



Don Lorenzo Monaco, 1420-1422

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017 | 10:00

You Are Welcome

A Little About St. Paul & the Redeemer

Our Vision

We seek to become a community that mirrors the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus. We do that in five important ways: We praise God, invite all, connect lives, nurture faith, and serve neighbor.

Let's Get Connected

Fill out one of these cards, which you can find in the backs of the chairs and drop it in the offering basket or give it to a member of the clergy.

OR

Stop by the Welcome Table, which is near the west entrance to the church.

AND

Check-in and follow SPR on social media: [facebook.com/sprchicago](https://www.facebook.com/sprchicago) and [@sprchicago](https://twitter.com/sprchicago)



Become a Member

All are welcome to be here and explore without exception. If you would like to learn more about our parish and meet interesting people, plan on attending an SPR 101 class. The Fall class concluded. Look for the next one in the new year.

Some Helpful Things to Know Today

Can I receive Communion?

Yes. Everyone, without exception, is invited to receive Communion.

When am I supposed to stand?

At any point in the service, it's perfectly fine for you to remain seated as you're comfortable. We do have customary times when we stand or kneel; these are indicated by the italicized instructions throughout the service. There are also times when it is customary to cross ourselves, and if you wish to do so, the + indicates that.

Are children welcome here?

Yes. Children are invited to participate actively in the service. Also, coloring pages, crayons, and books are at the entrances to the church. Nursery care is available during the services for children ages 0-4. The Nursery is down the southwest stairs. And finally, changing tables are in the downstairs restrooms and the Nursery.

Where are the restrooms?

There are single-user, gender-neutral restrooms down the southwest stairs and also through the northeast door of the sanctuary.

How do I find my way around?

There's a map at the Welcome Table near the west entrance to the church. Also feel free to ask anyone to help you around.

Is there wheelchair accessibility?

Yes. An accessible restroom is through the northeast door of the sanctuary. An elevator is being installed this Fall. Everyone is invited to remain seated at any point during the service as they need.

How about hearing assistance?

We can help there, too. Hearing-assistance devices are available from the ushers.

Children and Youth Formation

Formation is over for 2017 and resumes on January 7, 2018

Godly Play (3 years old - 4th grade)

The basis for Godly Play is that children are spiritual and have an incredible capacity to listen, wonder, and make meaning together out of the biblical stories they hear.

Place: Lower Level Godly Play Rooms

Contact: Monte Tugwete: tugwete@sprchicago.org

Pathfinders (5th graders)

Pathfinders has a focus on Christian Education informed by Scripture and tradition. Topics covered this Fall include: Fall and Exile From the Garden of Eden; Cain & Abel; The Tower of Babel; Abraham, Sarah, and their Adventures with God; Slaves in Egypt; The Passover and Exodus from Egypt; Troubles in the Wilderness; Into the Promised Land; Building Israel, Building the Temple of God; and Stories of Elijah.

Place: Rector's Office.

Contact: Monte Tugwete: tugwete@sprchicago.org

Youth Formation (6th - 12th grade)

Formation is over for 2017. See you on January 7th, 2018!

Contact: Addie Domske: domske@sprchicago.org

Youth Group, 4:30-7:30p | Nativity Outing!

Join us tonight for the last youth group of the year: our annual White Elephant Gift Exchange! Bring your wittiest White Elephant gift ("a possession that is useless or troublesome, especially one that is expensive to maintain or difficult to dispose of"), wrapped and ready to exchange, as we celebrate Christmas together. Dinner provided by the Smith family.

Contact: Addie Domske: domske@sprchicago.org

Looking for a room? Find a map on the Welcome Table at the west entrance of the church.

THE WORD OF GOD

Throughout the bulletin, the congregation is to say all **bolded** text aloud.

