



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"An Inclusive and Progressive Community of Faith"

## *The Holy Eucharist*

7:00 pm.

22 November 2018

### **Thanksgiving Eve**

*Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. We're glad you're here!*

*We pray that you will encounter the living God during worship today.*

*To help with that, hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers. Please turn off audible cell phones and pagers. If your child is restless you may find solace in the Nursery, or in the Narthex, where you can still hear and see the service.*

### **Announcements & Welcome**

**Prelude** "Variations on 'How Firm a Foundation'"

by Patricia Harris

**Hymnal (1982) #433 "We Gather Together"**

✠ *Celebrant*  
*People*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**8:00: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**10:15: Hymn: "Gloria" (sing 2x) 1st in English, 2nd in Spanish**



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*¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!*

*Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!*

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 Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!

Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra\_a-que-llos que\_a-ma\_el Se - ñor.  
 And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

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 And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray together.

**Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

~ please be seated ~

**Joel 2:21-27**

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 126**

1. When the Lord restored the fortunes of this people:  
 it seemed to us like a dream.

2. Then our mouth was filled with laughter:  
and our tongues uttered shouts of joy.
3. Then they said among the nations:  
The Lord has done great things for them.
4. Great things indeed the Lord has done for us:  
and therefore we are glad.
5. Restore again our fortunes O Lord:  
as when streams refresh the southern dry-lands.
6. Those who sow in tears:  
shall reap with shouts of joy.
7. Those who go out weeping with seed for sowing:  
shall come back in gladness  
bringing their sheaves with them.

### 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;  
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human,  
who gave himself a ransom for all

this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

*~ please stand as you are able ~*

### Hymn. Hymnal (1982) #397 "Now Thank We All Our God"

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 6:25-33 🕊

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you-- you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed

your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

~ please be seated ~

Sermon: The Rev. Kathleen Kingslight

~ please stand as you are able ~

Affirmation of Faith



We be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that be.  
We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;  
We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with - in



Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and sea.  
tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied, True Life there had tru - ly died.  
one church cath - o - lic, one church ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin;



We be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ,  
We be - lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,  
in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain



of the Spir - it and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.  
then as - cend - ed to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.  
gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

W 768: Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993) alt. Tune: Hyfrydol, alt.

**The Vision & Mission of St. Paul's Church**

*We seek Christ and celebrate the mystery of  
God's love for all.*

*We are progressive Christians in an open, inclusive and affirming  
community of faith.*

*We provide a safe harbor for everyone on their  
spiritual journey.*

*We endeavor to bring God's presence to a world in need.*

## A Litany of Thanksgiving

*Celebrant*

Gracious God,  
You are the source of all that is.  
We gather in your name this night  
to give you thanks for your abundance.

*Intercessor 1*

We thank you, God, for your steady provision of food:  
each meal, of each day, of each year of our lives.  
We praise you for the diversity of food and flavor.  
We celebrate the distinct glory of our human species that has learned the art of cuisine;  
of harnessing the yeast that raises the bread, of roasting meat, and fermenting wine.

*Intercessor 2*

We remember tonight that most of our food is raised, harvested, and brought to us  
by people we neither know nor see.  
We are humbled by their extraordinary labor on our behalf –  
often in conditions we ourselves could not endure.  
We ask you to bless them, and to increase within us, compassion,  
and an awareness of their welfare.

*Intercessor 3*

We remember those for whom food is scarce, compromising their nutrition and health.  
We pray for their well-being; asking with trembling hearts,  
that you guide us to live our lives in such a way,  
that all your children may eat and be filled.

*Celebrant*

For the gift of food, **We thank you, Lord.**

*Intercessor 1*

We thank you, God, for our homes:  
for running water and electricity, for roofs that keep us dry, and doors that keep us safe.  
We thank you for the comfort of homes:  
for mattresses, heirlooms, and artwork.

*Intercessor 2*

We thank you for the many people who make our homes habitable:  
for builders; for electricians and plumbers; for workers around the world,  
weaving textiles, building furniture, and assembling electronics.  
Keep them safe, Lord, and provide them also with homes, that are comfortable and secure.

*Intercessor 3*

We remember those without homes of their own:  
foster children; those on the streets and in the slums; refugees and victims of war,  
and those displaced by climate change.  
Have mercy, we pray.

