



## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER**

**December 19, 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](http://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, 10:20am-11:05am** | Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to Godly Play today at 10:20am to hear the story of **The Mystery of Christmas** (grades PreK-5). Children are welcome to join Godly Play at any time during the year. To learn about volunteering with Godly Play, contact director of children's formation Dafne del Risco-Nolla ([nolla@sprchicago.org](mailto: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, give online at [sprchicago.org/give-online](http://sprchicago.org/give-online) or scan this code. 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 Ministries

**Youth Formation, 10:20am-11:05am** | Join us today for youth formation (grades 6-12). We gather for 45 minutes to enjoy donuts and discussion.

**Youth Group, 5-7pm** | Today, we will have a **Christmas party and alumni night** (bring a gift under \$5 to share if you can; extra gifts will be available). All past members of the youth group are encouraged to come enjoy an evening of fellowship and reminiscing! 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

Chorale Prelude on "Nun komm der heiden Heiland," BWV 659

Music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## Entrance Hymn

All sing.



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;



from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

*The Hymnal 1982 - #66 "Come, thou long-expected Jesus"*

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Stuttgart*, 87. 87, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

## Welcome

+ Blessed are you, holy and living One.

**You come to your people and set them free.**



All sing.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on — us.

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The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. 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*

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## The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Purify our conscience, Almighty God,  
by your daily visitation,  
that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming,  
may find in us a mansion prepared for himself;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Lessons

A reading from the prophet Micah.

*Micah 5:2-5a*

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.  
Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;

then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.  
And he shall stand and feed his flock  
in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Canticle at the Gradual

All sing the refrain. The verses are sung by soloists from the choir.

*Refrain* ♩ = 54

My be - ing pro - claims the great - ness of the Lord, my spi - rit finds joy in God my Sa - vior.

For he has looked upon his servant in her lowliness;  
all ages to come shall call me blessed. *Refrain*

God, who is mighty, has done great things for me;  
great things God has done for me, holy is God's name. *Refrain*

God's mercy is from age to age on those who fear God.  
God has shown might with God's arm.  
God has confused the proud in their inmost thoughts. *Refrain*

God has deposed the mighty from their thrones and raised the lowly to high places.  
The hungry God has given every good thing, while the rich God has sent empty away. *Refrain*

God has upheld Israel, God's servant, ever mindful of God's mercy;  
even as God promised our forebears, promised Abraham and his descendants forever. *Refrain*

*Lead Me, Guide Me* - #689 "Mary's Canticle"

Words: Leon C. Roberts (1950-1999), after Luke 1.46-55, alt. CMC (*masculine pronouns*)

Music: Leon C. Roberts (1950-1999), ed. CMC

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A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

*Hebrews 10:5-10*

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

All sing.

7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the hearts of all man-kind;  
8. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,  
bid thou our sad di - vi - sions cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

*Refrain*  
Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

"O come, O come, Emmanuel" (sts. 7, 8)

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 your heart.

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

Luke 1:39-45

### Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

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. Barnabas Pusnur (Associate Minister)*

## The Apostles' Creed

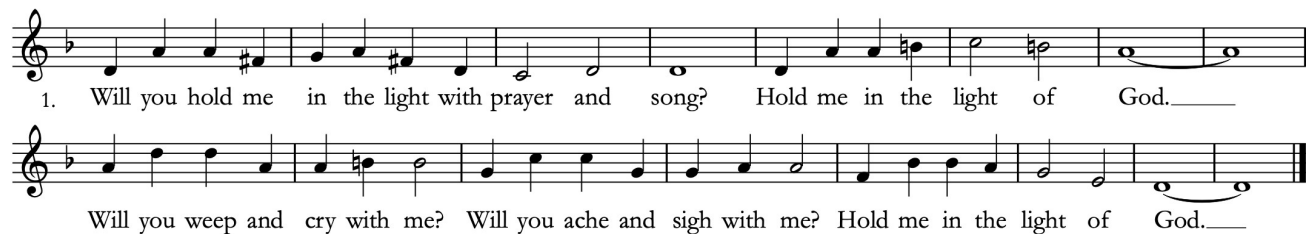
I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

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.*



1. Will you hold me in the light with prayer and song? Hold me in the light of God.\_\_\_\_

Will you weep and cry with me? Will you ache and sigh with me? Hold me in the light of God.\_\_\_\_

Gracious God, open our eyes that we may behold your face; open our hearts and minds to your presence. We give thanks that in Christ you share in our humanity and open for us the gate of glory.

God of glory,

**Be known among us.**

We pray for the health and well-being of all children, especially those who are homeless or in homes that are unsafe. Bless the work of all those who nurture, teach, and advocate for them.