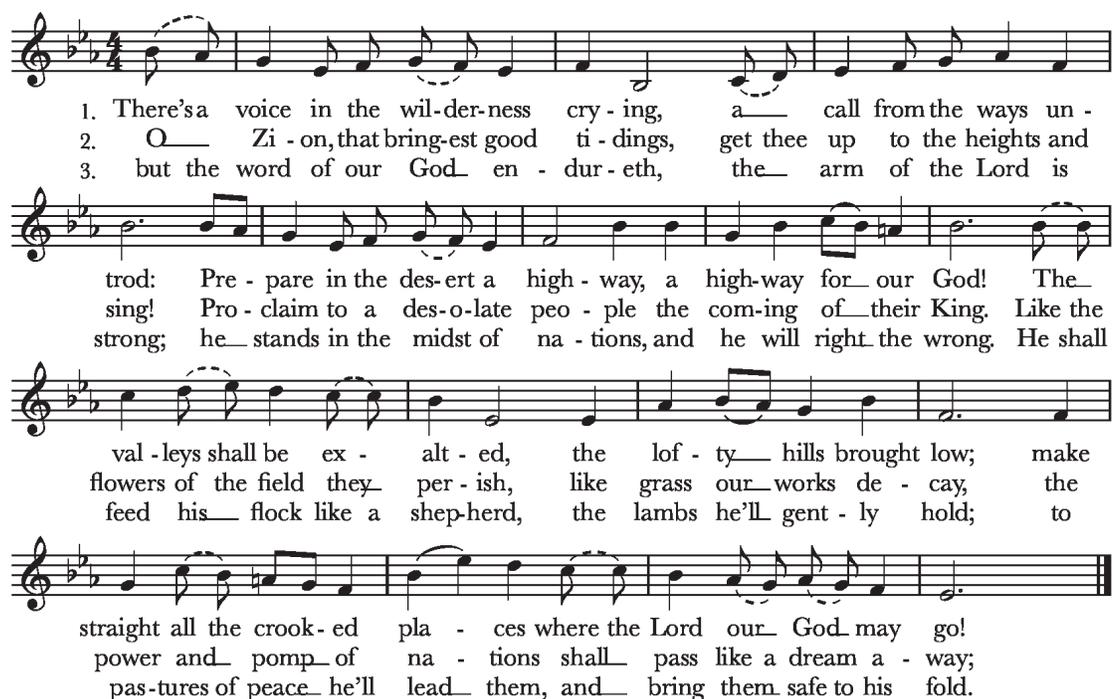
Prelude

ii. Andantino from Concerto No.4 in G Major for Cello and Orchestra, *Op.65*

Mahrhoztal Rosier, *'cello*

Music: Georg Goltermann (1824-1898)

When the bell rings, please stand as able and sing.



1. There's a voice in the wil-der-ness cry - ing, a call from the ways un -
2. O Zi - on, that bring-est good ti - dings, get thee up to the heights and
3. but the word of our God en - dur - eth, the arm of the Lord is

trod: Pre - pare in the des-ert a high - way, a high-way for our God! The
sing! Pro - claim to a des-o-late peo - ple the com-ing of their King. Like the
strong; he stands in the midst of na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall

val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the lof - ty hills brought low; make
flowers of the field they per - ish, like grass our works de - cay, the
feed his flock like a shep-herd, the lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to

straight all the crook - ed pla - ces where the Lord our God may go!
power and pomp of na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way;
pas-tures of peace he'll lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.

The Hymnal 1982 - #75 "There's a voice in the wilderness crying"

Words: James Lewis Mulligan (1876-1961), alt.

Music: *Ascension, Irr.*, Henry Hugh Bancroft (1904-1988)

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+ Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God, for ever and ever.

All sing thrice.

The musical score is written in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves: a treble clef staff with a soprano line and a bass clef staff with a bass line. The lyrics 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,' are placed between the staves. The second system also has two staves: a treble clef staff with a soprano line and a bass clef staff with a bass line. The lyrics 'Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.' are placed between the staves. The music is primarily homophonic, with chords in the treble and single notes in the bass.

*The Hymnal 1982 - #S-102 "Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one"
Music: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)*

God be with you.
And also with you.

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.**

Please be seated.

The Lessons

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

The spirit of the LORD God is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

All sing this metrical setting of the Magnificat (Luke 1: 46-55).

1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

The Hymnal 1982 - #438 "Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord"
 Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); based on *The Song of Mary*
 Music: *Woodlands*, 10.10.10, Walter Greatorex (1877-1949), alt.

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A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

The people sing the refrain before and after the verse, which is sung by members of the choir.

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, For if you lead me,
I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each day with
Thee. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. **Fine**

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At the + below, you are invited to trace a cross over your forehead, your mouth, and over your heart.

+ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

John 1:6-8,19-28

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Today's Preacher: Rev'd Peter Lane, Rector.

