

Stained Glass, St. Paul and the Redeemer

The Nativity of Jesus Christ

Christmas Day 10:00 am



A Little About St. Paul & the Redeemer

What Kind of Church Is This?

St. Paul & the Redeemer is a community that seeks to mirror the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus, holding together a progressive outlook and a rootedness in the Christian faith. We are woven of different races, economic statuses, cultural backgrounds, faith backgrounds, gender identities, and sexual orientations, and we are strengthened and enriched by each person's story and voice. SPR honors both faith and doubt, bringing together our highest hopes and our deepest fears.

SPR Anti-Racism Vision Statement

To mirror the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus and be true to our baptismal covenant, we strive to become a beloved community that reflects on our own racial identities and recognizes racism and privilege in our church and society; works for justice by building relationships and sustained efforts to heal, reconcile, and seek Christ in each other; and acts to interrupt and dismantle white supremacist structures, transforming ourselves and our church to become a living embodiment of justice and peace.

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.

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

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Check-in and follow SPR on social media: facebook.com/sprchicago and @sprchicago



Children's Formation

Children's Chapel, Sundays, 10:15a-10:30a | During the sermon at the 10:00 service (9:15 service during the program year), children from preschool to second grade are invited to a special liturgy in the children's chapel, featuring songs and a Bible story. Children's chapel takes place year-round every Sunday.

Godly Play, Sundays, 10:20-11:05a | Godly Play is our Montessori-based Christian formation program for children. In Godly Play, we teach children the art of using religious forms of expression, including story, silence, and action, to articulate and wonder about the relationship they already have with God. **Godly Play will resume on January 5, 2020.**

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.

Where are the restrooms?

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

Is there wheelchair accessibility?

Yes. An accessible restroom is through the northeast door of the sanctuary. There is an elevator which gives access to the first floor, lower level, and parish hall. Everyone is invited to remain seated at any point during the service, as needed.

How about hearing assistance?

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

SPR Choirs

Choir rehearsals resume on Thursday, January 9. All experience levels and newcomers welcome.

St. Nicholas Choir (Kindergarten-2nd grade): Thursday rehearsal 6-6:30pm. Contact: Gretchen Eng (eng@sprchicago.org).

SPR Choristers (3rd Grade and above): Thursday rehearsal 6–7:30pm. Contact: Christian Clough (clough@sprchicago.org).

Teen & Adult Choirs: Thursday rehearsal 7-8:40pm. Contact Christian Clough (clough@sprchicago.org).

Youth Formation

Youth Formation, Sundays, 10:20a-11:05a | In Youth Formation, we gather for 45 minutes to enjoy donuts and discussion. We've pondered questions like "Is God male?"; "Did God write the Bible?"; and "What is the real meaning of Christmas?" **Youth formation will resume on January 5, 2020.**

Youth Group, Sundays, 5-7p | Youth Group is a weekly fellowship gathering (including dinner) on Sundays during the program year, typically from 5-7p. Check out our info board outside of the youth room, subscribe to the SPR parish's weekly email blast, or follow us at @SPRYouth for updated scheduling info. **Youth group will resume on January 5, 2020.**

THE WORD OF GOD

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

Prelude

Gustav Holst, arr.

Entrance Hymn

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



6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

The Hymnal 1982 #83: "O come, all ye faithful"

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others

Music: Adeste fideles, Irr., present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906

Welcome

+ Blessed are you, holy and living God. Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The Lessons

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,

who brings good news,

who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy;

for in plain sight they see

the return of the LORD to Zion.

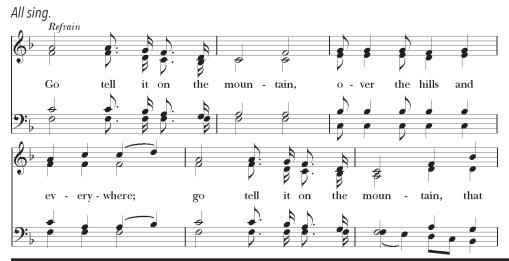
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Isaiah 52:7-10







The Hymnal 1982 #99 "Go tell it on the mountain"

Words: Afro-American spiritual, 19th cent.; adapt. John W. Work (1901-1967)

Music: Go Tell It on the Mountain, 76.76 with Refrain, Afro-American spiritual, 19th cent.; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (1935-2009)

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A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Hebrews 1:1-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

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

Thanks be to God.



The Hymnal 1982 #96 "Angels we have heard on high" Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.

Music: Gloria, 77. 77 with Refrain, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

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.

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

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. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Today's Preacher: The Rev. Shawn Evelyn, Priest Associate

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray.

All stand.

