

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Brunswick, Maine

## The First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

10:30 a.m. Eucharist with Music in the Nave

Worship in the Nave is livestreamed on [www.stpaulsmaine.org](http://www.stpaulsmaine.org)



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# HOLY EUCHARIST 10:30 A.M.

*If you find yourself in physical discomfort when standing, especially for extended periods, please feel free to be seated at any time. If kneeling is difficult for you, either stand or sit instead.*

PRELUDE

*Wachet auf! (Wake up!)*

Philipp Nicolai

TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WELCOME

The Rev. Matthew R. Scott

OPENING HYMN

*Blest be the King whose coming*

The Hymnal 1982 #74

*(All standing as able)*

*Descant*

3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of  
God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him  
God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly  
God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of  
God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they

God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All  
 barred! Not robed in roy - al splen - dor, in  
 heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who  
 God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All  
 need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And

things are in his hand, all a - ges and all  
 power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the  
 have not learned to heed the Christ who is the  
 things are in his hand, the all a - ges and all  
 light his yoke shall be, for he would have us

peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!  
 poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!  
 Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.  
 peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!  
 bear it so he can make us free!

*Celebrant:* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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

Magnificat  
(Sing verse 1 only)

*The Canticle of the Turning*

Song by Gary Daigle,  
Rory Cooney, and Theresa Donohoo

1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
That the God of my heart is great  
And my spirit sings of the Wondrous things  
That you bring to the ones who wait  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight  
And my weakness you did not spurn  
So from east to west shall my name be blest  
Could the world be about to turn?

My heart shall sing of the day you bring  
Let the fires of your justice burn  
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near  
And the world is about to turn!

2 Though I am small, my God, my all,  
You work great things in me  
And your mercy will last from the Depths  
of the past  
To the end of the age to be  
Your very name puts the proud to shame  
And to those who would for you yearn  
You will show your might put the  
strong to flight  
For the world is about to turn

My heart shall sing of the day you bring  
Let the fires of your justice burn  
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near  
And the world is about to turn!

THE COLLECT

*Celebrant:* God be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray together.

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. *Amen.*

3 From the halls of power to the fortress tower  
Not a stone will be left on stone  
Let the king beware for your  
Justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne  
The hungry poor shall weep no more  
For the food they can never earn  
There are tables spread, ev'ry  
Mouth be fed  
For the world is about to turn

My heart shall sing of the day you bring  
Let the fires of your justice burn  
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near  
And the world is about to turn!

4 Though the nations rage from age to age  
We remember  
Who holds us fast  
God's mercy must deliver us from the  
conqueror's crushing grasp  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound  
'Til the spear and rod can be  
Crushed by God  
Who is turning the world around

My heart shall sing of the day you bring  
Let the fires of your justice burn  
Wipe away all tears  
For the dawn draws near  
And the world is about to turn!

*Lector:* A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.  
Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

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

*People:* Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, \*  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD, \*  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the LORD.

- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good."

## THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:11-14 (NRSV)

*Lector:* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL HYMN

(standing as able)

*O Come, O Come* The Hymnal 1982 #56 Adapted

- 1 *O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
Thy people save and with us dwell  
Who watch in expectation here  
Until thy reign of love appear.*

*Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to us and with us dwell.*

- 2 *O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go.*

*Refrain*

THE GOSPEL *(all standing as able)*

Matthew 24:36-44 (NRSV)

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Matthew R. Scott

THE NICENE CREED *(led by the Celebrant)*

BCP 358

*(All standing as able)*

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.  
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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND CONCLUDING COLLECT (*standing as able*)

*(After each petition “we pray to you, O Lord” please respond with “Lord, have mercy.”)*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Celebrant and People:*

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.*

*The Celebrant says:*

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.*

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS (*It has been our custom for generations to bring forth, if possible, offerings of coins in the amount of your age. You may do this online at [stpaulsmaine.org](http://stpaulsmaine.org)*)

*The people say together.*

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be, keeping them unspotted from the world. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, giver of life and love, bless these couples. Grant them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. And so knit their wills together in your will and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may live together in love and peace all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## THE PEACE