Children's Chapel - Children in preschool to second grade are invited to their own liturgy in the Chapel. They will return at the Peace. We ask that parents take crying infants to the Narthex or Nursery.

The Prayers of the People

Please stand as able.

God of Mystery, this Advent we await your coming among us in sharp and anxious days. Fill us with a living hope at the assurance of your presence.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of Comfort, we pray for all affected by gun violence in our city this year. We repent of the apathy that drives us away from the cries of our siblings. Help us to spurn insularity and wealth, directing our resources to those in need.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of Presence, we celebrate today the faithful work and ongoing ministry of our rector Peter Lane as he soon departs from our midst. Watch over each of us, and walk with Peter, Erin, Simon, and Connor as they continue the work of your Gospel in this city.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of the Prophets, you stir up dissatisfaction with things as they are, even as we are distracted by claims and causes that do not satisfy, and cannot bring life. Come near to us, trouble our self-centered certainties, and restore our desire for you, that we might watch eagerly for the signs of your appearing in our midst.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We wait and pray alongside all those who are suffering this Advent. Comfort us, even as we comfort one another. We pray especially for **Samuel** Tryba and his parents (friend of Sally Wolcott), **Bruce** Plummer, **Barbara** Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), **Pam** Anderson, **Frances** Framer (sister of Brenda Kilpatrick), **Lee** Allen (friend of Jane Stuart), **Ann** St. John (friend of Robert & Sheila Bator), **John** O'Dowd (father of Maureen Jesuthasan), **Suzanne** (mother of Betsy Ko), **Barbra** Goering, **Rudy** White (husband of Greg Colombe), **Kenneth** Larsen (father of David Larsen), and **George & Olive** Whitley.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We faithfully pray for all ancestors, the communion of saints, and dear ones who have died, even as they surround us now. We pray especially for **Calvin** Word (12/1/2017, friend of Carol Moseley Braun), **Phillip** Woll (12/20/2004, brother of Bruce Woll), **Grace** Pollard (12/21/99, grandmother of David Farris), **Lee** Tolbert (12/22/15, mother of Cheryl Vanorsby), and **Mary** Lou Wiggins (12/23/16, mother of Ellen Wiggins)

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We rejoice with those who have birthdays, including **Vance** Lauderdale (12/17), **Clara** Christensen (12/19), **Chris** Garbrecht (12/20), **David** Stewart (12/20), **Caroline** Oldstone-Jackson (12/21), **Christopher** Collins (12/22), and **Ogechi** Michelle Agina (12/23); and for those couples celebrating anniversaries, including **Hannah & Tayo** Adegoke (12/17) and **Barbra** Goering & **James** Murray (12/18).

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

I invite you to offer your own prayers and thanksgivings, ending each with "Lord in your mercy."

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer by Kenji Kuramitsu

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All bow or kneel as able.

God of all mercy;

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives,**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All greet one another and return to their seats.

Some announcements will be given, but there's much more to find out in the front and back pages of this bulletin.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Choir Sings.

Magnificat in G, *Op. 81*

My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Words: Luke 1:46-55 (*BCP 1662*)
Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as able when the priests go to the altar.

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 our thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing...

All sing.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, —

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of power and might, —

hea - ven and earth are full, — full — of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is the one who comes — in the name of the Lord. —

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you ...

... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

And we offer ...

... Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer (1979), Eucharistic Prayer B

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and for ever.

Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

All sing.

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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The gifts of God for the people of God.

All, without exception, are invited to receive Communion.

If you want gluten-free bread, tell the priest. If you would like a blessing in place of Communion, cross your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come to the altar and would like to receive communion at your seat, tell an usher.

The ushers will help each section up to the altar. But don't worry; all will be fed.

Healing Prayer: *If you would like to be prayed for individually, you are invited to the area in front of the columbarium (SE corner of the sanctuary) after you have received communion, where a prayer team member will pray with you briefly before you return to your seat.*

Choir sings.

Sing till the power of the Lord come down. Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that aged a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see. —John Newton (1779)

Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!

Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for everyone and there's a cross for me. —Thomas Shepherd (1693)

Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!

Holy Jesus, Praise His Name! Oh! Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!

Praise His Holy Name!
Words & Music: Keith Hampton, et al

All sing.

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

Lift Every Voice and Sing II - #189 "Great is thy faithfulness"

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960)

Music: *Faithfulness* (Runyan), 11.10.11.10 with refrain, William M. Runyan (1870-1957)

Let us pray.