God of glory,

**Be known among us.**

We give thanks for all who have enriched our lives by their goodness, all who have accepted us and cared for us. We pray for all who are separated from loved ones at this time, all who are lonely. We remember all who will come together for Christmas as families and all who are alone.

God of glory,

**Be known among us.**

We thank you for all the joys of this life. We ask your blessing on **Clara** Christensen (12/19), **Raoul** Mowatt (12/21), and **Michelle** Agina (12/23) as they begin another year.

God of glory,

**Be known among us.**

We pray for all those who are weary and weak, all those who are in pain, sick, or suffering, especially **Clay** Corbus (nephew of Mary Naftzger), **Pam** Anderson, **Joan** May (grandmother of Celia Paris), **Brenda** Russell (friend of Cecilia Mowatt), **Jewel** Starnes (mother of Pam Anderson), **William** Starnes, Jr. (brother of Pam Anderson), **Hyacinth** Evans, **Bonnie** Parker (sister of Cheryl Vanorsby), **Julienne** Collins, **Al** Baker, **Ron** Gatton, **Barbara** Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), **Klara** Burger (godmother of Kerstin Wellbery), and all those on our prayer list.

God of glory,

**Be known among us.**

Lord God, you came to earth that in your power and love we might ascend into heaven, bless our friends and loved ones who have departed this life with the gift of life and love eternal. We especially remember **Susan** Nohlgren (12/14/2021, friend of Mary Naftzger), **Phillip** Woll (12/20/2004, brother of Bruce Woll), **Royce** McKinney (12/20/2019, father of Romonda McKinney), **Grace** Pollard (12/21/1999, grandmother of David Farris), **Lee** Flora Tolbert (12/22/15, mother of Cheryl Vanorsby), and **Mary** Lou Wiggins (12/23/2016, mother of Ellen Wiggins).

God of glory,

**Be known among us.**

I invite you to offer your own prayers and thanksgivings, ending each with "God of glory."

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

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

**Amen.**

2. We will hold you in the light and walk with you. Come in - to the light of God.\_\_\_\_

We will share your tears with you; we will face your fears with you. Come in - to the light of God.\_\_\_\_

"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)

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*Prayer list:* Clay Corbus (nephew of Mary Naftzger), Pam Anderson, Joan May (grandmother of Celia Paris), Brenda Russell (friend of Cecilia Mowatt), Jewel Starnes (mother of Pam Anderson), William Starnes, Jr. (brother of Pam Anderson), Hyacinth Evans, Bonnie Parker (sister of Cheryl Vanorsby), Julianne Collins, 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, Jacquelynn 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

*Sung by the choir*

Áve María, grátia pléna,  
Dóminus técum.  
Benedícta tu in muliéribus,  
et benedíctus frúctus véntris túi, Iésus.  
Sáncta María, Máter Déi,  
óra pro nóbis peccatóribus,  
nunc et in hóra mórtis nóstrae. Ámen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with you;  
blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

Words: Traditional Marian prayer, incorporating text from the Gospel according to St. Luke  
Music: R. Nathaniel Dett (1882-1943)

## The Great Thanksgiving

*All stand as the offering is brought to the altar.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

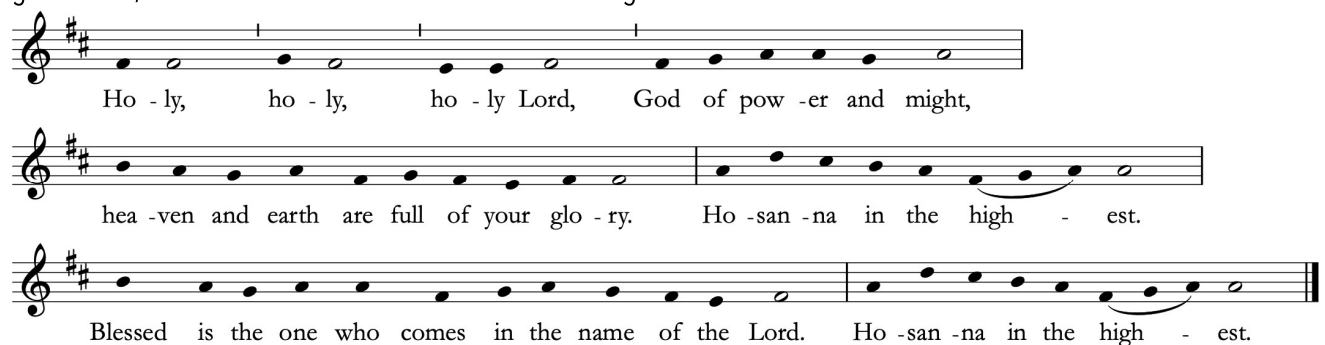
Lift up your hearts.

