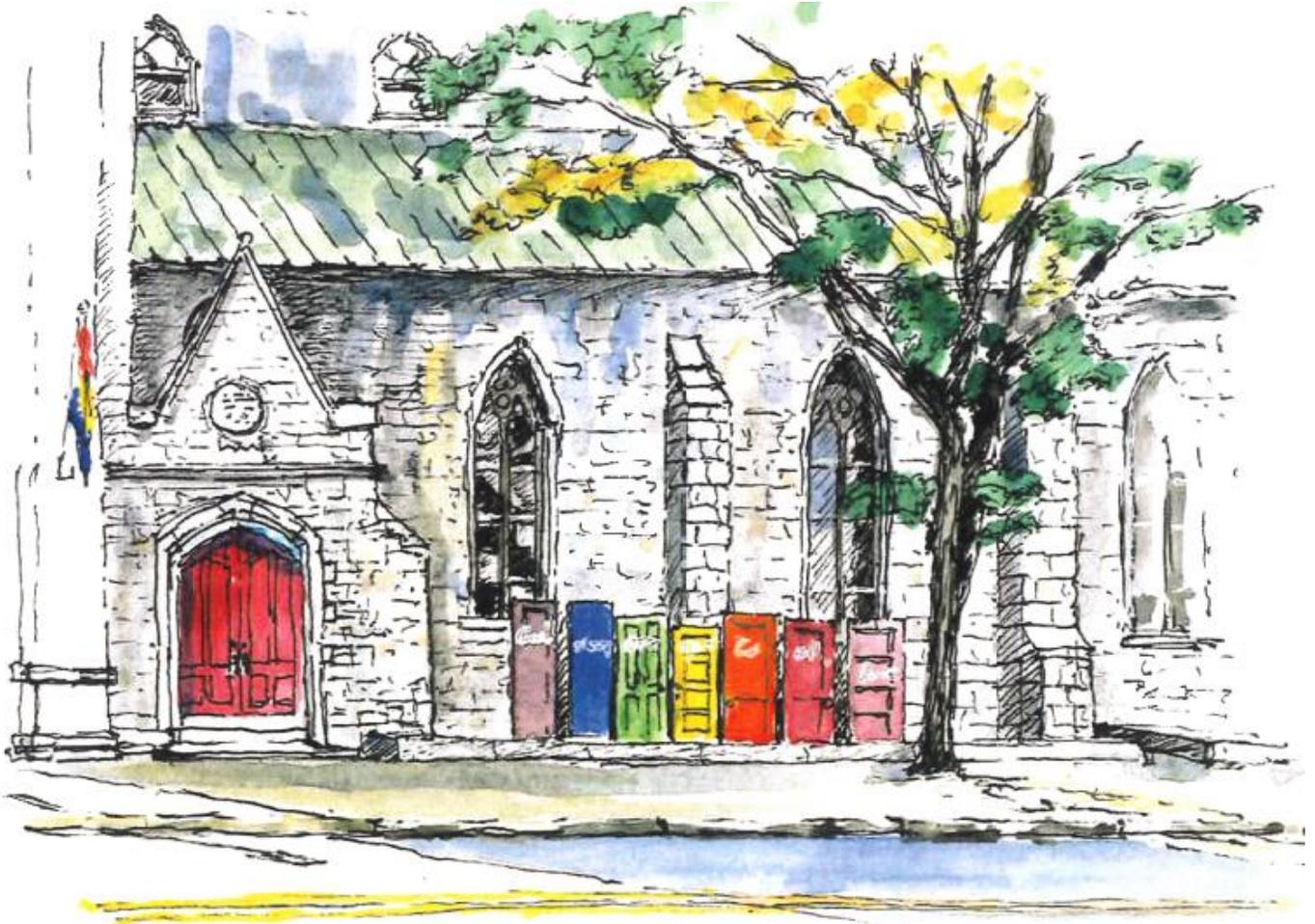




St. Paul's
Syracuse

The Downtown
Episcopal Church



"GOD'S DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL. LOVE

W. ELLINS

NOVEMBER 28, 2021
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcome to St. Paul's!

We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Due to the rise in Coronavirus cases we are taking several extra precautions:

1. In order to be fully welcoming, we ask all participants to wear face masks during worship, except during the reception of communion.
2. You are welcome to lower or remove your face mask as you receive the bread during the distribution of communion. In order to receive the wine, please remove your face mask and drink directly from the cup.
3. At all times aside from the Peace, please allow 6-foot spacing between yourself and other congregants.
4. The congregation is invited to join in singing the hymns and service music during 10 a.m. worship. If you choose to sing, please sit in the first seven pews on either side of the aisle. This will create a 'no-singing zone' in the middle and back of the nave for those who desire an extra measure of protection.
5. Masks are required for all indoor activities at St. Paul's, for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.

Thank you for working together to keep each other safe!

Fr. Philip Major

ORDER OF SERVICE

VOLUNTARY • *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*, BWV 645 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
("Sleepers wake!" A voice astounds us)

The people are invited to stand

HYMN • 57, "Lo! he comes, with clouds descending"

Helmsley

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy and living God
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

CANTICLE: Hymn 56, (v.1-3)

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated

LESSON • Jeremiah 33:14-16

Lector A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

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

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God**

PSALM • 25:1-9 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

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

- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies."

