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The Rev. Les Carpenter, Celebrant
The Rev. Alan Champ Mead, Officiant
The Rev. Robin Myers, Healing

Welcome to St. Paul's. This service is the Holy Eucharist as found in the red book, The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), located in the pew rack. For parents who would like child care for infants and toddlers, the nursery is open and is located down the hall just past the Chapel. If you wish seated communion, please notify an usher. Reading glasses and hearing enhancement devices are also available from an usher.

Prelude Savior of the Nations come (Hymn 54) J. S. Bach

Introit E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come Paul Manz

The service music for the Eucharist during Advent is based on the Advent hymn, *Conditur alme siderum* (Hymn 60). This simple and charming tune comes from a ninth century Advent Hymn.

The Entrance Rite

An Advent Procession

The people stand at the sounding of the bell and sing the Refrain with the choir.

Hymn

Donald Pearson

Is - ra - el. Re - joice! Re-joice Emmanuel, shall come to thee, — O Is - ra - el.

- 1 Come thou Redeemer of the earth, and manifest thy virgin birth:
Let ev'ry age adoring fall such birth befits the God of all. **Refrain.**
- 2 Begotten of no human will, But of the Spirit thou art still.
The Word of God in flesh arrayed, the promised fruit to man displayed. **Refrain.**
- 3 The virgin womb that burden gained With virgin honour all unstained.
The banners there of virtue glow; God in his temple dwells below. **Refrain.**
- 4 Forth from his chamber goeth he, That royal home of purity,
A giant in twofold substance one, rejoicing now his course to run. **Refrain.**
- 5 From God the Father he proceeds, To God the Father back he speeds:
His course he runs to death and hell, Returning on God's throne to dwell. **Refrain.**
- 6 O equal to thy Father, thou! Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;
The weakness of our mortal state with deathless might invigorate. **Refrain.**
- 7 Thy cradle here shall glitter bright And darkness breathe a newer light,
Where endless faith shall shine serene, And twilight never intervene. **Refrain.**
- 8 All laud, eternal Son, to thee Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Ghost for evermore. **Refrain.**

The Bidding Prayer

Dear people of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

The people remain seated for the lessons and anthems, and stand for all hymns.

First Lesson Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-25

God creates man and woman to live in obedience to him in the Garden of Eden.

The Lector reads the lesson, concluding:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem The Lord at first did Adam make

English traditional carol
arranged by Stephen Cleobury

Second Lesson Isaiah 40:1-11

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

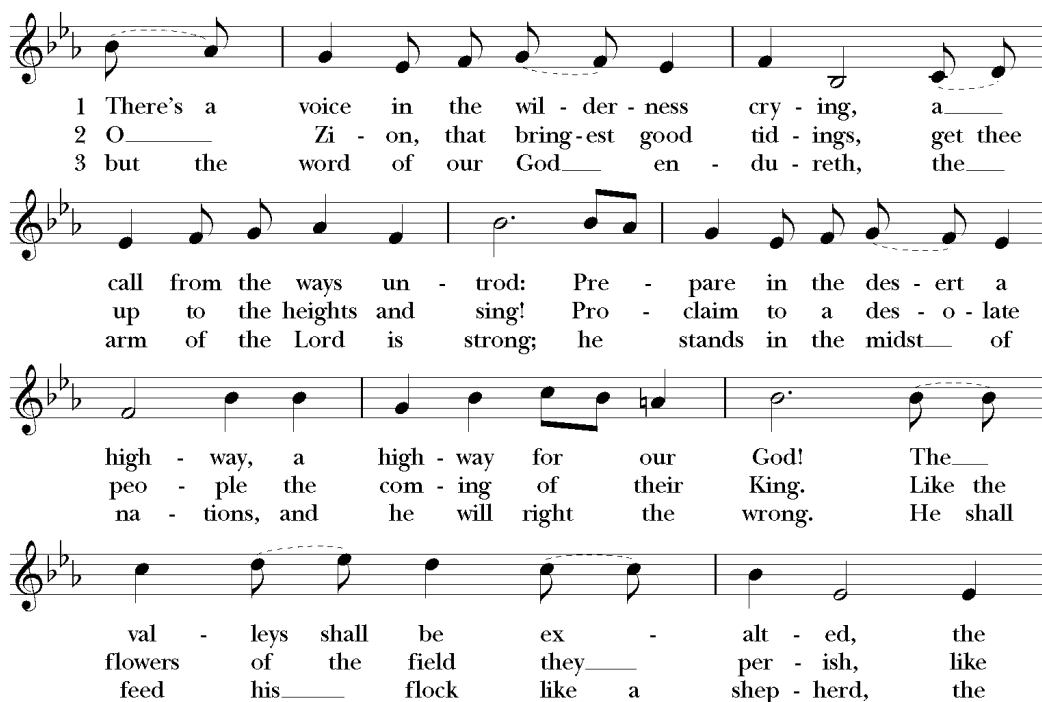
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Hymn 75

