

LESSONS &  
CAROLS  
an Advent service

**St. Paul & the Redeemer Episcopal Church**

December 11, 2022 | 9:15a & 11:15a

# 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.



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## Children & Youth at SPR

### Nursery, 9:00am-12:30pm

Professionally staffed nursery care is available during the service 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, Sundays, 9:30am-9:45am

During the sermon at the 10:00am 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, Sundays, 10:20am-11:05am

Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to Godly Play. Children are welcome to join Godly Play at any time during the year.

### Youth Group, Sundays, 10:20am-11:05am

Join us for youth group (grades 6-12). We gather every Sunday for 45 minutes to enjoy donuts, games, and discussion, and meet once or twice a month for field trips and special events.

### 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.

### 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.

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# THE WORD OF GOD

## Prelude

Adagio

from *Voluntary in d minor*

by John Stanley (1712-1786)

## Entrance Hymn

All sing.



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -  
2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,  
3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,  
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that  
bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the  
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on  
and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry



are, that have \_\_\_\_\_ been, and that fu - ture  
world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his  
earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in  
and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal



years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_

*The Hymnal 1982 #82 "Of the Father's love begotten"*

Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.

Music: *Divinum mysterium*, from "Piae Cantiones," Theoderici Petri Nyslandensis (1582); arr. David Willcocks.

## Welcome

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**Glory to God for ever and ever.**

## The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Lighting of the Advent Candles

Foster Family (9:15)

*(All sing refrain 2x, leader sings verse, refrain sung 4x)*

Markose/Baiju Family (11:15)

*Susan Hartger, recorder*

*Refrain*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

5  
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.

*Verse*

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord our God.

*Music from Taizé, volume 2: "Wait for the Lord"*

Words and Music: Jacques Berthier, text after James 5, Psalm 26. Verse: Isaiah 40.

## The Lessons & Carols

### The First Lesson

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

*Genesis 3:1-15*

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the

middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.”

The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

## **Carol**

*Sung by choir*

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond,  
Four thousand winter thought He not too long.  
And all was for an apple, an apple that he took,  
As clerkes finden written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been,  
Ne had never our lady abeen heavené Queen.  
Blessed be the time that apple taken was,  
Therefore we moun singen, *Deo gratias*.

“Adam lay ybounden”  
Text: Anon., 15<sup>th</sup> century.  
Music: Boris Ord (1897-1961).

## **The Second Lesson**

The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One.

*Isaiah 11:1-9*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of

knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

### **Carol**

*Sung by choir*

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,  
of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.  
It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter,  
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,  
with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior,  
when half spent was the night.

O Flow'r whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
dispel in glorious splendor the darkness ev'rywhere.  
True man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us,  
and share our ev'ry load.

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Text: Trad. German, tr. Theodore Baker; Harriet Spaeth © Church Hymnal Corp, used by permission.

Music: *Es ist eith Ros entsprungen* melody from the *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599. Arr. Dale Adelman (b. 1961).

### **The Third Lesson**

The Scribe Baruch urges the people to look East because salvation is at hand.

*Baruch 4:36-5:9*

Look toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the

name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

## Carol

*Sung by choir*

People, look East. The time is near  
of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look East today:  
Love the Guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
one more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
That in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look East today:  
Love the Rose is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather,  
bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look East today:  
Love the Star is on the way.

Angels, announce to man and beast  
Him who cometh from the East.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
with the Word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look East today:  
Love the Lord is on the way.

"People, Look East"

Text: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

Music: *Besançon Carol*, arr. Barry Ferguson (b. 1942)

## The Fourth Lesson

God comforts the people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.

*Isaiah 40:1-11*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

## Carol

All sing.

Susan Hartger, flute



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
let the val - leys rise to meet him  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
and the hills bow down to greet him.  
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

*The Hymnal 1982 #67 "Comfort, comfort ye my people"*

Text: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *Hymnal 1982*; instrumentation Charles Beaudrot.



## The Fifth Lesson

God is called upon to act and to come among us.

*Isaiah 64:1-9a*

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever.

