

## COVID-19 Information

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## Welcome

*Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral; we are so glad you are here. St. Paul's is a safe and welcoming place for all people. If you are new to St. Paul's we encourage you to get connected with our weekly email newsletter. You can sign up online at [stpaulsokc.org](http://stpaulsokc.org).*

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## Prelude

Recit de tierce en taille  
*Nicholas de Grigny*

## Processional Hymn

*Hymnal 68*

*[Please stand as you are able]*

**1. Rejoice! rejoice, believers,  
and let your lights appear!  
The evening is advancing,  
and darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising,  
and soon he will draw nigh;  
up, watch in expectation!  
at midnight comes the cry.**

**2. See that your lamps are burning,  
replenish them with oil;  
look now for your salvation,  
the end of sin and toil.  
The marriage feast is waiting,  
the gates wide open stand;  
rise up, ye heirs of glory,  
the Bridegroom is at hand!**

**3. Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, thou Sun so longed for,  
above this darkened sphere!  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth's redemption,  
and ever be with thee!**

## Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## Collect for Purity

*BCP 355*

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.**

## The Gloria

*Hymnal S280*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his 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.**

## Collect of the Day

*BCP 230*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Lesson

*Genesis 15:1-6*

*[You may be seated]*

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 33:12-22** *(said in unison)*

**Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! \*  
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!**

**The Lord looks down from heaven, \*  
and beholds all the people in the world.**

**From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \*  
on all who dwell on the earth.**

**He fashions all the hearts of them \*  
and understands all their works.**

**There is no king that can be saved by a mighty  
army; \*  
a strong man is not delivered by his great  
strength.**

**The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \*  
for all its strength it cannot save.**

**Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear  
him, \*  
on those who wait upon his love,**

**To pluck their lives from death, \*  
and to feed them in time of famine.**

**Our soul waits for the Lord; \*  
he is our help and our shield.**

**Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \*  
for in his holy Name we put our trust.**

**Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, \*  
as we have put our trust in you.**

**Lesson**

*Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

*[You may be seated]*

A Reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*[Please stand as you are able]*

## Gospel Hymn

*Hymnal 635*

- 1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee,  
and hope in him through all thy ways,  
he'll give thee strength what-e'er betide thee,  
and bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love  
builds on a rock that nought can move.**
- 2. Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving;  
so do thine own part faithfully,  
and trust his word, though undeserving;  
thou yet shalt find it true for thee;  
God never yet forsook in need  
the soul that trusted him indeed.**

## Gospel

*Luke 12:32-40*

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

*[You may be seated after  
the sermon opening prayer]*

## Nicene Creed

*BCP 326*

*[Please stand as you are 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 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.**

## Prayers of the People *Form IV, BCP 388*

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

*[special intentions]*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

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

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*[The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.]*

## Confession

*BCP 360*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*[Please stand or kneel as you are able.]*

*[Silence is kept]*

**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.**

## Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*[Please stand as you are able]*

## Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*[You may share a greeting of peace  
with those near you. If you prefer to share the peace  
without physical contact with others, please hold  
your hands together in a prayer position or cross  
your arms over your chest.]*

## Children's Message

*[Please be seated.]*

## Announcements

## Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*[Please place your offering in the alms basin, or send a text message to 73256 and enter Stpaulsokc\$ and an amount.]*

## Offertory Hymn

*Hymnal 636*

**1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**2. “Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee,  
and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**3. “When through the deep waters  
I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**4. “When through fiery trials  
thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**5. “The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”**

## Presentation Hymn

*Hymnal 380, st. 3*

*[Please stand as you are able.]*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*BCP 367*

*[Please stand as you are able]*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

*Hymnal S129*

**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.**

*[Please stand or kneel as you are able]*

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,

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

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. Oakerhater 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**

*BCP 364*

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

**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 Fraction

*Hymnal S154*

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

## Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*[You may be seated]*

## Communion of the People

*During this season of coronavirus, each communicant should decide their preferred form of communion. You may receive bread only, bread and wine, or a contact-free blessing. For bread only, cross your arms over your chest after receiving the bread. If you choose to receive wine, you may consume the bread and then sip from the chalice, or extend your hands with the bread given to you to the chalice-bearer who will intinct, or dip, the bread into the wine and place it in your mouth. You may not intinct the bread yourself. Our tradition tells us that to receive communion in one kind (bread or wine) is to receive communion fully.*

*You may receive communion at the altar rail, either kneeling or standing. Please reserve the accessibility station by the baptismal font for those who cannot access the altar rail.*

*Please sanitize your hands before and after receiving.*

*If you wish to refrain from communion, you may come forward to receive a contact free blessing. Cross your arms over your chest to indicate you would like a blessing.*

*If you require a gluten-free wafer please tell the priest when you come forward.*

## Communion Hymn

*Hymnal 324*

- 1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly minded,  
for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.**
- 2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture,  
in the Body and the Blood  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heavenly food.**
- 3. Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of Light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.**
- 4. At his feet the six-winged seraph;  
cherubim with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the Presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry  
“Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!”**

## Sending Out of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

**We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

## Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

*[Please kneel as you are able]*

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living mem-  
bers of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.**

## Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Closing Hymn

Hymnal 623

*[Please stand as you are able]*

- 1. O what their joy and their glory must be,  
those endless Sabbaths the blessed ones see;  
crown for the valiant, to weary ones rest:  
God shall be all, and in all ever blest.**
- 2. Truly, “Jerusalem” name we that shore,  
city of peace that brings joy evermore;  
wish and fulfillment are not severed there,  
nor do things prayed for come short of the prayer.**
- 3. There, where no troubles distraction can bring,  
we the sweet anthems of Zion shall sing;  
while for thy grace, Lord, their voices of praise  
thy blessed people eternally raise.**
- 4. Now, in the meanwhile,  
with hearts raised on high,  
we for that country must yearn and must sigh,  
seeking Jerusalem, dear native land,  
through our long exile on Babylon’s strand.**
- 5. Low before him with our praises we fall,  
of whom, and in whom,  
and through whom are all;  
of whom, the Father; and in whom, the Son;  
through whom, the Spirit, with them ever One.**

## Postlude

Malle Sijmen  
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