

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 18, 2022



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

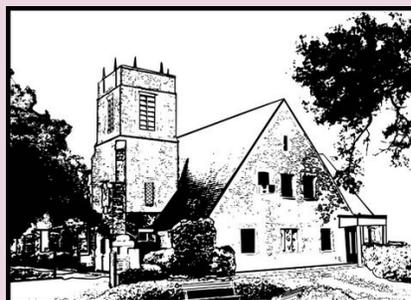
2022 VESTRY  
Senior Warden – Rebecca Rutledge  
Junior Warden – Ray Hancock  
Clerk - Bill Smith  
Arlene Howland  
Jay Todd Cleaver  
John Breitenstein  
Don Marshall

Organist/Choir Director–  
Don Ball, Jr.  
Parish Administrator –  
Kelly Guillot

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  
whom soever will come...  
The Church opens the door and says in the  
name of the Master

**Welcome to St. Paul's**



St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
1401 W. Park Ave. Orange, TX 77630  
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Morning Prayer 8:00am  
in person only.

Rite II (Family Service) 10:00am  
Also shown Live Stream on Facebook.

Office hours Monday-Thursday  
9:00-4:00pm

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# Fourth Sunday of Advent

## The Holy Eucharist: 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

Processional Hymn  
Opening Acclamation

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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BCP, 355

*A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.  
The people standing, the Celebrant says  
In Lent and on other penitential occasions*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;  
*People* His mercy endures for ever.

*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.*

*Gloria*

Hymnal #S-280

*When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing*

### The Collect of the Day

*See reading insert*

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

*People* Amen.

### The Lessons

*The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read,  
the Reader first saying*

A Reading (Lesson) from \_\_\_\_\_.

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

*See reading insert*

*See reading insert*

*See reading insert*

*A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.*

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*or the Reader may say* Here ends the Reading (Epistle).

*Silence may follow*

*A Psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each Reading.*

*Sequence Hymn*

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

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Vv. 1, 2

## **Gospel**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to \_\_\_\_\_.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*see reading insert*

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Sequence Hymn*

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

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## **The Sermon**

*On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing*

### **The Nicene Creed**

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**

### **Form IV**

*Deacon or other leader*

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.*

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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**

BCP, 360

*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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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.*

### **The Peace**

BCP, 360

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

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

*Announcement, Birthdays, Anniversaries*

## The Holy Communion

Offertory  
Doxology

*The Sky Can Still Remember*  
*Doxology on The First Nowell*

Choir



Praise God from Whom all bless - ings flow. Praise Him, all ye crea-tures here be-low.  
Praise Him a - bove, ye heav-en-ly hosts. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A-men.

### The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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 him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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 *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

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*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*

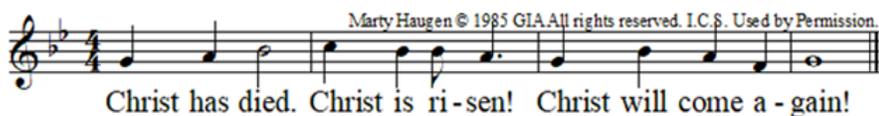
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to 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 wine to be consecrated.*

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."

Mystery of Faith *Christ Has Died, Christ is Risen, Christ will Come Again!*



Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
*Celebrant and People*  
We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*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 St. Paul 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.*

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

*Continue with the Lord's Prayer on page 364.*

*People and Celebrant*

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 Breaking of the Bread**

BCP , 364

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

Christ Our Passover

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*Alleluia, Christ, Our Passover*

**Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

BCP 364

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.

*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 (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

*or with these words*

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

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

*We joyfully invite all baptized Christians to join us at the table of our Lord. If you do not wish to receive communion, but instead wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. Please remain in your seat and the priest will come to you in your pew.*

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| Communion Music | <i>Angels From the Realms of Glory</i> | 93 |
|                 | <i>It Came upon the Midnight Clear</i> | 89 |

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
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.

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| Recessional Hymn | <i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i> | 107 |
| The Dismissal    |  |     |

*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 welcome.*

**Happy Birthday**

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|---------------------------|-------|
| Houseman, Garrett         | 12/02 |
| Gilbeaux, Mr. Troy        | 12/06 |
| Phillips, Mrs. Betsy      | 12/06 |
| Michaelis, Tomy           | 12/08 |
| Cleaver, Jay Todd         | 12/15 |
| Michaelis, Cedric         | 12/20 |
| Geis, Mrs. Pat            | 12/22 |
| Breitenstein, Robert      | 12/28 |
| Hagen, Mr. Matt           | 12/29 |
| Hollier, Mr. Gavyn Edward | 12/31 |

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

**The Christmas Eve Service is on  
December 24 at 10:30pm.**

**A Pre-recorded service  
will be for  
Sunday, December 25  
Christmas Day at 10:00am  
on Facebook.**

**Happy Anniversary**

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| Reeves, Eric & Annie   | 12/31 |
| Quebodeux, Bay & Keely | 12/31 |

**Poinsettias**

If you would like to purchase poinsettias in memory, honor, etc. of someone. There is a sign up sheet in the nartex or you can email me at [stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com).