## Carol

*Sung by choir*

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,  
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die  
For poor on'ry people like you and like I;  
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall,  
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.  
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,  
The promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,  
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing,  
Or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing,  
He surely could have had it, 'cause He was the King

"I Wonder as I Wander"

Text: Trad. Appalachian folk carol; melody and words collected by John Jacob Niles (1892-1980)

Music: arr. Carolyn Jennings (b. 1936)

## The Sixth Lesson

The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.

*Isaiah 35:1-10*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

## Carol

*Sung by choir*

*Jane Florine, flute*

Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk,  
And Mary bore Jesus, was wrapped up in silk.

*Refrain:*

And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Savior for to be,  
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly. Holly! Holly!

Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass,  
And Mary bore Jesus, who died on the cross. *Refrain*

Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal,  
And Mary bore Jesus, who died for us all. *Refrain*

Now the holly bears a berry as blood is it red,  
And trust we our Savior who rose from the dead. *Refrain*

"Sans Day Carol"

Trad. Cornish Carol, arr. by John Rutter (b. 1945).

## Epistle (New Testament) Reading

Be patient and strengthen your hearts.

*James 5:7-10*

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Choristers (9:15) or Choir (11:15) sings vs. 1, congregation joins to repeat vs. 1 and sings remaining verses.*

Stay a - wake, (clap clap) be read - y. You  
Go back, tell John

do not know the hour when the Lord is com - ing. Stay a -  
all that you have heard and have seen me do - ing. Go

wake, be read - y. The Lord is comin - ing soon!  
back, tell John the won - ders that you see.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! The Lord is com - ing soon!  
The won - ders that you see.

*My Heart Sings Out #62 "Stay awake, be ready"*

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## Gospel Reading

*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 Matthew.

*Matthew 24:36-44*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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 Megan Cather and Lindsey Strieter. Participants under age 3 are encouraged to bring a parent. The children will return to the main service at the peace.*

## **Sermon**

Today's Preacher: *The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur (Associate Rector)*

## **Apostles' Creed**

*Please stand as able.*

**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

Let us pray for the church and for the world.

O God, from whom all good things come, give us grace to live in you; give us respect for each other and for all your creation; fill our lives with a sense of wonder.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We remember in prayer all those who live in areas of violence or conflict. We pray for an end to gun violence, for security for the people of Ukraine, and for wisdom for all the nations.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who have enriched our lives by their generosity and care, and for St. Patrick's Church & School in Haiti, our partner parish. We give thanks for the healthy birth of **Chloe** Cadence Swift (12/7/2022). We ask your blessing on your servants **Edia** Chipman (12/11), **Helen** Johnson (12/11), **David** Daniels (12/13), **Char** Jones-Foster (12/13), **Nisse** Danforth (12/14), and **Vance** Lauderdale (12/17) as they begin another year, and **Hannah & Tayo** Adegoke (12/17) as they celebrate their anniversary. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We ask you to guide and strengthen all who are fearful, sick, or in pain, and those who care for them. We remember especially **Roger** Wolcott (brother-in-law of Curtis Myers), **Michael** Collins, Jr., **Tameka** Parker (niece of Cheryl Vanorsby), **Patrick** Ferlo (brother of Roger Ferlo), **Jake** Dombroski (friend of Ryan Bailey), **Mel** Hodder (brother-in-law of Mary Naftzger), **Bernie** Rogalski (cousin of Bob Bator), **Sabrina** Mueller (friend of Mary & Bob Naftzger), **Brenden** Jones (godson of Cecelia Mowatt), **Martin** Allen (godson of Cecelia Mowatt), **Val** Cavin, **John** Ruch (uncle of Amanda Ruch), **Bob** Bator, **David** Farris, **Benjamin** Scott (son of Celia Scott), **Jennifer** Penn, **Hyacinth** Evans, **Rahsaan** Clark Morris, **D. Maria** Neighbors, **Stacey** Morris, **Rock** Sehr, **Amelia** Dammen (grandniece of Lisa Rademacher), and all those on our prayer list.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who are precious in your sight and pray for your saints who have departed this life. We remember **Alice** Watson (grandmother of Ian Murrell, 12/5/2022), **Mary** O'Dowd (grandmother of Maureen Jesuthasan, 12/14), **Arthur** Shepard Rone (brother of Ronne Hartfield, 12/16), and **Margaret** Clark (parishioner, 12/16/2011). Help us to turn our hearts ever toward you in daily life.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

I invite you to offer your own prayers and thanksgivings, ending each with "Lord, in your mercy."

