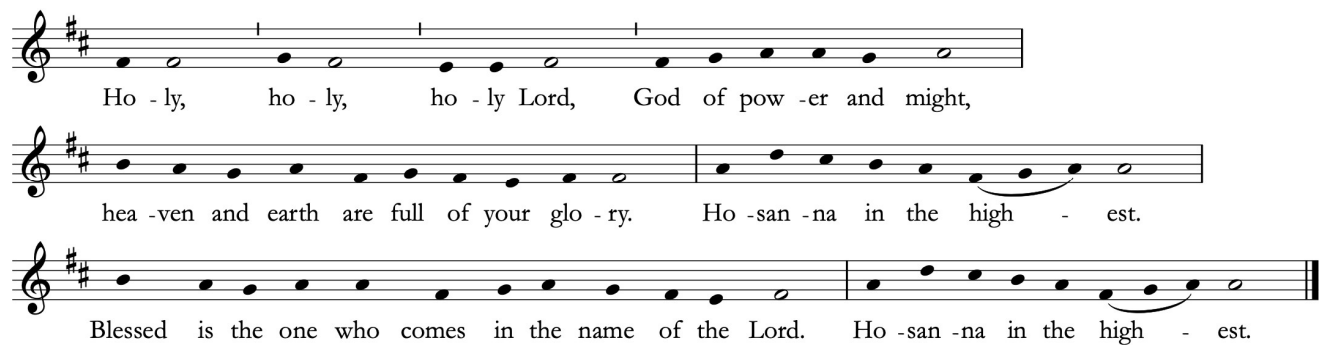
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #124 "Holy, holy, holy" (Sanctus)

Music: from *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950), copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc. Reprinted and streamed under OneLicense.net #A-704721.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are
yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Enriching Our Worship 1, Eucharistic Prayer 1

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

All sing.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

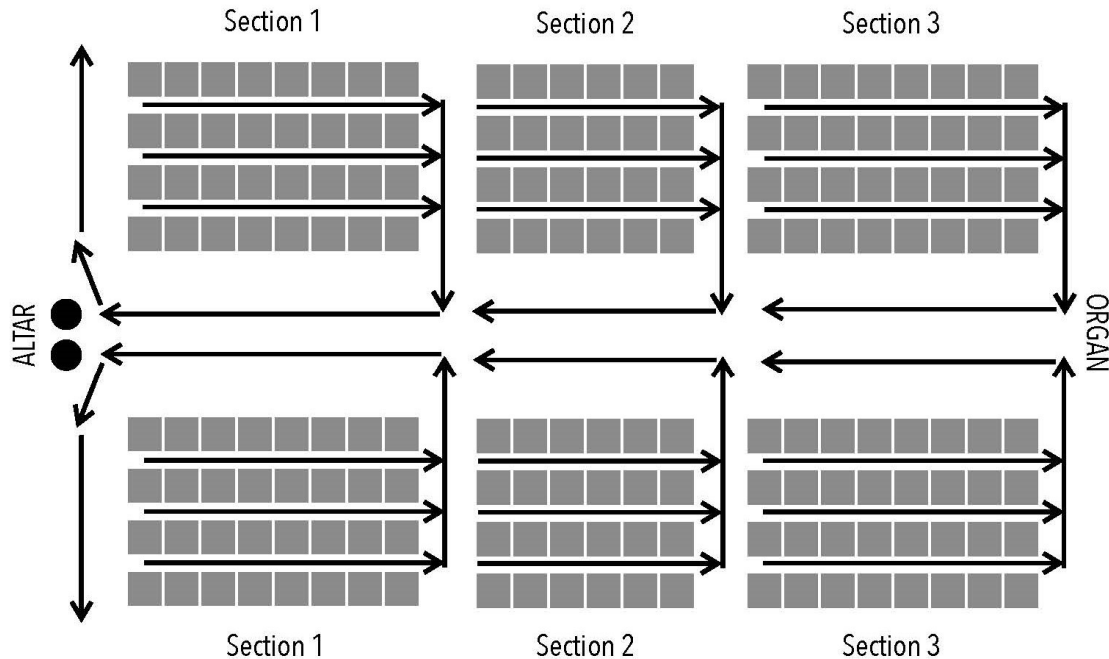
The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #161 "Lamb of God" (Agnus Dei)

Music: from *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950), copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc. Reprinted and streamed under OneLicense.net #A-704721.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All, without exception, are invited to receive communion. If you want gluten-free bread, tell the communion minister. If you would like a blessing in place of communion, cross your arms over your chest.

How to Line Up for Communion



Order for Lining Up

Choir Goes First | Then Section 1 | Then Section 2 | Then Section 3

Communion Hymns

All sing.