EPISTLE • 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Lector A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

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

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

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people are invited to stand

GRADUAL HYMN • 497, "How bright appears the Morning Star" (v.1&3)

Wie schön leuchtet

Please remain standing

HOLY GOSPEL • Luke 21:25-36

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

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

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

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Philip Major

A brief silence follows the sermon.

The people are invited to stand

NICENE CREED

The word "creed" comes from the Latin credo, translated here as "we believe." Credo is not simply belief in accurate propositions, but more deeply a sense of relationship or trust—an alternate translation might be "we give our heart," "we trust," "we rely upon." Developed in the fourth century as a means of unifying a divided church, the Nicene Creed has been used by Christians in worship for almost two

thousand years, and connects us to our ancient ancestors in the Communion of Saints. The Creed is used in worship not because it comprises a list of doctrinal statements one must affirm in order to be considered a Christian, but rather as a song of praise and confidence in the Holy Trinity: God in three persons who creates, redeems and sanctifies a holy people.

All

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was
buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please remain standing.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem. We pray for strength and healing for those who mourn, and we remember those who have died, *especially n.*

The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

Blessed be the Lord; **the God of Israel has come to set us free.**

Put on the robe of righteousness that comes from God. We pray that our families, our community and our nation would share in the work of promoting economic and social justice. We pray for an end to the exploitation of God's people for the enrichment of others.

The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

Blessed be the Lord; **the God of Israel has come to set us free.**

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east. We pray for vision and wisdom for all people, that we would see the gift of this planet and care for it as God's creation.

The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

Blessed be the Lord; **the God of Israel has come to set us free.**

See your children gathered from west and east. We pray for children everywhere, and especially for good education for all girls and boys. We pray for those in any need or trouble, especially *n.*

The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

Blessed be the Lord; **the God of Israel has come to set us free.**

God has ordered that the hills be made low and the valleys filled up, so that Israel may walk safely. We pray for those in positions of leadership and authority, in our nation and in the church. May they exercise wisdom in bringing order and justice to our communities.

The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.

Blessed be the Lord; **the God of Israel has come to set us free.**

God will lead Israel with joy, with mercy and righteousness. We give thanks for God's word and presence beside us in this journey. We give thanks for the many blessings of our lives.

The people add their own thanksgivings, silently or aloud.

Blessed be the Lord; **the God of Israel has come to set us free.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.

All **Amen.**

CONFESSION

The people are invited to sit / kneel.

Officiant Let us confess our sins to God.

All **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.**

ABSOLUTION

Officiant 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.
All **Amen.**

The people are invited to stand

THE PEACE

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

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY

*At the Offertory, we return thanks for God's blessings in our lives and invite you to place your contribution in the offering plate in the main aisle or give by texting 73256 entering **stpaulsy** (all lower case) and the amount you want to give.*

Please be seated

AN ANTHEM: "Lead me, Lord"

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

The people are invited to stand as the offering is brought forward

Celebrant All things come of Thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharist Prayer B

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

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth . . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

8:00 **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The letter 'S' before a music selection indicates it will be found in the front section of the hymnal, known as the Service Music.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

All Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The breaking of the bread may be seen as the culminating activity of our worship. It is the ritual action symbolizing the activity whereby God emptied Godself of divine power for purpose of reconciling Godself with us. We have no words to accurately describe this divine activity, thus a period of 10-15 seconds of silence is kept following the breaking of the bread and before the singing of the Fraction Anthem.

8:00

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

10:00 S-154

From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd b.1950)

The people are invited to be seated.

You are invited to remove or lower your face mask and consume the consecrated bread immediately after you receive it. If you choose to receive the wine, please remove your mask and drink directly from the cup. We are not dipping the bread into the wine at this time. Our understanding is that the sacrament of communion is complete if the bread or wine is received; it is not necessary to receive both.

During the distribution of communion, Prayers for Healing and Wholeness may be offered at the Peace Altar.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

If you are participating in our service from home we invite you to take a few minutes during the distribution of communion to say the prayer for spiritual communion:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of the Altar, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me in your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The People are invited to stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Officiant Let us pray.
All **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

HYMN • 66, “Come, thou long expected Jesus”

Stuttgart

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

VOLUNTARY • *Dialogue for Reeds and Flutes*

John G. Barr (b.1938)

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Prayers of the People were written by St. Paul's prayer leaders*

Please Keep These People In Your Prayers:

Andrew, June, John, Beverly, Denise and Paul

We remember those who have died in recent days:

Jeffrey

The greens on the altar today are given to the Glory of God.

Our thanks today for the...

Altar Guild: Julia Fine

Flower Guild: Harriet Averill & Sandy Wiley

Lay Readers: Caroline Grieb / David Webb

Ushers: Kira Dirghalli / Tiffany Miner & Tim Simmons

Singers: Macie Eighmey, Cassidy Chappini, Tyler Eighmey & Adam Beckwith





A Gift of Hope and Expectation

Sunday, November 28th at 4:00 p.m.

Members of St. Paul's Choir will present a traditional service with many favorite carols of the season. Please join us.

Public Service Announcements

Free Covid Testing & Moderna Booster



There is a new free "no appointment necessary" site for Covid tests at the Landmark Theater (116 E. Jefferson Street)

You may make an appointment through this website: <http://ctestingservices.org>

The Syracuse Community Health Center at 819 S. Salina Street is offering free Moderna booster shots without an appointment within their new Urgent Care Center.



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2021

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