December 31, 2017

First Sunday after Christmas

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St. Paul!
Worship is crucial to a healthy relationship with God.
May you be uplifted by your experience here today, and may you experience the presence of Christ in this community of faith.

Nursery Care during the 10:00 am Eucharist will be available in Rooms 203/204.

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8:00 a.m. – Eucharist

in St Aidan's Chapel

Presiding Celebrant:
The Very Rev'd Paul Millward

The service can be followed in *The Book of Common Prayer* beginning on page 67.

The Collect for The First Sunday after Christmas–BCP p.113
The Reading: *Galatians 4:4–7*The Gospel: *Luke 2:22–40*

After the service please come for coffee in Cronyn Hall.

10:00 a.m. - Choral Eucharist

Presiding Celebrant: The Very Rev'd Paul Millward

Announcements: The Work of the Community

Processional Hymn Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

Blue Book 211

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of

the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are

hidden. 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.

Act of Praise *Glory be to God in Heaven*

Tune: HYMN TO JOY (Blue Book 425) Please Stand

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good-will to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth: we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ for ever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Saviour, you have come from heav'n above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call; Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendour bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

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Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PLEASE BE SEATED

First Reading Isaiah 61:10—62:3

Pew Bible, Old Testament p. 536 read by Bert Sommerfeld

Psalm 148

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

Tune: WINCHESTER OLD (Blue Book 136)

Hallelujah! Give praise to God From heaven and in the heights; Praise God all angels, sun, and moon, Give praise, you shining lights.

Praise God, high heavens and floods above, Yes, let them praise God's Name; You, Lord, commanded by your word; You spoke and forth they came. You gave them being, they stand fast In your eternal sway; For you have given them a law, Which shall not pass away.

Let all the earth give praise to God: Sea monsters, deeps below, The stormy winds that do God's will, And fire, hail, fog, and snow,

Trees bearing fruit, and cedar trees, All hills and mountains steep, All cattle, wingéd birds above, Wild beasts and things that creep,

All kings and peoples of the earth, All princes, rulers too, Young men and maidens, old and young: To God all praise is due.

God's splendour spans all earth and heaven, All those who come to dwell With God receive both strength and praise: God's people Israel.

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Second Reading *Galatians 4:4–7*

Pew Bible, New Testament p. 145 read by Ellen Atkinson

Gradual Hymn A great and mighty wonder

Tune: ES IST EIN ROS (Blue Book 117)

A great and mighty wonder, a full and holy cure! the Virgin bears the Infant with virgin-honour pure:

Repeat the hymn again:

'To God on high be glory, and peace on earth to men.'

The Word becomes incarnate, and yet remains on high; and cherubim sing anthems to shepherds from the sky:

Repeat the hymn again:

'To God on high be glory, and peace on earth to men.'

While thus they sing your Monarch, those bright angelic bands, rejoice, ye vales and mountains, ye oceans, clap your hands:

Repeat the hymn again:

'To God on high be glory, and peace on earth to men.'

Since all he comes to ransom, by all be he adored, the Infant born in Bethl'em, the Saviour and the Lord:

Repeat the hymn again:

'To God on high be glory, and peace on earth to men.'

St Germanus c.639-c.734, tr. J.M. Neale 181-1866

PLEASE TURN TO FACE THE GOSPELLER IN THE CENTRE AISLE

Gospel *Luke 2:22–40*

Pew Bible, New Testament p. 45 proclaimed by The Rev'd Michael E. DeKay

After the Gospel Acclamation has been sung, the Gospeller will sing or say:

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesùs Christ.

At the conclusion:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesùs Christ.

Homily Deacon Pat Henderson

PLEASE BE SEATED

Nicene Creed

PLEASE STAND

Presider: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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.

Prayers of the People

led by Charles Crow

Leader: Lord, in your love, People: Hear our prayer.

At the conclusion:

Leader: God of steadfast love,

People: accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he

welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins,

confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Presider: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we

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 neighbours 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.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,

confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through

Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Peace PLEASE STAND

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

WE OFFER EACH OTHER A SIGN OF PEACE.