Harmony

My Lord, what a morn-ing, My Lord, what a morn-ing,— O

my Lord, what a morn-ing, When the stars be-gin to fall.

Fine

Unison

1. You'll hear the trum - pet sound, _____
 2. You'll hear the sin - ner mourn, _____ To wake the
 3. You'll hear the Chris - tian shout, _____

na - tions un - der - ground, Look - ing to my God's right

hand, When the stars be - gin to fall.

D.C.

Lift Every Voice and Sing II - #13 "My Lord, What a Morning"

Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual

Communion Hymns

All sing.

Steal a - way, steal a - way, steal a - way to Je - sus!

Steal a - way, steal a - way home, I ain't got long to stay here!

Fine

1. My Lord calls me, He calls me by the thun - der;
2. Green trees are bend - ing, Poor sin - ner stands a - trem - bling;
3. Tomb stones are burst - ing, Poor sin - ner stands a - trem - bling;
4. My Lord calls me, He calls me by the light - ning,

The trum - pet sounds with - in - a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.

D.C.

Lift Every Voice and Sing II - #103 "Steal Away"

Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Edward C. Deas, Copyright © Sunday School Publishing Board

Sending Forth & Blessing

Please stand as able.

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 Presider blesses the people. You are invited to cross yourself as the Presider traces a cross over the congregation.

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon with you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Dismissal Hymn

All sing.

1. How bright ap - pears the Morn-ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing from a - far;
2. Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a pit - ying eye
3. Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners, fill the sky,

the host of heaven re - joic - es; O right-eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod!
up - on his help - less crea - ture; the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord,
for this his In - car - na - tion. In - car - nate God, put forth thy power,



Thou Son of Man and Son of God! We, too, will lift our voices:
 by high-est ser-a-phim a-dored, as-sumed our ve-ry na-ture;
 ride on, ride on, great Con-quer-or, till all know thy sal-va-tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more by earth and hea - ven.

The Hymnal 1982 - #497 "How bright appears the Morning Star"

Words: William Mercer (1811-1873); after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

Music: *Wie schön leuchtet, Irr.*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

We welcome Bridget Skaggs as guest music Leader and Thomas Christensen as guest keyboardist this morning, and thank them both for their leadership. Director of Music Christian Clough is out of town, spending time with family for Thanksgiving.



Coming Up at SPR

Intergenerational Formation: Godly Play for All

Children, youth, and adults are invited to attend Godly Play for All this **Sunday, November 28 at 10:20 AM** in the parish hall. Director of children's formation Dafne del Risco-Nolla will tell a Godly Play story about the season of Advent and introduce the philosophy and concepts of Godly Play.

20s/30s Group: Pub Trivia Night

All SPR members in their 20s and 30s are invited to a pub trivia night at the Fado Irish Pub in River North (100 W. Grand) on **Wednesday, December 1 at 7:00 PM**. Fado is two blocks from the Grand station on the Red Line. To join a carpool or offer to drive others, contact Ross Fogg (fogg@sprchicago.org).

Join Our Usher Team!

Are you reasonably friendly? Do you appreciate good order? Do you like telling people what to do? Join the SPR usher team! We are currently welcoming new ushers at both our 9:15 and 11:15 services. Ushers should be willing to commit to serving once every 4-6 weeks (although more often is always welcome). To express interest or learn more about scheduling and training, contact associate minister Barnabas Pusnur (pusnur@sprchicago.org).

SPR Christmas Caroling

You are invited to join SPR in Christmas caroling on **Thursday, December 16 at 5:30 PM!** Kids and parents will head out into the neighborhood to bring Christmas cheer to our neighbors. We'll return to the church for fellowship afterward. This event is child-focused, but all ages (with or without kids in tow) are welcome. For more information, please contact Gretchen Eng.

Food Pantry Christmas Donations

The SPR food pantry will be giving out turkeys for Christmas and so would welcome donations of **stuffing mix and jellied cranberry sauce**. We continue to accept donations of **cereal (Raisin Bran, Cheerios, Frosted Flakes, Rice Krispies, oatmeal, and grits)**. You may leave donations in the narthex (foyer) on Sunday morning, or drop them off on Wednesday between 1:00 and 5:00 PM. Thank you for your generosity.

Advent Respite Service

All are invited to attend a quiet Advent respite service of worship, held both in person and via Zoom, on the evening of **Friday, December 10** (time and details forthcoming). To volunteer as a lector or leader, contact Sara Bigger (sarafaganbigger@gmail.com).