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

**Outreach Sunday**

The 1st Sunday of the month is Outreach Sunday. St. Paul's loose plate offerings will be given to the Salvation Army and Orange Christian Service. If you make a check for this, place Outreach in the memo line. [stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com](mailto:stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com)

## St. Paul's Prayer List

|                  |                |                 |                 |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Jay Todd Cleaver | David Haley    | Jasper Richmond | Justin Morvant  |
| Amanda Watt      | Father Bob     | Eloy Serenil    | Randolph Knipp  |
| Jenny Guth       | Betsy Phillips | Walter Rotsch   | Peggy Lane      |
| Cheryl Blanchard | Becca Hagan    | Lin Odom        | Kelly, Mike &   |
| Rosie Hurst      | Bobbie Carson  | Melissa Riehle  | Elizabeth       |
| Charlie Pieper   | David Silk     |                 | Stephen Cook    |
| Kenric Marshall  | Robert Cheek   | Alyssa & Keene  | Kenny Slaughter |
| Don & Shirley    | Samantha       | Wilson          | Janet Foreman   |
| Marshall         | Ester Jeans    | Haley Morris    |                 |
| Sabine Lamar     | Barbara Klein  | Mimi Hollier    |                 |
| The Ruehlens     | Debra Ball     | Robert Hollier  |                 |
| Tom Freeland     | Brian Engle    | Margaret Light  |                 |

**Prayers :** All Military personnel. Pray for the people in Ukraine, People suffering with an illness, Victims of Violence, Victims of natural disasters, City of Refuge, Schools, All Ministries of St. Paul's, Unemployed.

Talbert Meadows, Regina, Chris, Sidney, Jacquie Pence, Casey D., Beth Holm, Joanne Price, June & Merrill Stringer & Dena, Kelly and John, Nancy Ellis, Cathy Tompkins, Ross, Deanna Davis, Matthew H., Alison Clary, Renee, Jennifer, Jill, Gabriel, Josie Walter, Margaret & Debbie Herrington, Charlotte Parker, Elizabeth, Kelly Clawson, Thomas Ray Manuel, Tim Fading, Brianna, Mary Guillot, Bette, Carol and Bruce Thornburgh, Nick Tullier, Tim Lawler, Melanie Maxie, Kay Gragg, Kay Stone, Yolanda, Mary Ann, Kim Keyser, Anne Hoffpauir, Janelle Ramsey, Erin Lawler, George Schroeder, Kathleen, Ronnie and Margaret Sonnier, Kailey Smith & Family, Barbara Richard, Tony Dallas, Steve Roger, Dave Shows, Sharon Debes, Mickie Davis, Anthony Sparacino, Marcia Sharp, Josephine Crew, Freddie Nail, Felicia, Dale, Cayden, Whitney and Tyler Legrand, The Woodleys, Leona Fields, Shawn Best, Sharon Childress, Faith

| <b>4th Sunday in Advent<br/>December 18, 2022</b>  | <b>Christmas Eve<br/>December 24, 2022</b>   |
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| <b>Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers</b>   | <b>Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers</b>   |
| <b>10:00 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b><br>Isaiah 7:10-16<br>Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18<br>Anne Breitenstein   | <b>10:00 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b><br>Isaiah 9:2-7<br>Psalm 96<br>Donna Hall   |
| <b>EM 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings, Prayers, Chalice</b><br>Romans 1:1-7<br>Becky Rutledge<br><br><b>Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25</b><br><b>Sermon: Rev. James Nelson</b>                  | <b>EM 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings, Prayers, Chalice</b><br>Titus 2:11-14<br>Miles Hall, III<br><br><b>Gospel: Luke 2:14, (15-20)</b><br><b>Sermon: Rev. James Nelson</b> |
| <b>Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes</b><br><b>Vestry Person: Joe Maglothin</b><br><b>Ushers: John &amp; Anne Breitenstein</b><br><b>Altar Guild: Becky Rutledge</b><br>Eric & Annie Reeves | <b>Acolytes: Sr. Acolytes</b><br><b>Vestry Person:</b><br><b>Ushers:</b><br><b>Altar Guild: All Altar Guild</b>  |
| <b>Flower Guild: Krispen Walker</b>  | <b>Flower Guild: Poinsettias</b>   |