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### RECEIVING COMMUNION

*You may,*

1. *Receive communion in "one kind" - consecrated bread only or consecrated wine only. In the Episcopal Church, receiving in one kind is considered full communion. If you would like gluten-free consecrated bread, please place your hands facing down.*
2. *Drink from the common cup.*
3. *Cross hands over chest after receiving the bread and the Chalice Bearer will say, "the blood of Christ" but will not distribute the wine.*

*Please help the Lay Eucharistic Ministers by choosing one of these three options. **Please do not dip the wafer into the chalice.***

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC *But who may abide the day of His coming/For He is like a refiner's fire*  
Joelle Morris, soloist from Messiah (G. F. Handel)

*(Stand as able as gifts are presented.)*

### PRESENTATION HYMN

The Hymnal 1982 #380 adapted

*(sung together standing as able)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost.

*The Celebrant receives the offerings and lifts them up to God.*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP PRAYER 2

*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:*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, like a loving, forgiving parent, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

*Celebrant and People:*

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 people stand or kneel as able. Then the Celebrant continues:*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Blessed Paul and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Celebrant and People:*

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.

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM

S-167

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

*Antiphon*

*Cantor; then All*



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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## THE INVITATION

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation:*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The ushers will guide the people pew, by pew to the altar rail. You may kneel or stand to receive the Sacrament. (Gluten Free is available.) Clergy will distribute the consecrated host to each person. Eucharistic Ministers will hold the cup in front of each person saying, 'The Blood of Christ; the Cup of Salvation.' If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms indicating you'd like a blessing instead.*

*Then is said, The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.*

*Welcome to our digital congregation. We invite you to connect with Christ's communion by saying the following prayer.*

## A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Of the Father's Heart Begotten*

arr. Willcocks

Text: Aurelius Prudentius, 4<sup>th</sup> century

Translated by John Mason Neale

Tune: Plainchant, 10<sup>th</sup> century

## COMMUNION HYMN 1

*Thy kingdom come, on bended knee*

The Hymnal 1982 #615

*All are invited to sing.*

1 "Thy king - dom come!" on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;  
2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;  
3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;  
4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,  
5 when know - ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;

1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king-dom's day.  
 2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.  
 3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro-claim the day is near:  
 4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;  
 5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER  
*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

from Enriching Our Worship

Loving God,  
 we give you thanks  
 for restoring us in your image  
 and nourishing us with spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
 Now send us forth  
 a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
 that we may proclaim your love to the world  
 and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING adapted from Enriching Our Worship  
 May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister  
 Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world in love, be upon you and remain  
 with you always. *Amen.*



1. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —  
2. No more cry - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —  
3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —  
4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —



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3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King,  
4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King,



— Hal-le - lu - jah, Hal-le - lu - jah, — we're goin' to see the King!

1. 2. 3. 4.

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu -

jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

#### DISMISSAL

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ to love and serve our neighbors.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

#### POSTLUDE

### ST. PAUL'S TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

(In accordance with Diocese resolution and approved by Vestry in winter/spring '23)

We acknowledge that we stand on territory that was taken from the Abenaki people of the Wabanaki Confederacy, the people of the Dawnland. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us, that we belong to the Earth, and that we are all companions in life. May we learn from our past sins and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world. We ask for inspiration that we might be compelled to take action and support our native neighbors as they continue to seek their sovereignty here in Maine.

MINISTRIES	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
CELEBRANT	The Rev. Matthew R. Scott	The Rev. Matthew R. Scott
PREACHER	The Rev. Matthew R. Scott	The Rev. Matthew R. Scott
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Bill Edman	Sarah Faith Spencer Carol Martin
LECTORS	Joel Wegner 1st Lesson, Ps Rebecca Wegner 2nd Lesson, Pr	Larry Kalajainen 1st Lesson Sarah Faith Spencer Ps Carol Kalajainen 2nd Lesson Carol Martin Pr
MUSIC		Christina Spurling, organ And special guests
ACOLYTES	Bill Edman	Cliff Ruprecht
GREETER		Donna Thivierge
USHERS	Rebecca and Joel Wegner	Jerome Brown
ALTAR GUILD	Michael Anne Banks and Lee Caesar	
FLOWERS	Ann Carroll	
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS	Vicki Farsaci	

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