Ascension



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
2 O - Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
3 but the word of our God en - du - reth, the
call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst of
high - way, a high - way for our God! The
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall
val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
flowers of the field they per - ish, like
feed his flock like a shep - herd, the

lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll

pla - ces where the Lord our God may go!
 na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way;
 lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.

Third Lesson Jeremiah 31:31-34
A new covenant is promised which will be written in our hearts.

The Lector reads the lesson, concluding:
 The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Anthem A Spotless Rose Herbert Howells

Fourth Lesson Isaiah 35:1-10
The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.

The Lector reads the lesson, concluding:
 The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Hymn 53 *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*

1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;
 2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us
 3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,
 4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.

came in like-ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;
 from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us:
 but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him cold - ly,
 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;

bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.
 not in tor - ment hold us, but in love en - fold us.
 he will then re - ceive thee, heal thee, and for - give thee.
 let us here con - fess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

The people remain standing.

Fifth Lesson Luke 1:26-38
The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.
The Priest reads the lesson, concluding:
 The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
 2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
 3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
 4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er

Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
 Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
 his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
 sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
 Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
 hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
 king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.
 And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace, and then are seated. It is appropriate to greet one another with a bow if you desire.

Announcements are made, followed by an offertory sentence. The people remain seated while an offering is collected to support God's mission in and through St. Paul's Church.

The Celebration of the Holy Communion**Offertory Anthem**

Rorate caeli

G. P. Palestrina

Pour out dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One. Let the earth open and bring forth a Saviour. Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. Come, O Lord, and do not delay. Alleluia.

The people stand for the presentation Hymn.

Presentation Hymn 66

(Stanzas 1 & 2)

Stuttgart

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:

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.

The people remain standing and the Celebrant begins, saying or singing

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.

The Celebrant continues with a prayer of thanks to God. Then all sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Sanctus and Benedictus

Frank Boles

The musical score is written in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The first two staves are for the 'Cantor' part, and the last four staves are for 'All'. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, heavn and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est'.

The people either remain standing or kneel, and the Great Thanksgiving continues (BCP, p. 368).

The Celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection, and prays over the bread and wine.

The Celebrant then says:

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.
 We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant concludes with a doxology and the people respond. AMEN.


The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread


The Celebrant breaks the bread. A period of silence is kept.

Antiphon: Cantor, then All

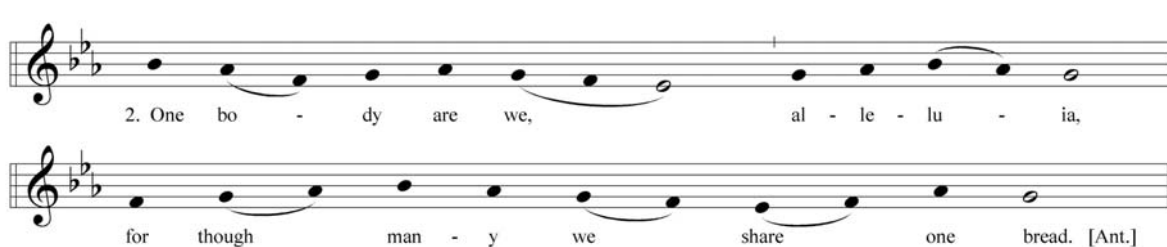


Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Verses sung by the choir



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ.