**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)*

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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*



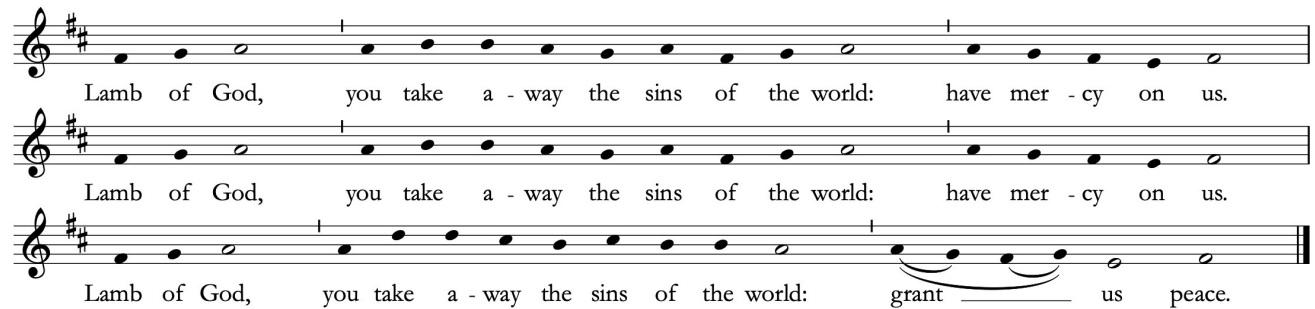
# The Breaking of the Bread

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.

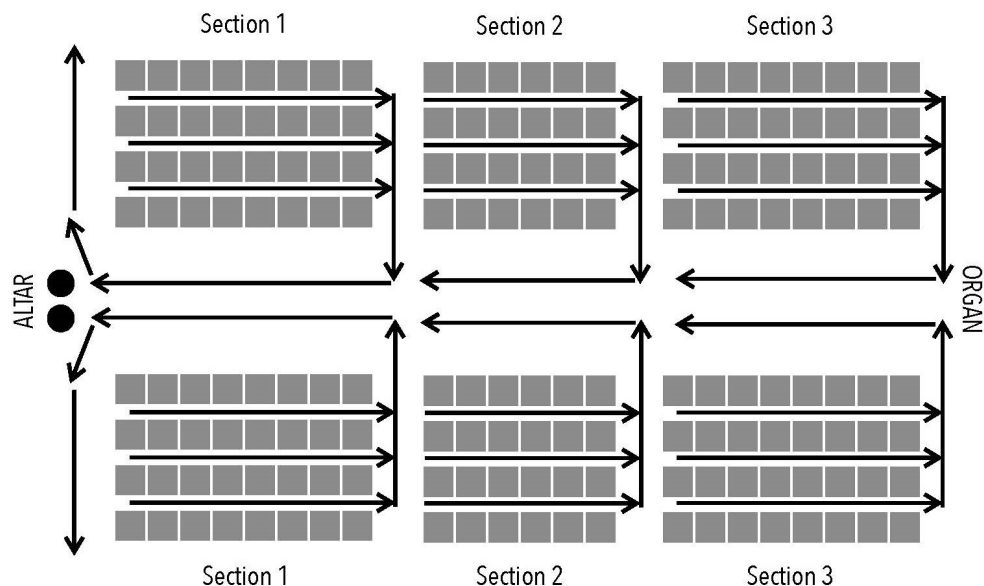
*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #161 "Lamb of God" (Agnus Dei)*

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The gifts of God for the people of God.

*All, without exception, are invited to receive communion. If you would like to receive communion at your seat, please let the ushers know. 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