Please stand as able.

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit.
We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants of your Word and Sacraments.
We thank you especially for the work of Peter among us, and the presence of Erin, Simon and Connor.
Grant that both he and we may serve you in the days ahead,
and always rejoice in your glory, and come at length into your heavenly kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Ending of a Pastoral Relationship

Please be seated.

On the Eighth day of February, 2010, I began my tenure as rector of St. Paul and the Redeemer. I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities.

After prayer and careful consideration, it now seems to me that I should leave this charge, and I publicly state that my tenure as rector of St. Paul and the Redeemer ends on Christmas Day.

Do you, the people of St. Paul and the Redeemer, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

We do.

The St. Nicholas Choir & the SPR Choristers sing the first verse alone. All join in singing verse 2 and the repeat of verse 1.

1. Go gent-ly, go light-ly go safe in the Spi-rit, live sim-ply, don't
2. Go sing-ing, go bring-ing the gifts of the Spi-rit, go hope-ful-ly

car-ry much more than you need: go trus-ting God's good-ness, go
search-ing for things that are true: in liv-ing, in lov-ing, what

spread-ing God's kind-ness, stay cen-tered on Je-sus and where he will lead.
ev-er be-falls you, God keep you, God bless you in all that you do. *Repeat*
v. 1

"Go gently, go lightly"
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We have been blessed with the presence, prayers, and gifts of Peter, Erin, Simon, and Connor. God calls them to take their leave and engage in new ministries, that the witness they have so generously offered here may be spread elsewhere.

Let us pray.

Please stand as able.

O God, you have bound us together for a time as priest and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past.

Silence

We give thanks for Peter's time among us, for his gifts and for his accomplishments. Where there has been hurt, let it be forgiven. Where there has been growth and joy, let us be thankful.

Silence

Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained.

Silence

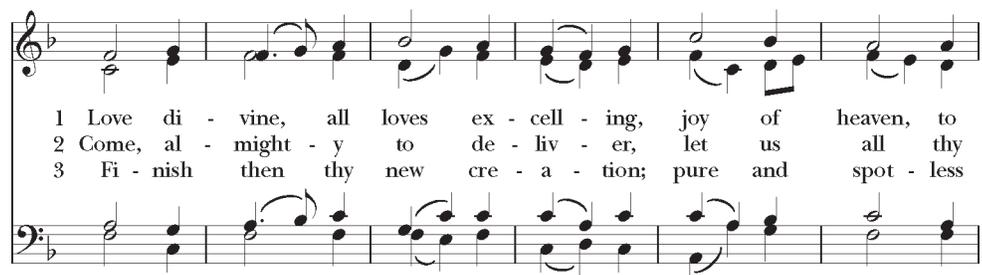
We thank you for those who have walked the journey of faith with us these years. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son.

Silence

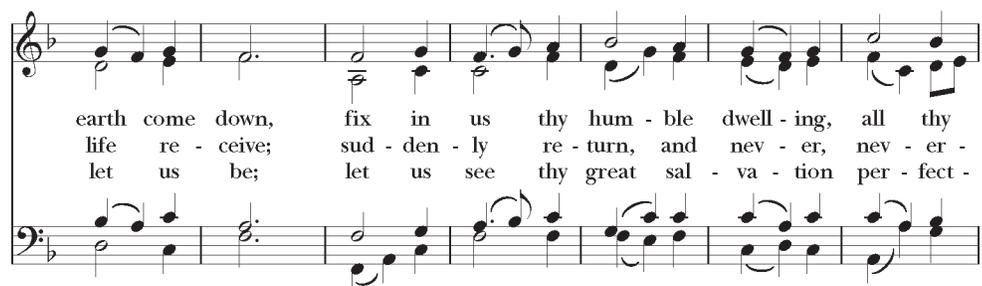
Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with those who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

The Presider blesses the people. You are invited to cross yourself as the Presider traces a cross over the congregation.