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Prayer List:* Roger Wolcott (brother-in-law of Curtis Myers), Michael Collins, Jr., Tameka Parker (niece of Cheryl Vanorsby), Patrick Ferlo (brother of Roger Ferlo), Jake Dombroski (friend of Ryan Bailey), Mel Hodder (brother-in-law of Mary Naftzger), Bernie Rogalski (cousin of Bob Bator), Sabrina Mueller (friend of Mary & Bob Naftzger), Brenden Jones (godson of Cecelia Mowatt), Martin Allen (godson of Cecelia Mowatt), Val Cavin, John Ruch (uncle of Amanda Ruch), Bob Bator, David Farris, Benjamin Scott (son of Celia Scott), Jennifer Penn, Hyacinth Evans, Raasaan Clark Morris, Tim Sehr, Pamela Anderson, D. Maria Neighbors, Dan Goering (brother of Barbra Goering), Barbara Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), Stacey Morris, David Daniels, Marian Elliott, Naomi Haynes, Amelia Dammen (grandniece of Lisa Rademacher), Pauline and Bill Reynolds (parents of Liza Reynolds), Tim Brown (cousin of Maureen Jesuthasan), William Jenkins (uncle of Twila Jones), and Rock Sehr, as well as their caregivers.

Prayers of the People: Adapted from David Adam, *Glimpses of Glory: Prayers for the Church Year (Year C)*.  
Collect at the Prayers: *A New Zealand Prayer Book*, Liturgies of the Eucharist: Thanksgiving for Creation & Redemption.

## Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

## 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

Jane Florine, flute, Mark Bilyeu, piano

Variations on *Green Sleeves* to a Ground  
arr. anon.

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

*A proper preface is sung or said.*

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:

Leader sings. All sing.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.

Leader sings.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - - ry.

All sing.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader sings.

Bless - ed are those who come in the name of the Lord.

All sing.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Text Source: Revised Order of Mass 2010.

Music: *Missa Emmanuel*, Richard Proulx, French Franciscan chant, 15th c.; Kyrie based on *Kyrie cum jubilo*, Mass IX.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, Eucharistic Prayer A.*

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.**




# The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.


Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Leader sings.*




1. Je - sus, wis - dom and might - - ty Lord:  
 2. Je - sus, true branch of Jes - - se's tree: } you  
 3. Key of Da - vid and Day - spring from on high: }

*1. 2. All sing.*



take a - way the sins\_ of the world, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

*3. All sing.*



world, grant us\_ peace\_ grant us\_ peace.

Text Source: Revised Order of Mass 2010.


Music: *Missa Emmanuel*, Richard Proulx. French Franciscan chant, 15th c.; Kyrie based on *Kyrie cum jubilo*, Mass IX.

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.*


## Communion Music

*All sing*



The des - ert shall re - joice and blos - som as a rose:

1. It shall  
 2. For the  
 3. For the  
 4. For the



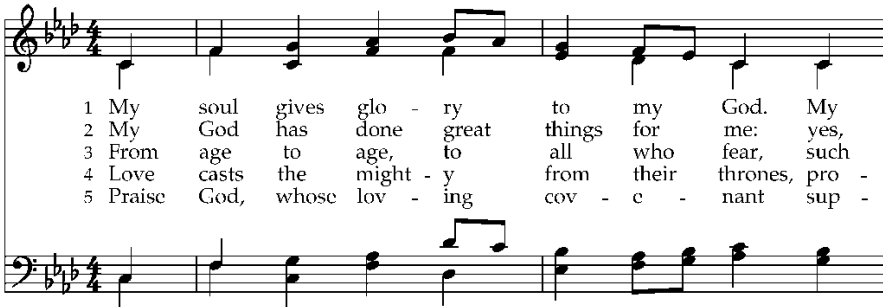
blos - som a - bun - dant - ly and re - joice with praise and sing - ing.  
 ears of the deaf shall hear And the blind, their eyes be o - pened.  
 tongue of the mute shall sing and the lame will dance with glad - ness.  
 ground will be - come a pool and the dry land springs of wa - ter.