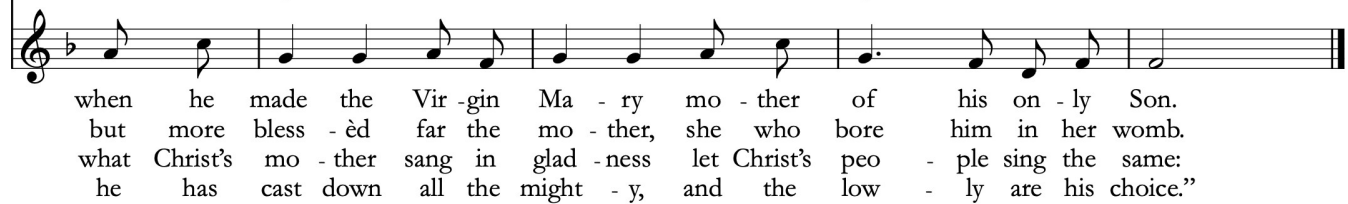
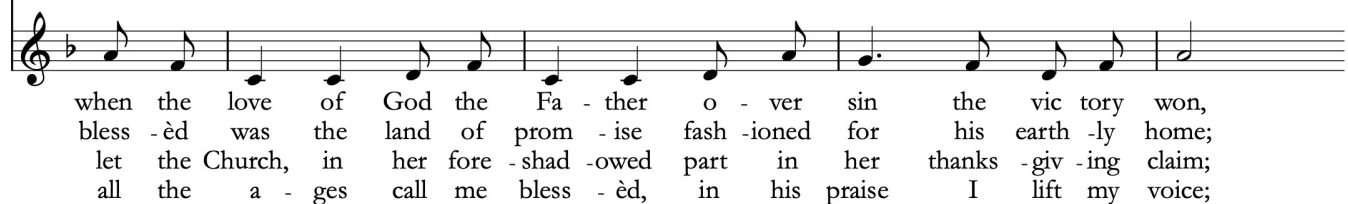


### Order for Lining Up

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

# Communion Hymns

All sing.



The Hymnal 1982 - #268 "Ye who claim the faith of Jesus"

Words: Sts. 1-3, Vincent Stuckey Stratton Coles (1845-1929), alt.; st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984) metrical *Magnificat*

Music: *Julian*, 87. 87. 87, David Hurd (b. 1950), Copyright © 1983 G.I.A. Publications, Inc. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-704721

All sing.

Musical score for the hymn "Prepare the way of the Lord". The score is written on two staves in G major and 6/8 time. The first staff contains the first two phrases, with measure numbers 1 and 2 above the notes. The second staff contains the final phrase, with measure numbers 3 and 4 above the notes. The lyrics are: "Pre - pare the way of the Lord, Pre - pare the way of the Lord, and all peo - ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. — Pre -".

"Prepare the way of the Lord"

Words & Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

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## 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. Ma - ry, when the an - gel's voice called you high - ly fa - vored,  
 2. Jo - seph, in your dark - - est night, an - gel mes - sage hear - ing,  
 3. Old and sage E - liz - a - beth, birth an - ti - ci - pa - ting,  
 4. God whose name we mag - ni - fy, all your chil - dren mat - ter.

dread and joy in your heart mixed, pon - dered there and sa - vored.  
 you cast not your love a - side, scorn and an - ger fear - ing.  
 nur - tur - ing your cous - in's will, you taught hope - ful wait - ing.  
 From op - pres - sion raise the poor; proud and might - y scat - ter.

May we learn to wel - - come all that our life is bring - - ing,  
 When a loved one brings us grief, rips our world a - sun - der,  
 So, as wo - men long have done, may we nev - er fal - ter  
 Seeds be - neath the win - ter snow live, tho' all seems bar - ren.

e - ven when in pain we feel birth with - in us spring - ing.  
 dream - er, may we have your heart, o - pen to God's won - der.  
 to ex - tend a gen - tle touch, fears to cour age al - - ter.  
 Lift a car - ol, sing of hope for the Rose of Sha - ron.

Voices Found - #64 "Mary, when the angel's voice"

Words: Carol Goodwin King

Music: *Tempus adest floridum*, mel. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582

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## **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

Chorale Prelude on "Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes-Sohn", *BWV 601*

Music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



# Coming Up at SPR

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## Advent, Christmas & Epiphany at SPR

- **Tuesday, December 21, 7pm:** Longest Night Service
- **Friday, December 24, 5pm & 9pm:** Christmas Eve Worship
- **Saturday, December 25, 10am:** Christmas Day Worship
- **Sunday, December 26, 8am & 10am:** First Sunday after Christmas
- **Sunday, January 2, 8am, 9:15am & 11:15am:** Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist
- **Thursday, January 6, 5:30pm:** Epiphany Liturgy & Fellowship

## Adult Formation: Episcopal Creation Care at COP26

**Today at 10:20 AM** in the parish hall, join SPR member Julia Rademacher-Wedd for reflections on her service as an Episcopal Church delegate to the recent United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26).

## SPR Youth Gift Exchange & Alumni Night

All youth in grades 6-12 AND recent youth group alumni are invited to join the youth group on Sunday, **today from 5:00 to 7:00 PM** for a gift exchange and Christmas party! Bring a wrapped gift (under \$5) to exchange if you can; extra gifts will be available so that everyone can participate. **Youth group will not meet on December 26 or January 2.** We will resume on January 9. Questions? Contact director of youth formation Ross Fogg (fogg@sprchicago.org).