Racial Justice & Truth-Telling Webinars

Join the Anti-Racism Working Group in attending online webinars with leaders who are dedicated to racial truth-telling and healing the wounds of racism, hosted by the national Episcopal Church's Racial Reconciliation and Justice Team on **Tuesday, December 14 and Wednesday, January 12 from 2:00 to 3:30 PM**. Please email ARWG member Ruth Woll (ruthewoll@gmail.com) if you plan to attend, and visit tinyurl.com/arwg-event to register.

Advent Bake Sale

The SPR Advent bake sale will be on **Sunday, December 12, after the 9:15 & 11:15 services**. Everyone is invited to contribute homemade baked treats. If you don't bake, consider helping with pricing, wrapping, or staffing the table. All proceeds will go to support Shoemith Elementary School. To volunteer, sign up in the narthex or contact Kate Baldwin (akbaldwin@sbcglobal.net).

Children's Christmas Pageant

Consider involving your child in our joyful return to live Christmas Pageant performance this year. There's a part for everyone, from toddlers who are not yet ready to memorize lines to older kids who can volunteer to help with the little ones. Please write to Gretchen Eng (eng@sprchicago.org) with your child/ren's age(s) and name(s) if they would like to participate! ■ **Sunday, December 12, after the 9:15 service:** Chat about pageant roles and casting during formation hour and bake sale. ■ **Thursday, December 16:** Roles assigned via email; scripts distributed electronically. Check in with Gretchen during caroling fellowship! ■ **Sunday, December 19, after the 9:15 service:** Optional brush-up rehearsal (only for kids with lines who would like help). ■ **Thursday, December 23, 6:00-7:15 PM:** Dress rehearsal for all parts (kids without lines dismissed around 6:45 PM). ■ **Friday, December 24, 4:00 PM:** Call time for the Christmas Eve pageant (service begins at 5:00 PM)

Serving Today

November 28, 2021

Presider: The Rev. KJ Oh

Preacher: The Rev. Catherine Healy

Deacon: The Rev. Jack Seymour

Guest Music Leader: Bridget Skaggs

Guest Keyboardist: Thomas Christensen

Children's Chapel Leaders: Dafne del Risco-Nolla,
Gretchen Eng

Lectors: Jonathan Foiles, Kenji Kuramitsu (9:15); Mel Parks,
Mike Agina, Liza Reynolds (11:15)

Ushers: Connie Bonbrest, George Chlipala (9:15); Mike
Agina (11:15)

Vestry Greeter: Jonathan Foiles (9:15)

Staff

The Rev. Catherine E. Healy, *Rector*

Barnabas E. Pusnur, *Associate Minister*

Christian M. Clough, *Director of Music*

Dafne del Risco-Nolla, *Director of Children's Formation*

Ross Fogg, *Director of Youth Formation*

Lukasz Jedrzejewski, *Sexton*

Gretchen R. Eng, *Children's Music Assistant*

Sabrina Foster, Ashley Lanfair, & Patricia Lanfair,
Nursery Teachers

Bridget Skaggs & Ariana Strahl, *Staff Singers*

The Rev. KJ Oh, *Assistant Priest*

The Rev. Jack Seymour, *Deacon*

The Rev. Roger Ferlo, *Priest Associate*

The Rev. Lydia Gajdel, *Priest Associate*

Vestry

Twila Jones, *Warden*

Frances Spaltro, *Warden*

Jordan Lanfair, *Clerk*

Tayo Adegoke, *Treasurer*

O. Michael Agina

Traci Beck

Nicholas Bellomy

Jared Beverly

Jonathan Foiles

Vicky Legge

Meryl Prochaska

Jeffrey Stackert

Kerstin Wellbery

Partners in Ministry

Beulah Shoemith Elementary School

We support our neighborhood school through tutoring, arts programs, and gardening.

Community Renewal Society

We are a member congregation of CRS, which organizes faith communities for social change.

Crossroads/Chicago ROAR

Chicago ROAR supports our anti-racism commitments through facilitation and training.

Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

We are proud to belong to the Chicago South Deanery of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago.

Murray Fellows

Through this program, we mentor and encourage the next generation of LGBTQ+ Christian leaders.

Open Kitchen

SPR members gather monthly to cook meals for Kenwood UCC's Feed the People Soup Kitchen.

St. Patrick's Church & School, Haiti

Our collaboration with St. Patrick's in Tom Gateau, Haiti, includes school lunch and music programs, teacher salaries, and capital projects.

St. Paul & the Redeemer Food Pantry

Our food pantry is open to the community every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 PM.

Syrian Community Network

Each year, SPR sponsors a newly resettled refugee family from Syria through visits, tutoring and more.