*Wonder, Love, and Praise #722 "The desert shall rejoice"*

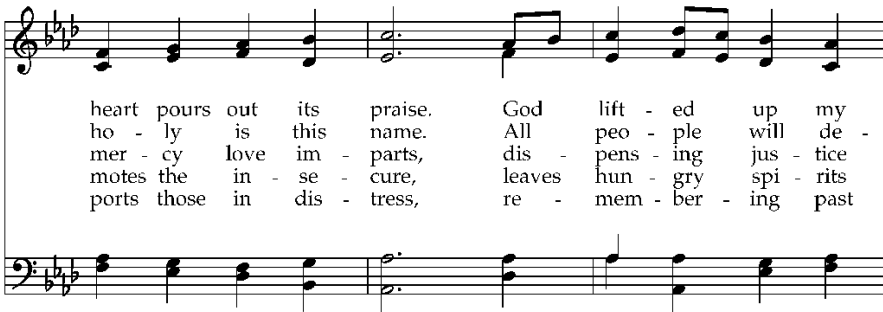
Words: Gracia Grindal (b. 1943).

Music: *Sterling*, Joy F. Patterson (b. 1931).

All sing.



1 My soul gives glo - ry to my God. My  
2 My God has done great things for me: yes,  
3 From age to age, to all who fear, such  
4 Love casts the might - y from their thrones, pro -  
5 Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant sup -



heart pours out its praise. God lift - ed up my  
ho - ly is this name. All peo - ple will de -  
mer - cy love im - parts, dis - pens - ing jus - tice  
motes the in - se - cure, leaves hun - gry spi - rits  
ports those in dis - tress, re - mem - ber - ing past



low - li - ness in man - y mar - vel - ous ways.  
clare me blessed, and bless - ings they shall claim.  
far and near, dis - miss - ing self - ish hearts.  
sat - is - fied, the rich seem sud - den - ly poor.  
prom - is - es with pres - ent faith - ful - ness.

Voices Found #117 "My soul gives glory to my God" (Morning Song)

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Music: *Morning Song*, melody att. Elkanah Kelsay Dare (1782-1826); harm. Charles H Webb © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House. All rights reserved.

## Sending Forth

*Please stand as able.*

Let us pray.

**God of abundance,**

**you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;**

**you have united us with Christ and one another;**

**and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.**

**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,**

**that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world**

**and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Blessing

Live without fear: Your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road, and may the blessing of God, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Mother of us all, be with you always. **Amen.**

*All sing*



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on  
our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the  
saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine  
train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

*The Hymnal 1982 #57 "Lo! He comes with clouds descending"*

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788).

Music: *Helmsley*, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt; descant Frank Ferko (b. 1950).

## Dismissal

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Allegro*

from *Voluntary in d minor*

by John Stanley (1712-1786)



## **Advent & Christmas at SPR**

*Advent Lessons & Carols (St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Park Ridge): Sunday, December 4, 5:00 PM*

*The combined choirs of St. Mary's and SPR will host a traditional service of lessons and carols.*

**Advent Lessons & Carols (SPR): Sunday, December 11, 9:15 & 11:15 AM**

The SPR choirs will offer a service of lessons and carols (with Eucharist) in Sunday worship.

**Youth Group Christmas Party: Saturday, December 17, 6:00 PM**

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to share dinner, a gift exchange, and a Christmas celebration.

**Christmas Pageant: Sunday, December 18, 9:15 AM**

Our youngest members will re-tell the Christmas story at our 9:15 service.

(To join the pageant cast, email Megan Cather: [cather@sprchicago.org](mailto:cather@sprchicago.org).)

**Christmas Caroling: Thursday, December 22, 5:30 PM**

All ages are invited to carol around the neighborhood and return to church for fellowship afterward.

**Christmas Eve Worship: Saturday, December 24, 5:00 & 9:00 PM**

Join us for a family service at 5:00 PM, or a choral Eucharist at 9:00 PM (with instrumental music beginning at 8:30).

**Christmas Day Worship: Sunday, December 25, 10:00 AM**

On Christmas Day, we will have one service of Holy Eucharist at 10:00 AM, with celebratory Christmas music.

**New Year's Day Worship: Sunday, January 1, 8:00 & 10:00 AM**

On New Year's Day, we will have two services of Holy Eucharist at 8:00 & 10:00 AM.



