



ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL
E P I S C O P A L

The Second Sunday of Advent
The Holy Eucharist:
Rite Two

Indigenous Peoples Awareness Month

November 19, 2023

8:00 a.m.

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith,
we welcome you and invite your full participation in today's worship.

As a courtesy to others, please silence electronic devices.

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St. Paul's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on unceded Kumeyaay land. We value the knowledge, culture, and worldview of Indigenous people. We commit to the vital work of educating ourselves, increasing community awareness, and promoting reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbors. As we examine actions and practices that perpetuate harm against Indigenous communities, we pledge to work toward a meaningful and respectful relationship as we follow their example in honoring this sacred land. - *Approved by the Cathedral Chapter, May 2023*

§ *Please stand as you are able at the tolling of the bell.*

The Word of God

The Presider says

Our King and Savior now draws near:

People **Come let us adore him.**

Presider

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.**

Kyrie

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

The Presider says to the people

 The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Presider says the Collect.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

§ *Please be seated.*

The Lessons

The First Lesson is read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from the Book of Judges.

Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

Answer **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123 (*said by all*)

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Ad te levavi oculos meos

- 1 **To you I lift up my eyes, ***
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, ***
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 **So our eyes look to the LORD our God, ***
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 **Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, ***
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

**5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.**

The Second Lesson is read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

Answer **Thanks be to God.**

§ *Please stand as able when the Presider stands.*

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

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

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who

had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

§ *Please be seated at the introduction of the sermon.*

The Sermon

The Reverend Canon Richard Hogue, Jr.

§ *After a moment of silence, please stand as able for the Nicene Creed.*

The Nicene Creed

Presider

Let us stand and proclaim our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

(Presider and people)

**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.**

The Prayers of the People for Indigenous Peoples' Month

The Deacon bids the prayers.

Creator and Redeemer, as we approach you in prayer, make us walk in beauty and balance, make us open our hearts and minds, make us speak the truth.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

The Leader and People pray responsively.

We pray first for your Community, the Church, The Body of Christ. We pray for those commended to us...

for all our relatives in the circle of life throughout all Creation; and for those chosen to be our leaders and teachers.

*People: **Teach us and show us the way.***

We call upon the earth, our Mother and home, with its beautiful depths, soaring heights and deep waters, its vitality and abundance of life, and together we ask that it may:

*People: **Teach us and show us the way.***

We call upon the mountains and tundra, the high green valleys and prairies filled with wild flowers, the snows, the summits of intense silence, and we ask that they:

*People: **Teach us and show us the way.***

We call upon the land which grows our food, the nurturing soil, the fertile fields, the abundant gardens and orchards, and we ask that they:

*People: **Teach us and show us the way.***

We call upon the forests, the great trees reaching strongly to the sky with earth in their roots and the heavens in their branches, the fir and the pine, the cedar and the maple, we ask them to:

*People: **Teach us and show us the way.***

We call upon the creatures of the fields and forests and the waters, our brothers and sisters the wolves and deer, the eagle and bear, the great whales and the fish. We ask them to:

*People: **Teach us and show us the way.***

We call upon all those who have lived on this earth, our ancestors and our friends, who dreamed the best for future generations, and upon whose lives our lives are built, remembering especially...

and with thanksgiving, we call upon them to:

*People: **Teach us and show us the way.***

Silence

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

Creator, you made the world and declared it to be good: the beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass speaks to us; the summit of the mountains, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the waters speak to us; the faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning, the dewdrops on the flower speak to us. But above all, our heart soars, for you speak to us in Jesus the Christ, in whose name we offer these prayers.

Amen.

adapted from *The Church of the Four Winds,*
Portland, Oregon

Confession of Sin

The Deacon says to the People

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Deacon and People together

**For all that separates our hearts from God
and from all that closes our eyes to God's love.**

Silence

**For what we have done, left undone,
and what has been done on our behalf.**

Silence

**For the pride that prevents us from forgiving others,
as we have been forgiven.**

Silence

Jesus, forgive us.

**Create in us clean hearts, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.**

Amen.

The Presider says

The Lord enrich you with grace, and nourish you with many blessings; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

(University Episcopal Community at The Univ. of MN)

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

§ *The People offer each other a sign of the Peace.*

§ *Please be seated.*

Welcome and announcements

You may give online now by using your phone's camera to scan the quick response code:



or text stpaulcathedral to 73256 using your cell phone. Thank you!

The Holy Communion

The Ingathering of pledges and offerings *(All are invited to come to the altar.)*

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

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§ *Please stand as you are able.*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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 (*Presider 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 Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. ✠ Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul, and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

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

The Lord's Prayer (*Presider and People*)

**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: The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence follows as the Bread is broken.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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 for a long time or ever before; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed; come, not because the Church invites you; it is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here.

- *The Iona Community Worship Book*

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

After the Invitation has been given, please be seated until you are ushered to the communion stations at the Crossing. Please take your purse or valuables with you.

At Communion time we will offer the Host with the option to have it partially intincted (dipped) by the Eucharistic Minister into the wine and placed in the communicant's hand. For the time being we will not offer the option of drinking from the Common Cup. You may choose to receive only the dry Host or to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament.

As you come forward, please use one of these three gestures to indicate your preference:

- ❖ To receive the host with wine, extend both your hands, palm up.*
- ❖ To receive only the host, extend one hand, palm up.*
- ❖ To receive a blessing, cross your hands at your shoulders.*

If you need to receive a gluten-free wafer, please go to the station at the extreme left.

§ *After a moment of silence following the distribution of communion, please stand as you are able for the following prayer*

The Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All **Creator God,
from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name.
You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love,
and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love,
and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness.
Mercifully grant that your people,
journeying together in partnership,
may be strengthened and guided to help one another
to grow into the full stature of Christ,
who is our light and our life.
Amen.**

The Presider may bless the people.

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Deacon dismisses them with these words

Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

§ *The clergy, altar party, and people depart.*

Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider & Dean: The Very Rev. Penny Bridges

Preacher: The Rev. Cn. Richard Hogue, Jr.

Deacon: The Rev. Cn. Brooks Mason

Head Verger: Cn. Lisa Churchill

Reader: Jane Batarseh

Altar Servers: Danni Arregui, Jerry Coughlan

Altar Guild: Tom Barb, Julia Gorman, Steve Mater, Joyce Vogel, Elaine Wolfe

Usher-in-charge: Rich Davis

Ushers: Christie Batten, Norm Friesen, Carl Mattina, Mary Rathbun

November 19, 2023 – Pentecost 25 (A) Meet Your Episcopal Service Corps Programs: Servant Year, Philadelphia, PA

Young adults joining Servant Year commit to a year of volunteer local service, as well as a common rhythm of life, spiritual companionship, and asking big questions.

Spiritual Life

Community life is shaped by a daily round of prayer. Each community has its own regular pattern for this prayer, established at the start of the year. In addition, worship is a central charism of the Servant Year community. As such, Corps members actively participate in the larger worshipping community of nearby Episcopal Churches: Saint Mark's or St. James.



For eleven months, Servant Year members form a community within the community of either Saint Mark's or St. James School, which is larger and more dispersed. It is home to others who live there, and in some ways a home for the people who work, learn, pray, and have fellowship in its broader community. A home is a safe place by definition, and we commit to safeguarding one another's safety in every reasonable way, primarily by taking responsibility for ourselves and our own actions.

Volunteering

Through Servant Year, corps members embody the idea that Christian service begins with the recognition that we are called to service through our baptism, locating all work in response to the echoing command of Jesus to his disciples to "go" and do something! Servant Year members serve either at St. James School or St. Mark's Church, according to their gifts discerned during the interview process.

Servant Year members receive housing at either St. James School or St. Mark's Church, in individual rooms. Members also receive a \$600 monthly stipend, and are encouraged to participate in a retirement savings plan in which the program matches member contributions up to \$1,100. Members receive health insurance with no charge to themselves, and the program covers all co-pays for care. A \$5,000 education award to help with student loans or continued education after the program is available to all members. The program also covers travel costs for arrival and departure for the year of service and one trip during the service year. The program also supplies each member with a \$500 clothing allowance at the beginning of the year.

Applications for the 2024-2025 Corps will open December 1. Visit ESC's website to learn more about Servant Year or to take the ESC Discernment Quiz, [EpiscopalServiceCorps.org](https://www.episcopal.org/service-corps).

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Please locate an exit nearest you.

The exit doors are:

- South porch doors at Nutmeg Street and Fifth Avenue*
- North porch doors to Fifth Avenue Courtyard*
- South transept east and west doors to Nutmeg Street*
- Northeast hallway door to Fifth Avenue breezeway*
- West chapel (to the left of chapel altar) stairs leading down to landing.*