Let us pray in the peace of God, that all the gifts we shall give and receive in these days be but small tokens of the gift that shines forth in God's Word made flesh this night. And from grateful hearts let us intercede for all who find themselves longing for this deepest, truest gift, saying,

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

May the peace proclaimed by angels in the shepherds' field be realized on every field of war and on every street of violence. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

May the child born to us find in our hearts a warm welcome by our openness to the needs of the homeless and the hungry. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In this time of gift giving, may we become more responsive to the abandoned, the despairing, and the mourning. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

May the rejoicing of this day be a bond leading us to true communion of life and worship. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

May the joy and consolation of the wonderful Counselor enliven all who are struck down by disease and illness. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

May the blessed hope we celebrate at Christmas be the fulfillment of all who have gone before us in faith. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

God of darkness and silence, you have pierced the quiet of this night by the utterance of your Word in our flesh. May our words of prayer and praise echo the song of the angels, so that all might come to the peace you promise in Jesus, who is Lord and God this night and forever. **Amen.**

Adapted from Intercessions for the Christian People

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All greet one another and return to their seats.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Shepherds Came, Their Praises Bringing Helmut Walcha (1907-1991)

The Great Thanksgiving

All stand as the offering is brought to the altar.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

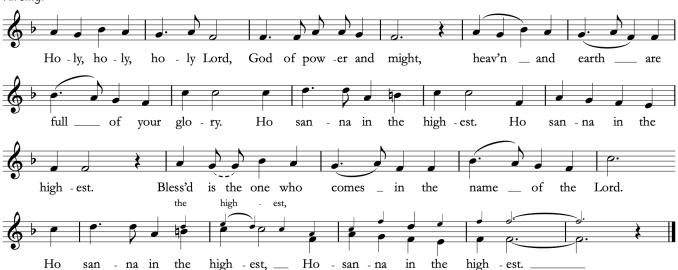
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, O God, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

All sing.



The Hymnal 1982 #S-125

from A Community Mass, Richard T. Proulx (1937-2010)

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We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Gracious God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of our sister Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

God of hope, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with Mary the Mother of God, with the patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

The Book of Common Prayer, 1979. Eucharist Prayer D; alt.

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

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.

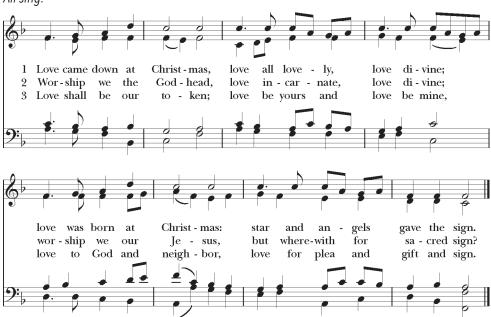
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

All sing.



The Hymnal 1982 #79 "Love came down at Christmas"

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894), alt.

Music: Gartan, 67. 67, melody from Petrie Collection of Irish Melodies, Part II, 1902; harm. David Evans (1874-1948)

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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. Don't worry; all will be fed.



The Hymnal 1982 #79 "O little town of Bethlehem" Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)

Music: St. Louis, CMD, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908)a



The Hymnal 1982 #100 "Joy to the world"

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: Antioch, CM with Refrain, Georg Friedrich Händel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Sending Forth

Let us pray.

Please stand.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

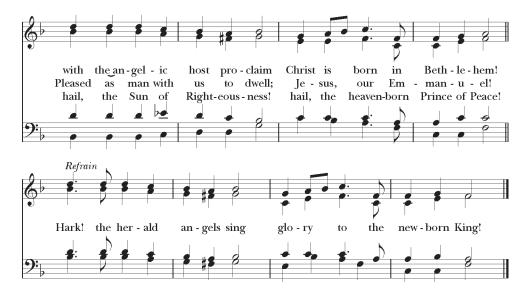
May Almighty God, who sent Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen**.

May God, who sent angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen**.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you divine peace and favor. **Amen**.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, mother of us all, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**.





The Hymnal 1982 #87: "Hark! the herald angels sing"

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: Mendelssohn, 77. 77. D with Refrain, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

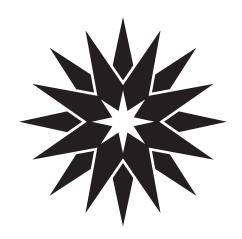
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Joy to the World

arr. Craig Phillips (b. 1961)



We wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and many blessings in the New Year!

Sunday services on December 29 will be at 8am & 10am only.

Three services (8am, 9:15am and 11:15am) resume on Sunday, January 5.

Please join us to continue celebrating for all twelve days of Christmastide.

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Shawn Evelyn

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