## Longest Night Service

The holidays are not always joyful. On **Tuesday, December 21, at 7:00 PM in the chapel**, all are invited to attend a brief "Longest Night" worship service to hold space for grief, lament, and hope as Christmas approaches. If you have lost a loved one or are simply struggling to find holiday cheer, this service is for you.

## Food Pantry Closed on December 29

The food pantry will be CLOSED on **Wednesday, December 29**, and will resume regular hours (Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 PM) on **Wednesday, January 5**.

## Volunteers Needed: MWA Holiday Food Boxes

The Midwest Workers' Association (MWA) will be packing holiday food boxes for 100-200 families on Wednesday, December 22 from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM in the SPR parish hall. Volunteers are invited to assist with packing boxes, making deliveries by car, or both. All ages are welcome; children under 18 must bring a parent or guardian. Questions? Contact Valery, MWA volunteer coordinator, at 773-285-0485.

## Christmas Eve at SPR

On **Friday, December 24, at 5:00 & 9:00 PM**, all are invited to attend Christmas Eve worship. The 5:00 service will be lively and child-focused, complete with a Christmas pageant, and will be livestreamed; the 9:00 service will include festive choral music. Both services will include communion. Please invite friends, family, and neighbors to attend!

## Christmas Day at SPR

On **Saturday, December 25, at 10:00 AM**, all are invited to attend Christmas Day worship. This will be a peaceful service featuring many beloved Christmas carols!

## Combined Worship (8 & 10 AM) on December 26

On **Sunday, December 26**, our worship services will be at 8:00 & 10:00 AM. We will resume our usual worship schedule (8:00, 9:15 & 11:15) on **Sunday, January 2**.

### **Epiphany Liturgy & Fellowship**

On **Thursday, January 6, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM**, all ages are invited to a brief Epiphany liturgy, followed by a fellowship meal in the parish hall. Dinner will be provided; bring a dessert to share. Join us in celebrating the arrival of the three wise men (wise people?) to worship the infant Christ!

### **Food Pantry Donations**

The SPR food pantry seeks donations of **jelly, green beans, chunky soup, and 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.

### **Thank You From the Advent Bake Sale Team**

The SPR Advent bake sale raised over \$1,200 to support Shoemith Elementary School! Thank you so much to Kate Baldwin and Twila Jones, bake sale coordinators, and to all those who contributed their baking, wrapping, plating, and pricing skills (not to mention those who bought and enjoyed the treats).

### **POSTPONED: Memorial Service for Sally Wolcott**

Due to COVID-19 safety concerns, the planned memorial service for SPR member Sally Wolcott, originally scheduled for Saturday, January 8, has been postponed. A new date for the service will be forthcoming soon. Please continue to keep Sally's family in your prayers.

### **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 **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](http://tinyurl.com/arwg-event) to register.

### **Morning Prayer on YouTube**

SPR's weekly sung Morning Prayer service (Wednesdays at 9:30 AM) is now on YouTube instead of Facebook Live. Find the service on our YouTube channel ([youtube.com/sprchicago](https://youtube.com/sprchicago)). We will post a weekly reminder link to our Facebook page ([facebook.com/sprchicago](https://facebook.com/sprchicago)). If you have any questions, please contact Morning Prayer officiant Christian Clough ([clough@sprchicago.org](mailto:clough@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](mailto:pusnur@sprchicago.org)).

### **January-February Art Show Photo Submission**

Inspired by Bisa Butler's use of pattern and color, this show invites works by collage artists, painters, quilters, knitters, crocheters, and photographers. The show will be available both virtually and be displayed in the chapel. Send a photo of your work, including the dimensions, **by Saturday, January 9** to Carolyn Pereira ([pereira1700@yahoo.com](mailto:pereira1700@yahoo.com)). There will be a virtual reception on **Sunday, January 17 at 5pm**. Be prepared to drop off your work for hanging the following week.

## Serving Today

**December 19, 2021**

Presider: The Rev. Catherine Healy

Preacher: The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur

Deacons: The Rev. Jack Seymour

Music Leader: Christian Clough

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

Acolyte: Matthew Erlec

Lectors: Becky Kruse, John Adewoye, Jason Cather (9:15);

Camille Long, Doug Hoffman, David Wellbery (11:15)

Ushers: Connie Bonbrest (9:15); Rahsaan Morris, Val Cavin  
(11:15)

Vestry Greeter: Meryl Prochaska (9:15), Tayo Adegoke  
(11:15)

## Staff

The Rev. Catherine E. Healy, *Rector*

The Rev. 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.