

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Nativity of our Lord

December 24, 2022

O HOLY NIGHT



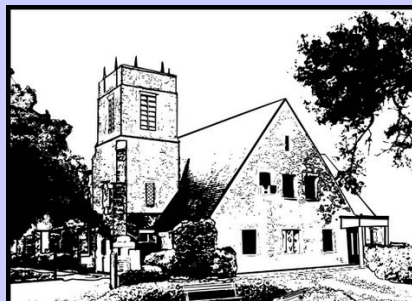
To All who are weary and need rest;
To All who are lowly and want friendship;
To All who mourn and need comfort;
To all who pray and all who do not, but ought;
To All who sin and need a Savior, and to whomsoever will come...
The Church opens the door and says in
the name of the Master:

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
Joe Maglothlin

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

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

Due to Covid, please call the office
before you come.
409-883-2969

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The Nativity of our Lord

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

Prelude *Christmas Selections* Joyce Hall, *piano*
Processional Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* 83
Opening Acclamation BCP, 355
A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Carols

Angels from the Realms of Glory 93
Angels we have Heard on High 96
The Snow Lay on the Ground 110

The Collect of the Day

See readings 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 _____ . 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.

First Reading *See readings insert*

Psalm *See readings insert*

Second Reading *See readings insert*

Sequence Hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem (Vv. 1, 2 & 3)* 79

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

The Gospel *See readings insert*

Sequence Hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem (Vv. 4 & 5)* 79

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Jim Nelson

The Nicene Creed

BCP, 358

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 one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

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 look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP, 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence

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

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

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.

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

See back page

The Holy Communion

Offertory

O Holy Night

Duet: Joyce and Donna Hall

Doxology on the First Nowell



Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all ye creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, 361

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.

The Eucharistic prayer continues

BCP, 362

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:

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

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.

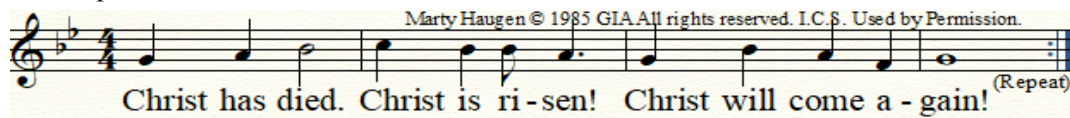
At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night 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:

Celebrant and People



Eucharistic prayer continues

BCP, 363

The Celebrant 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 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. AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, 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.**Then may be sung or said***Alleluia, Christ, Our Passover***Alleluia, Christ, Our Passover*

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

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

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*In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter Season.**Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add 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 are given to the communicants with these words*

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

Communion Music

Carol of the Bells

Choir

Mary, Did You Know

Candlelight Carol

Silent Night (see back page)

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, 366

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Joy to the World

BCP, 366
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The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.

Dismissal

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. *or this*

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. *or this*

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God. *or this*

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to any of The dismissals.

The People respond Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Instrumentalists

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.

*If you have any questions, you can email
me at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com.*

Happy Birthday

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

Happy Anniversary

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

Christmas Services

Saturday, December 24

10:30pm.

Sunday, December 25-

**A pre-recorded service will
be on Facebook at 10:00am.**

