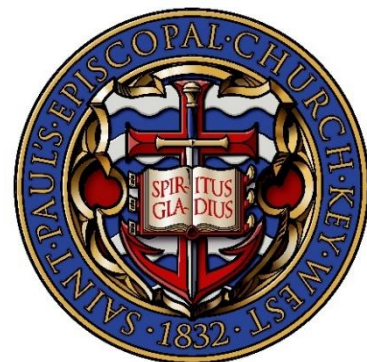


St. Paul's Episcopal Church

In the Heart of Key West

December 15, 2024
7:30am and 10:00am

Advent 3



Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey,
you are welcome in this place and at this table.



John Baptizing Jesus anon.
Church of Enda Yesus Axum, Ethiopia

The Word of God

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Prelude on "Winchester New"*

setting by Charles Callahan

CHIMING OF THE ANGELUS

Remain seated.

Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN #76 *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*

Winchester New

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE S 236 *A Song of Praise*

The following is sung, all standing

1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord

God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____

_____ for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will

praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, be -

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of

depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, _____
 you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,
 — Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and
 high-ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! _____
 high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lessons

The people sit.

A reading from Zephaniah

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

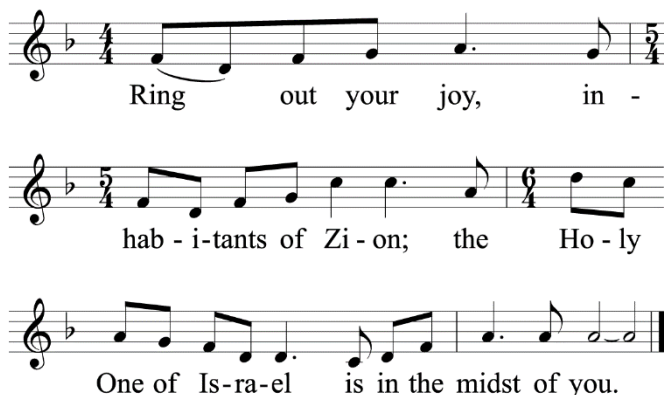
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Canticle 16

Remain seated.

Canticle 9



Ring out your joy, in -
hab - i - tants of Zi - on; the Ho - ly
One of Is - ra - el is in the midst of you.

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Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Refrain

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Refrain

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Refrain

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND READING:

Remain seated.

A reading from Philippians

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

**GOSPEL
VERSE**

All stand.

Ve-ni, ve-

ni, O O-ri-ens, So-lá-re nos advé-ni-ens: Noctis depélle

né-bu-las, Di-rásque noctis té-nebras. ¶ Gaude, gaude, Em-

má-nu-el Nascé-tur pro te, Is-ra-el.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:7-18

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Priest The Gospel of our Savior.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON The Reverend Canon Licia B. Affer

Canon to the ordinary in the Diocese of Southeast Florida

Silence follows the sermon.

THE CREED

All stand.

*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:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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.
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
who 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.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died ✠, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

*Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.*

*We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

The Priest stands and 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.*

THE PEACE

All stand.

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

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

ANTHEM *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

Howard Helvey

Comfort, Comfort ye my people,
Speak ye peace, saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness,
Mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.

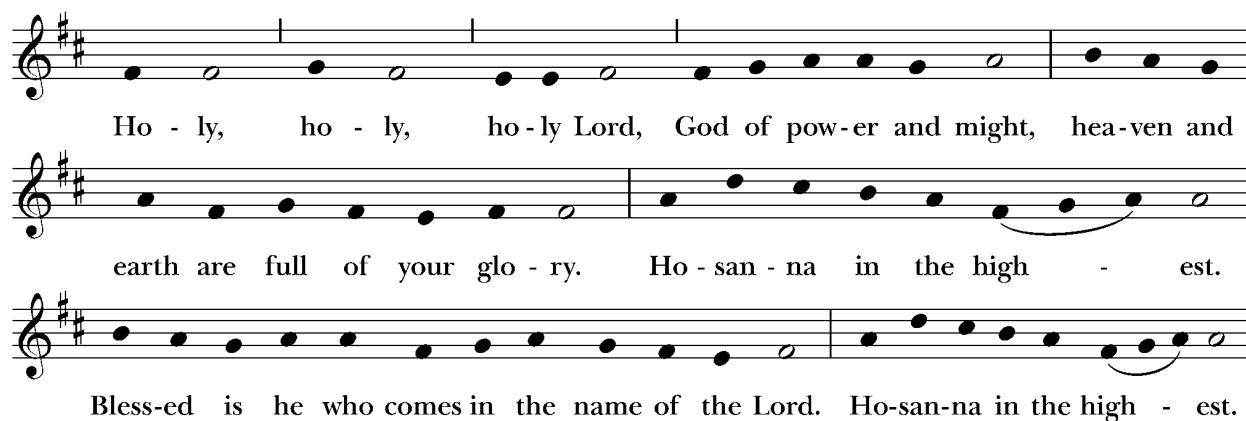
Hark, the voice of one that crieth
In the desert far and near,
Calling of us to new repentance
Since the kingdom now is here.

Speak ye to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover,
And her warfare now is over.

Oh, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God away;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him
And the hills bow down to greet Him.