*Celebrant*

For the gift of homes, **We thank you, Lord.**

*Intercessor 1*

We thank you, God, for our jobs:  
for meaningful work, that contributes to the flourishing of this world.  
We thank you for the benefits that come from our work:  
healthcare, vacations and retirement.

*Intercessor 2*

We remember all those who make our work possible:  
for co-workers, employers, investors; for researchers and designers,  
and the myriad of industries, whose work intersects with our own.

*Intercessor 3*

We remember those who have no work or are underemployed.  
Please provide for them the dignity of human labor and the stability that work provides.

*Celebrant*

For the gift of work, **We thank you, Lord.**

*Intercessor 1*

We thank you, God, for our families:  
for spouses and siblings, children and grandchildren; for grandparents and ancestors,  
whose names have been forgotten over time, yet without whom, we would not exist.  
We thank you for the distinctive love that is fostered in our families  
and through whom we first learned of our own belonging and worth.

*Intercessor 2*

We remember all those who add to the richness of our lives:  
neighbors and friends, teachers and colleagues, and we ask your blessing on their lives.

*Intercessor 3*

We remember those whose families are fraught with discord:  
through divorce, domestic violence, addiction,  
and all manner of brokenness that makes families unsafe.  
We ask for your healing and – where that is not possible –  
fresh relationships of intimacy and belonging.

*Celebrant*

For the gift of family, **We thank you, Lord.**

*Intercessor 1*

We thank you, God, for our health:  
for the complex mystery of our bodies, and all the ways you have designed them  
to flourish and to heal themselves from sickness and accidents.

*Intercessor 2*

We remember all those you have gifted as healthcare providers:  
doctors and nurses; social workers and therapists; researchers and technicians.  
They have become for us your hands of compassion,

and upon them we ask your blessing this night.

*Intercessor 3*

We remember those without access to health care and those whose health is failing,  
suffering from chronic pain and disease.

We also hold before you the dying – that they would complete this life in your peace.

*Celebrant*

For the gift of health, **We thank you, Lord.**

*Intercessor 1*

We thank you, God, for our nation:

and for the best ideals, that have defined its formation and history:  
freedom, democracy, equality, and opportunity.

*Intercessor 2*

We recognize that we've not always lived into the fullness of these ideals:

and so we offer special thanks for all those extraordinary men and women such as....(pause)  
who have sought them and struggled for them with integrity and great sacrifice.

*Intercessor 3*

We remember with sorrow all those excluded from the American dream:

particularly the Native Americans, whose land was taken,  
and whose cultures were destroyed, and those brought here against their will as slaves.

May all their descendants and any whose place in our culture is tenuous  
find this nation to be a place of promise and belonging.

*Celebrant*

For the gift of this nation, **We thank you, Lord.**

*Intercessor 1*

We thank you, God, for our church, this community of St. Pauls'

that has become for us a family, a home, and a sanctuary for our souls.

*Intercessor 2*

We thank you for the church throughout the centuries

that has passed on the legacy of faith  
and the witness of Christ's compassion and redeeming.

We thank you for the diversity of the church throughout the world today,  
praying that we would increasingly become a body united in humility and mission.

*Intercessor 3*

We remember those who have been excluded from the church

and made to feel unworthy of your love.

Find them, wherever they are, Lord:

let them hope afresh in you, and give us courage and compassion,  
to embrace them with your love.

*Celebrant*

For the gift of our church, **We thank you, Lord.**





San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.  
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on

tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el  
earth. . . . . Blest is he who comes in the

nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el  
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -  
high - est, ho - san - na here on earth. . . . .

di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.  
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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 forever. **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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

**Hymn: Lamb of God (Sing in the language of your choice)**

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Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros,                      ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us,                      have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
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Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz,  
grant us your peace,                      da - nos tu paz.  
grant us your peace.

## The Invitation

*This is the table, not of the church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time or never before; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you, but because it is Christ who invites you to meet Him here.*

## Communion

Prayer after Communion: **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the 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 forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Blessing

Hymn: "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,  
 give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,  
 give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am  
 rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And  
 now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am  
 rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

*Last time*  
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**The Great Beginning**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

**Postlude: "Now Thank We All Our God"**

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**St. Paul's office will be closed on November 22nd & 23rd.**  
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