# Coming Up at SPR

## Advent Adult Formation Calendar

- 12/11 – Mark Bilyeu on Lessons and Carols

## Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Schedule

All children and youth are invited to join the SPR Christmas Pageant, to be held this year on Sunday, December 18, at the 9:15 AM service. (This is a change from prior years; on Christmas Eve at 5:00 PM, we will have a family service, with a children's sermon instead of a pageant.) To sign your children up as cast members or volunteer as an adult helper, contact Megan Cather (cather@sprchicago.org) with your children's names, ages, and preference for speaking vs. non-speaking roles.

- Sunday, December 11, after the 9:15 AM service:  
Rehearsal for actors with lines
- Thursday, December 15, 6:00 PM:  
Dress rehearsal for all parts
- Sunday, December 18, 8:15 AM: Call time for the pageant  
(service begins at 9:15 AM)

## Youth Group Christmas Party

On **Saturday, December 17, at 6p**, all youth in grades 6-12 are invited to meet in the downstairs youth room for a Christmas party. Details to come.

## Christmas Caroling

You are invited to join SPR in Christmas caroling on Thursday, December 22 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 info, please contact Megan Cather.

## Crèche Exhibit

Pre-pandemic, we had a display of dozens of crèches from various countries in the Byllesby Room. Last year, we had a virtual exhibit. This year, with your help, we can once again have an exhibit of many scenes in the Byllesby Room from **December 11, 2022, to January 8, 2023**. The crèches you loan for the show don't have to be in great shape or complete- maybe a sheep has lost a leg or baby Jesus is missing. Interested? Contact Bob or Sheila Bator (rbator@aol.com or sbator@aol.com). Or call 773-930-7124. Your crèches can be dropped off in the church office by December 9.

## Christmas Eve Pop-Up Choir

For our **5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service**, everyone is welcome to sing in the choir! We will meet at 4:00 PM to learn an anthem and some service music, with no additional rehearsals needed. Intended for families, out-of-towners, and anyone else wanting to don a robe and be a choir member for Christmas!

## About This Week's Music

The **prelude** and **postlude** are taken from one of John Stanley's many organ voluntaries (a term generally meaning any music before or after a worship service, and indicating the improvisational quality of the work). In 1729, at the age of 17, Stanley was the youngest person to receive a Bachelor of Music degree from Oxford, and went on to serve a life-long appointment as the organist to the Society of the Inner Temple in London. In the hundred-year tradition of Lessons & Carols, the many **anthems** today have been selected to reflect, reinforce, and reimagine the lessons read within our worship. The **offertory** is an anonymous setting of the 16<sup>th</sup> century English folk song "Green Sleeves," a familiar tune found within many hymnals as "What Child is This?"



# Notes



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## Serving Today

**December 11, 2022**

Presider: The Rev. Catherine Healy

Preacher: The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur

Deacon: The Rev. Jack Seymour

Music Leader: Mark Bilyeu

Lectors: Kenji Kuramitsu, Meryl Prochaska, Anna

Mary Wallace, Andrew Chipman, Agnes Daniel,

Joshua Daniel, Twila Jones (9:15);

Stefi Baiji, Mary Naftzger, Tom Irving,

Ariana Strahl (11:15)

Intercessor: Eva Nielsen (9:15);

Sandy Mulholland (11:15)

Usher: Megg Hoover, Connie Bonbrest (9:15);

Stefi Baiju, Baiju Markose (11:15)

Vestry Greeter: Jason Evans (9:15);

Livestream: Jared Beverly

## Staff

The Rev. Catherine E. Healy, *Rector*

The Rev. Barnabas E. Pusnur, *Associate Rector*

The Rev. Jack Seymour, *Deacon*

Mark Bilyeu, *Director of Music*

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Lindsey Strieter, *Director of Children's Formation*

The Rev. Roger Ferlo, *Priest Associate*

The Rev. Lydia Gajdel, *Priest Associate*

Lukasz Jedrzejewski, *Sexton*

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& Ariana Strahl, *Staff Singers*

Sabrina Foster, Ashley Lanfair, & Patricia Lanfair,

*Nursery Teachers*

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Traci Beck

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Meryl Prochaska

Rebecca Luttrell

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Tayo Adegoke, *Treasurer*

Nicholas Bellomy

Vicky Legge

Jason Evans

Celia Paris

## 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.



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