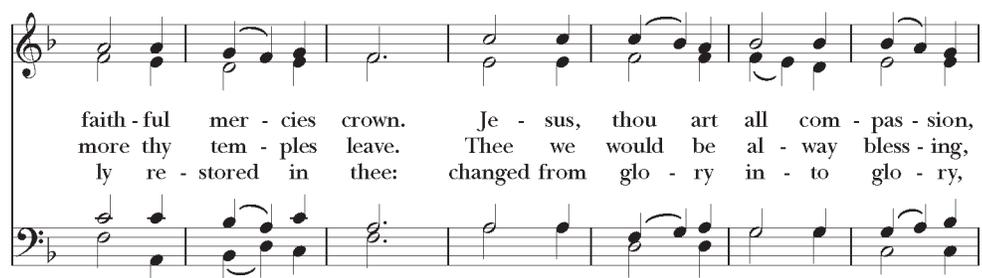
All sing.



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

The Hymnal 1982 - #657 "Love divine, all loves excelling"
Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Music: Hyfrydol, 87. 87. D, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

Sung by the St. Nicholas Choir & the SPR Choristers.

Now go in peace, now go in love, from the Father above.
Jesus Christ the Son stay with you 'til the day is done.
Holy Spirit encircle you in all you think and do.
Once again God's blessing be with you. Amen.

Words: Michael Mair (b. 1942)
Music: *Junkanoo*, Irr., Caribbean folk tune

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prelude in G, BWV 541
Music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

SAYING FAREWELL TO PETER LANE

The Vestry invites you to join us after the 10:00 service in the under renovation Parish Hall to celebrate Peter, Erin, Simon and Connor's time at SPR. Good food will be provided.



Several of you have asked how you can contribute to a farewell gift to Peter. Peter has asked that all gifts in his honor be given to the SPR Food Pantry. You can write SPR Food Pantry in the memo line of your check and put it in the offering basket.

SERVICE SCHEDULE THIS SEASON

December 24 Morning

Two Advent IV Services. 8a and 10a

Preacher: Barnabas Pusnur; Presider: Peter Lane

December 24 Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Pageant & Liturgy 5p

No sermon. Presider: Peter Lane

Festive Christmas Eve Liturgy 9p

Preacher: Roger Ferlo; Presider: Peter Lane

December 25 Christmas Day

One service. 10a

Preacher: Roger Ferlo; Presider: Peter Lane

December 31

Two services. 8a & 10a

Preacher: Kenji Kuramitsu; Presider: KJ Oh

January 7

Three services Resumes. 8a, 9:15a and 11:15a

Preacher: KJ Oh; Presiders: Roger Ferlo & KJ Oh

Godly Play and Youth Formation Resumes

Adult Formation: Telling the Truth about SPR and Race

Youth Group Returns

January 14

Preacher: R. L. Watson; Presiders: Roger Ferlo & KJ Oh

Adult Formation: Proclaiming the Dream of Beloved Community

The Remembrance of Martin Luther King Jr.

January 21

Preacher: Jaime Briceno; Presider: KJ Oh

Shoemith Choir sings at 9:15a

January 28

Preacher: Roger Ferlo; Presiders: KJ Oh & Roger Ferlo

Annual Meeting

BECOMING BELOVED COMMUNITY @ SPR



Join the **SPR Anti-Racism Working Group** to celebrate Dr. King's vision and shape our faith-driven commitment to racial justice. The Episcopal Church's *Becoming Beloved Community* commitment will frame a 3-part Adult Formation series during January and February. Each session will begin promptly at 10:20 in the Parish Hall.

JANUARY 7, TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT SPR AND RACE

Who are we? What things have we done and left undone regarding racial justice and healing?

Facilitators: David Larsen, Romonda McKinney Bumpus, Bruce Plummer, Amanda Ruch

JANUARY 14, PROCLAIMING THE DREAM OF BELOVED COMMUNITY

How can we publicly acknowledge things done and left undone? What does Beloved Community look like at SPR?

Facilitators: Megan Cather, Twila Jones, Kenji Kuramitsu

JANUARY 15, HONORING REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S LEGACY, PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Gather for breakfast, music, and parishioner reflections to celebrate Dr. King's legacy from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Sign up in the Narthex, or RSVP to Gail Williams, gwilli8787@aol.com, by January 7. Volunteers welcome for set up and clean up.

FEBRUARY 4, PRACTICING THE WAY OF LOVE AS AMBASSADORS OF RECONCILIATION

How can we grow as reconcilers, healers, and justice-bearers? How can we actively grow relationships across dividing walls and seek God in each other?