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

Invitation

Whoever you are and wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here at the Table of the Lord. Come, all who seek Christ or a deeper knowledge of Christ. Gluten free bread is available upon request. During communion, the sacrament of healing will be administered by clergy in the Prayer Alcove.

The people are seated.

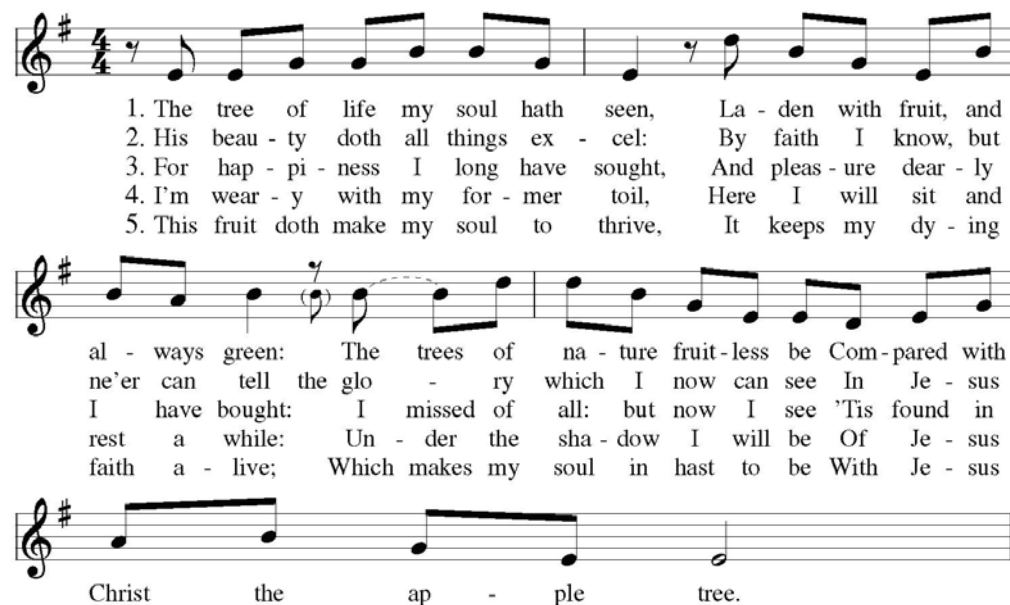
Communion Anthem

O come, O rod of Jesse's Stem

Joel Martinson

Communion Hymn

Apple Tree



1. The tree of life my soul hath seen, La - den with fruit, and
 2. His beau - ty doth all things ex - cel: By faith I know, but
 3. For hap - pi - ness I long have sought, And pleas - ure dear - ly
 4. I'm wear - y with my for - mer toil, Here I will sit and
 5. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dy - ing

al - ways green: The trees of na - ture fruit - less be Com - pared with
 ne'er can tell the glo - ry which I now can see In Je - sus
 I have bought: I missed of all: but now I see 'Tis found in
 rest a while: Un - der the sha - dow I will be Of Je - sus
 faith a - live; Which makes my soul in hast to be With Je - sus

Christ the ap - ple tree.

The people stand or kneel.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 366

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Visitors (when scheduled)

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup,

Advent Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

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

Hymn 57

Helmsley

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.

Dismissal

The Celebrant says the dismissal, and the people say:

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Savior of the Nations Come

(Hymn 54)

Johann Sebastian Bach