SANCTUS S 124 *Holy, holy, holy*

Celebrant and People



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The People stand.

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

EPICLESIS

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 [_____ and] 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. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER S 149 *The Lord's Prayer*
People and Celebrant

Robinson

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM S 161 *Lamb of God*
(next page)

Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you may still come forward to receive a blessing. Cross your arms over your chest to indicate you wish to receive a blessing.

We do not practice intinction (the dipping of the bread in the wine) at St Paul's or anywhere in the Diocese of Southeast Florida.

If you cannot come forward to receive communion, we will bring the sacrament to you. Please let an usher know you wish to receive.

COMMUNION HYMN #69 *What is the Crying at Jordan?*

St Marks, Berkeley

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

*Eternal God, you have graciously
accepted us as living members
of our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.*

*Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Savior. Amen.*

BLESSING

The Bishop when present or the Priest may bless the people.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People *Thanks be to God.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN #64 O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light

O Heiland, reiss

POSTLUDE “Prepare the Royal Highway”

setting by Paul Manz

Remember in Your Prayers Today: Clausell Johnson (Em Jay), Alexa Noya (granddaughter of Donald Curry), Payton McConnell, Debi Hindsley McConnell, Carla Harper, Candice Carr, Rudy Cardonas de Leon family, Jane and John Payne, Halee Darden, Brad Hahn, Martha Glover, Kenneth Dunaway, Greg Harrison, Russ Herrick, Scott Bender, Peter Topken, Tom Ford, Victoria Curry, Joe Wittreich, Chris Mario, Joseph Lyles

Remember those serving in the Military: Keifer Ewing, Army Special Forces (Green Berets); Brodie Kirkland, Virginia National Guard

Remember those who have died: Patricia Allen (mother of Calvin Allen), Lara Borrasso, Wanda Philips (mother of Greta Philips Ford), Owen Killian, George Kovecses, Shelley Castillo, Dr. T. Marty Carr
“Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servants.”

We Celebrate these Birthdays during December:

Victoria Albury	12/02	Samantha Hall	12/20
Brooke Myers	12/05	Bill Porter	12/25
Sarah Kindinger	12/12	Ed Toppino	12/23
Christopher Mario	12/12		
Kip Colligan	12/15		
John Payne	12/15		
Jud Colley	12/18		

We Celebrate these Anniversaries during December:

Kevin & Barbara Mitchell	12/06	Roger & Shirley Sweeting	12/27
Nancy & Barry Hitch Campbell	12/17	Mickey Malgrat & Kim Grizzle-Malgrat	12/28
Nat & Lyle Harris	12/23		

Rector and Celebrant: The Very Rev. Donna S. Mote, PhD
 Director of Music: Tim Peterson, M. Mus.
 Cantor: Dean Warden, B. A. in Music Education
 IT Guru: Mike Kindinger
 Reader: 7:30 Tammi Hoback
 Lector: 10:00 Becky England
 Intercessor: 10:00 Joseph Lyles
 Ushers: Don Curry
 Michael Rison

St. Paul's Vestry

Senior Warden, Wendy Niven (Class of 2025)
Junior Warden, Greta Ford (Class of 2027)

Class of 2025: Clare Keller, Susanne Woods
Class of 2026: Tom Bond, Mike Kindinger
Class of 2027: Jennifer Trapani

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the **Reverend Canon Licia B. Affer** as our preacher on this third Sunday of Advent. Canon Licia is the canon to the ordinary in the Diocese of Southeast Florida. She is Bishop Eaton's right hand person. After the 10 AM Eucharist, Canon Licia will lead a workshop with current and future vestry members regarding the roles and responsibilities of vestry members. Please give her a warm St Paul's welcome.

It was a slow night at **Loads of Love** Wednesday, December 11th but that didn't diminish the gratitude we received from the recipients. Two people declined our service, wanting us to use the funds for others and expressing their appreciation for our mission. Thank you, Tunie Hamlen and Becky England, for volunteering.

Loads of Love was granted two \$5,000 grants of funds that need to be put into laundry machines by the end of November 2025. The first grant was given by the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys, and the second was from an individual who believes our program helps our neighbors in need.

The **LOL** group will brainstorm how to best share this blessing. We are considering expanding our events to weekdays in addition to the evenings we have done for two years. If you want to join us or have questions, don't hesitate to contact Tricia in our office at info@stpaulskeywest.org or Sarah Kindinger at sakindinger@gmail.com. Our next event is **Thursday, December 26, 2024**.

On Tuesday night, December 17, 2024 at 7pm, at St Paul's, there will be a concert featuring both the **Keys Choral Arts**, along with some of our friends from the former Southernmost Chamber Music Society. This concert guarantees to please all people. Tickets will be \$30 per person, and are on sale now. Check out <https://keystix.com/calendar/christmasreimagined> to purchase tickets!

SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, December 22, 2024	4:30 pm	“Music Room” Christmas concert (at St Paul’s)
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	5:30 pm	Christmas Eve at St Paul’s
	11:00pm	Christmas Eve at St Paul’s with all the bells and smells, special music beginning at 10:30pm



Keys Choral Arts



Christmas Re-imagined

December 17 • 7:00 pm

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