Facilitators: Sara Bigger, Tracey Lewis-Elligan, Gail Williams

For more information, contact Bruce Plummer, beplummer707@gmail.com, or Amanda Ruch, amanda.ruch@gmail.com. Also see:

www.episcopalchurch.org/files/becoming_beloved_community_commitment_and_plan_1.pdf

Children's Christmas Pageant Schedule

12/17: Roles and scripts distributed today (around 11:30a)

12/23: Dress Rehearsal from 10-12p

12/24: Pageant Service at 5:00p, call time at 4:00p

Any questions, volunteering, requests should be directed to Gretchen Eng at eng@sprchicago.org. Please write her with your child/ren's age(s) and name(s) if you would like to participate!

Travel to Haiti This January

Are you interested in strengthening and learning more about our partnership with St. Patrick's Church in Tom Gateau, Haiti? You are invited to travel to Haiti on January 20-24 with a group of parishioners and clergy from SPR to build relationships and broaden our sense of community. The cost of the trip averages \$1500.00. This includes round trip airfare, hotel, and meals. For more information please contact Gail Williams at gwilli8787@aol.com or Maureen Jesuthasan at Maureen.jesuthasan@gmail.com.

Olive Tree Planting Trip to Israel/Palestine, February 2018

In her life outside of SPR, Addie Domske is on the board of the Israel/Palestine Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Through that position, she will be leading a trip this February and would love for you to join! Here are some initial details, but contact Addie at addiedomske@gmail.com for more info. Leaders: Addie Domske and Daniel Giles | Dates: February 1-16 | Cost: \$1880 +airfare includes lodging (double occupancy), touring, 2 meals a day, and tips. | Deposit of \$500 due with registration. Balance due by January 31, 2018. Adjustments can be made to your trip if you can't make the whole time. We're invested in this trip being accessible and affordable for folks. If interested, reach out for more info.

Postulants set to do Internships in New Year

You will see a lot less of two of SPR's postulants in the New Year. They have been sent by the Diocesan Commission on Ministry to gain experience by interning at other churches. Brenda Kilpatrick is seeking ordination to the Diaconate. She will do her internship at Grace Church, Chicago, with the Rev. Amity Carrubba. George Arceneaux is seeking ordination to the Priesthood. He will do his internship at St. Christopher's, Oak Park, with the Rev. Eric Bidy. Please wish them, well if you see them and keep them in your prayers.

Refugee Family Sponsorship Update

On 12/16, four SPR parishioners met at the offices of the Syrian Community Network (our partner organization) with the family we will be working with- a Muslim family from Syria who have already settled in Chicago. Mustafa and Samar, the parents, have four children: ages 16,14, 9 and 7, one of whom has cerebral palsy. Weekly mentoring visits to their north-side apartment will begin Saturday 12/30 and continue through June 2018. The visits would be on Saturday mornings or afternoons. If you can volunteer for at least two home visits, please contact Sheila Bator (sbator@aol.com or 773 643-1881 for details.) Families with children are welcome to take part in the mentoring program. We especially need visitors for 12/30/17 and 1/6/18. A sign-up sheet for later dates will be posted in the narthex on 12/31/17.

Dan Puchalla launches Skeptical Preacher

Dan Puchalla, former Associate Rector, is launching his new podcast *Skeptical Preacher* on Jan 14. It's about how embracing the Bible's weirdness can help us build a better world for everyone. To support Dan, sign up to get notified when the first episodes go live. 1) Email alert signup: skepticalpreacher.com/launch 2) LIKE Skeptical Preacher on Facebook: facebook.com/skepticalpreacher

Connecting Lives Groups

Join one of these groups today. New participants are always welcome.

Fiber Arts Group - January 7 at 12:30p in the Byllesby Room
Contact: Rosemary Gooden: rdgooden@earthlink.net

Arts Committee - January 7 at 12:30p in the Chapel
Contact: Jim Wright: jimphotoguy1@gmail.com

Open Kitchen - Today at 12:30p in the Kitchen
Contact: Fran Spaltro: pambasilea@gmail.com

Today's Ministers

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Preacher

Peter Lane

Deacon

Jack Seymour

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Christian Clough
Gretchen Eng

Acolytes

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Lectors

Addie Domske, Naomi Haynes

Children's Chapel Leaders

Monte Tugwete, Gretchen Eng

Prayer Reader

Robert Nordling

Chalice Ministers

Conor Mather-Licht, Connie Bonbrest, Sarah Lincoln, Esther Foiles

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