Offertory Hymn Angels From the Realms of Glory

Blue Book 143

[Tune: Blue Book 135]

AN OFFERING WILL NOW BE TAKEN FOR THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE CATHEDRAL.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

PLEASE REMAIN STANDING

Presider: God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in

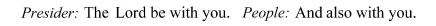
this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ

the Lord.

People: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

PLEASE STAND SIT OR KNEEL



Presider: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them to the Lord.



Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider:

It is indeed right and good, always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity. For on this day he appeared in the temple in substance of our flesh to come near to us in judgement. He searches the hearts of all your people and brings to light the image of your splendour. Your servant Simeon acclaimed him as the light to lighten the nations while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for your redemption. Destined for the falling and rising of many, he was lifted high upon the cross and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you. And now we rejoice and glorify your name that we, too, have seen your salvation and join with angels and archangels in their unending hymn of praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Blue Book 732

Presider:

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made one for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Presider: Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,

and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of

your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in

songs of everlasting praise:

People: Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Presider: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

All: 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider: God of promise,

you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

People: Happy are those who are called to

the supper of the Lamb.

Communion

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

All Baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Gluten-Free Hosts are now available. We invite you to ask the communion administrant at the time of communion. Those not receiving Communion may wish to receive a blessing and we ask that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate this to the clergy. Those not wishing to drink from the chalice are asked to simply cross their arms over their chests as the lay administrant approaches, and, if desired, to touch the base of the chalice as a sign of reverence. Those drinking from the chalice are asked to assist the administrant by holding the base and guiding it to their lips. Those wishing to receive the sacrament of anointing are invited to the Lady Chapel prior to receiving Holy Eucharist.

Music During Communion

Kathleen Gahagan, harp

Prayer after Communion

PLEASE STAND

Presider: Let us pray.

Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

People: Amen.

Presider: Glory to God,

People: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we

can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the

Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Commissioning of Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Presider: In the name of this congregation,

All: we send you forth bearing these holy gifts

that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. Assure those to whom you go, that they continue

to be in our thoughts and prayers.

Post-Communion Hymn Joy to the World

Blue Book 154

Blessing

The Deacon dismisses the congregation in these or similar words:

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Coffee Hour:

You are warmly invited to join us for coffee in Cronyn Hall after the service this morning.

Greeters: Ellen Atkinson, Linda Gregson, John & Sylvia Lacon

Ruth McCluskie

Lay Administrants: Chris Hughesman, Nancy Reichstein, Ken Lumpkin

Warden: Peter Hadley

Group 5

Next Week's Greeters:

Next week's Lay Administrants:

Next Week's Readers:

Liz Sullivan, Roy Tonkin, Leon Baltas, Murray Hunter

Ruth McCluskie, John Shipston, Mary Mitches

Ken Lumpkin and John Allen

Next Week's Coffee Hour: Group 6

The flowers at the High Altar are to the glory of God and in loving memory of ...

Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer - Today we pray for the parishioners of Church of the Epiphany, Kingsville; St. Stephen's Church, Oldcastle; Church of the Redeemer, Colchester N; St. Andrew's Church, LaSalle; and St. Paul's Chapel, Windsor.

Intercessions – Therese, Thomas, Mark, Larissa, Lillian, Darryl, Bob, Laura, Madison, John, Tanja, Judy, River, Christine, Josh, Teagan, Leanne & Wayne, Mary, Diana, Lee. (Please note, names remain on the prayer list for three months from date of entry or re-entry, unless otherwise requested. To protect privacy, only first names appear in the bulletin. To add a name to the prayer list, please leave a confidential message for the clergy at Ext. 204 with the person's first and last name. Please include your name and phone number, and a few details about the prayer request)

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Services

Morning Prayer Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri. in St. Aidan's Chapel 8:45 a.m.

(except statutory holidays)

Wednesday, January 3
8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist

7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, January 7 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist

This Week's Events

Today - December 31 Sundays @ 9 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon and Narcotics Anonymous

Monday, January 1 7:30 p.m. Recovery thru 11th Step

Thursday, January 45:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 p.m. Hope's Eating Disorder Support Group
7:00 p.m. Adult Children of Alcoholics Support Group

Saturday, January 6 1:00 p.m. Epiphany Levée

Epiphany Levée – As we look ahead to the holy season of Epiphany, the season which follows the twelve days of Christmas, we celebrate the ways in which God has revealed God's self to the world... we will resume a past tradition at St. Paul's as we host a Levée, this year being held on Saturday, January 6, 2018 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. You are invited to gather as part of our St. Paul's family as we welcome members from the deanery and diocese, as well as with members from the wider London community to this meet and greet with Bishop Linda and our Cathedral leadership. Mark your calendars as we celebrate the gift of God's presence in our midst.

