

MINISTRIES	10:30 a.m.
CELEBRANT	The Rev. Katie Holicky
PREACHER	The Rev. Katie Holicky
DEACON	The Rev. Mary Lee Wile
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USHERS	Michael McCabe Nancy Keating
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FLOWERS	Caroline Russell

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Brunswick, Maine

## The First Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. Picnic Eucharist in the Nave

November 28, 2021

### Welcome to St. Paul's

We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us today.



*We seek to nurture the evolving spiritual lives of parish members, visitors, and newcomers. All are welcome to participate in worship that is inclusive, celebratory, and rooted in scripture and the Book of Common Prayer. We seek to share through outreach to one another and to the greater community, our diverse gifts of the Holy Spirit, grounded in God's gift in Christ.*

THE DIOCESE OF MAINE, THE RT. REV. THOMAS JAMES BROWN *Bishop*

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The Rev. Carolyn H. Eklund *Rector*  
The Rev. Katie Holicky *Assistant Rector*

The Rev. Mary Lee Wile  
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Term ending 2022 — Katy Rivera, Charla Spann, Phil Studwell  
Term ending 2023 — Carol Martin, Bob Jackson, David Treadwell  
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# PICNIC EUCHARIST 10:30 A.M.

BCP refers to the red Book of Common Prayer. "S" music is in the front section of the blue hymnal.  
You may view or download a free copy of the Book of Common Prayer at [bcponline.org](http://bcponline.org)

PRELUDES *My Lord, What a Mornin'* setting by Richard Billingham  
*Savior of the Nations, Come* setting by Hugo Distler

WELCOME The Rev. Katie Holicky

OPENING HYMN *Watchman, tell us of the night* The Hymnal 1982 #640  
(continued next page) (Vv. 1 & 3)

1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom - ise  
2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high - er yet that star a -  
3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn - ing seems to

are. Trav - eler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, see that glo - ry -  
scends. Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, peace and truth its  
dawn. Trav - eler, dark - ness takes its flight, doubt and ter - ror

beam - ing star. Watch-man, does its beau - teous ray  
course por - tends. Watch-man, will its beams a - lone  
are with - drawn. Watch-man, let thy wan - derings cease;

aught of joy or hope fore - tell? Trav-eler, yes; it  
gild the spot that gave them birth? Trav-eler, a - ges  
hie thee to thy qui - et home. Trav-eler, lo! the

## STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

*God of abundance and love, you have given us all that we possess and love us absolutely. Open our hearts to share your abundance and love with the world. Give us grace and courage to live so that the world "...will know we are Christian by our love..."; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of love. Amen.*

We give thanks for those who have pledged to the glory of God and the work of St. Paul's for 2022.

We invite you to join us in pledging to the financial and prayerful support of our work together.



DISMISSAL

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia

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

POSTLUDE *Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending* setting by William Lloyd Webber

(continued)

*Watchman, tell us of the night*

The Hymnal 1982 #640

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: brings the day, promised day of Is - ra - el. are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth. Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is come!

*Two groups may sing antiphonally, alternating by sentences.*

Words: John Bowring (1792-1872) Music: *Aberystwyth*, Joseph Parry (1841-1903)

OPENING SENTENCES *(all standing as able)*

*Celebrant:* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

*People:* You come to your people and set them free.

Canticle 15 The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in you, O God my Savior,  
for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me,  
and holy is your name.

You have mercy on those who fear you \*  
from generation to generation.

You have shown strength with your arm \*  
and scattered the proud in their conceit,  
Casting down the mighty from their thrones \*  
and lifting up the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good things \*  
and sent the rich away empty.

You have come to the help of your servant Israel, \*  
for you have remembered your promise of mercy,  
The promise made to our forebears, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

THE COLLECT

*Celebrant:* The Lord 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.*

THE LESSON *(all seated)*

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (NRSV)

*Lector:* A reading from the Book of 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 *(Spoken)*

- 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.

CLOSING HYMN

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*  
 (Vv. 1 & 3)

The Hymnal 1982 #616

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
 2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
 4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
 5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
 2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
 3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth;  
 4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;  
 5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;  
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.  
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

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.

THE BLESSING

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 as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (NRSV)

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

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

GOSPEL HYMN *Lo, He comes with clouds descending* The Hymnal 1982 #58  
 (all standing as able) (Vv. 1 & 4)

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal -  
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful  
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling  
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -

va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,  
 bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
 ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;

swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture,  
 claim the king - dom for thine own: 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.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *St. Thomas*, melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. att. Vincent Francis Novello (1781-1861)

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 it is 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.*

FRACTION

*The Celebrant says*

Be present to us, O Christ,  
 And be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

THE INVITATION

*Facing the people, the celebrant says the following invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Then the Celebrant says* The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.

*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.*

SANCTUS

*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. 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 GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36 (NRSV)

*The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying:*

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

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Katie Holicky

THE NICENE CREED (*Led by the Deacon—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

#### 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 this couple. 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** (*all standing as able*)

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

*People:* And also with you.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP SPEAKER

Reta King

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.”  
(*You may make a contribution to the glory of God and the missions of St. Paul’s on our website <http://stpaulsmaine.org/giving>*)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Steal Away*  
The St. Paul’s Choir

African-American Spiritual

#### 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: