

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

## *First Sunday of Advent*



To All who are weary and need rest;  
To All who are lowly and want friendship;  
To All who mourn and need comfort;  
To all who pray and all who do not, but ought;  
To All who sin and need a Savior, and to whomsoever will come...  
The Church opens the door and says in the name of the Master

**Welcome to St. Paul's**

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle,  
Bishop of Texas

Supply Priest -Rev. Cynthia Engle  
2021 VESTRY

Sr. Warden Emeritus-Miles Hall, Jr.

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Morning Prayer 8:00a,

Rite II (Family Service) 10:00am

Also shown Live Stream on Facebook.

Office hours Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:00pm.

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before you come.

409-883-2969

Baptism or Confirmation:

Contact the Church office

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## Morning Prayer: Rite Two

The service is in the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), a blue book.  
Hymns are in *The Hymnal*, a maroon book. Hymn numbers beginning with "S" are at the front of *The Hymnal*.  
Or *LEV, Lift Every Voice and Sing II Hymnal Or Renew Hymnal*

### The Word of God

**The Processional Hymn** *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* 398

*The Officiant:*

Opening (*standing*) BCP, 77

At any Time

Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:2

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill, and to your dwelling. Psalm 43:3

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. Habakkuk 2:20

The hour coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for such he Father seeks to worship him. John 4:23

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy," I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite." Isaiah 57:15

**Confession of Sin** BCP 79

*The Officiant says to the people:*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling:*

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 Celebrant alone stands and says* BCP 80

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

### The Invitatory and Psalter

*All stand*

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

*People:* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People:*

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

Alleluia

*Officiant:* Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

## Venite Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \* let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \* and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, \* and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \* and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, \* and his hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \* and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \* Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

### The Lessons

#### The Psalm Appointed

*(see readings insert)*

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

#### The First Lesson

*(see readings insert)*

#### 13 A Song of Praise

BCP 90

Benedictus es, Domine Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \* you are worthy of praise; glory to you. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \* we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \* on the throne of your majesty, glory to you. Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \* we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Glory to you, beholding the depths; \* in the high vault of heaven, glory to you. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \* we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever .

#### The Second Lesson

*(see readings insert)*

#### 17 The Song of Simeon

BCP 93

Nunc dimittis Luke 2:29-32

Lord, you now have set your servant free \* to go in peace as you have promised; For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \* whom you have prepared for all the world to see: A Light to enlighten the nations, \* and the glory of your people Israel. 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.

*Sequence*

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Vv. 1, 5)*

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#### The Gospel

*(see readings insert)*

*Sequence*

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Vv. 7,8)*

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#### The Sermon

#### The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together, all standing:*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Prayers***The people stand or kneel:**Officiant:* The Lord be with you.*People:* And also with you.*Officiant:* Let us pray.*Officiant and People:*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy Name,  
 thy kingdom come, your 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 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 Suffrage**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
 R. And grant us your salvation.  
 V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
 R. Let your people sing with joy.  
 V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
 R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
 V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
 R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
 V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
 R. Your saving health among all nations.  
 V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
 R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
 V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
 R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects:****A Collect for Sundays***

BCP 100

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sanctus  
 The Offertory

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord  
 Thankful*

Hymnal #S-130  
 Choir

## The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

*Officiant and People:*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP 102

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Celebrant:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

*The Officiant then may conclude with one of the following*

## The Recessional Hymn

*Praise to God, Immortal Praise*

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

*Amen.*



*Welcome New Visitors  
 St. Paul's hopes you  
 enjoyed your visit.  
 Please sign the book in the back  
 of the church with your name  
 and email or address.  
 Thank you for visiting  
 St. Paul's Episcopal Church.  
 You are always welcomed.*

**Lessons and Carols**  
**Lessons and Carols will be  
 Sunday, December 12 at the  
 10:00am service.**

**Outreach Sunday**  
 On the 1st Sunday of the Month  
 St. Paul's loose plate offering will be for  
 Outreach. We will give the offering to  
 Salvation Army and Orange Christian Services.  
 If you make out a check please make a note in the Memo  
 line. If you have any questions, please  
 contact me at [stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com).



Coffee Hour will be every Sunday  
 in the Guild Room with donuts or  
 a special treat. Come join in the  
 fellowship.

*The Flowers on the  
 Altar are given in  
 The Glory of God by St. Paul's  
 Episcopal Church*

Morning Prayer at 8:00am every  
 Sunday. In person only.

**Salvation Army**  
 St. Paul's will be ringing the bell for the  
 Salvation Army on Thursday,  
 December 16 from 11:00am to 3:00pm.  
 If you would like to sign up email me at  
[stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com) or  
 sign the sign up sheet in the narxex.

**Happy Birthday**

Alleman, Jeremy	11/02
Reeves, Mrs. Annie	11/03
Korman, Bruce	11/03
Guth, Mrs. Jennie	11/04
Harrison, Mr. Joshua	11/06
Michaelis, Mr. David	11/06
Blanchard, Mrs. Bonnie	11/10
Harrell, Emily	11/13
Michaelis, Theodore "Teddy"	11/14
Smith, Shelby	11/14
Ferguson, Andrea	11/15
Babineaux, Holly	11/17
Kelley, Griffin	11/17
Kelley, Molly	11/17
Kelley, Maggie	11/17
Cheek, Mrs. Pam	11/18
Guillot, Elizabeth	11/20
Hall, Brennan	11/22
Rutledge, Mrs. Becky	11/23
Geis, Kinley	11/23
Hughes, Mrs. Debbie	11/25
Wedel, Robby	11/25
Smith, Christie Lee Ann	11/26
Duos, Teri	11/27
Houseman, Garrett	12/02

**Happy Anniversary**

Miller, Bill & Joyce	11/03
Fregia, Clint & Phyllis	11/13
Walker, Bob & Nancy	11/15
Curran, Glenn & Carolyn	11/18

Daughters of the King  
 The Daughters of the King meeting is  
 Sunday December 5 at 9:00am in the parish hall.

**ART CLASS**  
 Art Class is every Wednesday at 9:30am.  
 If you are interested in attending, contact  
 Shirley Marshall.