Celebration of New Ministry – On January 14, 2018 @ 4:00pm



London Knights Hockey Night! St. Paul's Cathedral night out with the Knights on Saturday, February 10, 2018 @ 7:00pm. Tickets \$30 (Suite). A great Christmas gift for those hockey fans on your list. Cash Bar. Contact Carrie Fieldhouse at 519-434-3225 to reserve your seats.

Fundscrip Gift Card Program – All proceeds are going to the work of our church. Each Sunday we will be in Cronyn Hall with cards to purchase immediately for your use. Cards such as; Loblaws, Metro, Shoppers Drug Mart, Walmart, Starbucks, Kelsey's, Tim Horton's, Cineplex Theatres.

All proceeds are going to the work of the church. You can order online and have them delivered to your home just go to www.fundscrip.com and use the invitation code UUHU54. Any questions please see Mary Mitches, Mary Ann McDowell or Norma-Jean Greenslade.

Mid-Week Holy Eucharist – Immerse yourself in the unfolding mystery that is the Advent season, and join us <u>on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm</u> at our Midweek Evening Eucharist services.

Wednesday evening services have been going steadily for almost 2 years now, offering a time of worship mid-week for those whose Sundays are busy with work or family commitments. As we enter this season of expectation, of preparation for Christ's arrival amongst us, you are invited to add these services to your Advent discipline.

All are welcome as we journey in faith together, contemplating the true meaning of the season.

Sundays @ 9 – "Faithful Practices": Our multi-week series continues on the central practices of the Christian faith. We are examining, exploring, and discussing: 1. Prayer; 2. Food; 3. Worship; 4. Sacraments; 5. Money; 6. Service; and 7. Community. Sundays @ 9 is a discussion-based, community-focused, and theologically-informed educational time. All are welcome. Coffee and childcare are provided.

Support for our St. Paul's Social Services Food Bank – The most needed item for January is Mac & Cheese. Please leave your donation in the designated bin. Thanks for your support.

College & Careers ministry is open to people of all ages. We offer a safe space to ask questions and explore your faith. This is a great opportunity to meet people in the church! Join us **Wednesday nights at 8:30pm** in the Guild Room as we explore the value of God's Word and its relevance in our day to day lives through video series and spirit led discussions. Contact Lauren or Matt for more details or text (519)-868-5252.

2017 Income Tax Year End Donations – Donations for 2017 will <u>close on January 7, 2017</u>. Please <u>date your cheque for December 31, 2017</u> to make sure it is counted towards your 2017 tax receipt. There will be someone at the cathedral on Thursday, December 28 from 9:00am-1:00pm if you wish to drop your donation in before the end of the year. Please ring the doorbell.

2017 Offering Envelopes – are in alphabetical order in the Assembly Room. Please let us know if you would like envelopes. We would be happy to provide you with a new 2018 set and your very own envelope number.

Vestry reports – advanced notice. For those of you who need to submit reports for our annual vestry meeting, they are due to Carrie in the Office no later than <u>noon on Friday</u>, <u>January 12</u>, <u>2018</u>. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to one of the wardens.

Coventry Cathedral – Coventry Cathedral is one of the world's oldest religious-based centres for reconciliation. Following the destruction of the Cathedral by German bombers in 1940, Provost Howard made a commitment not to revenge, but to forgiveness and reconciliation with those responsible. Using a national radio broadcast from the cathedral ruins on Christmas Day 1940 he declared that when the war was over he would work with those who had been enemies "to build a kinder, more Christ-child-like world." It was this moral and prophetic vision which led to Coventry Cathedral's development as a world Centre for Reconciliation, which over the years has provided inspiration and support to many Christians addressing ongoing conflict in contemporary society.

A major part of this ministry was the establishment of the Community of the Cross of Nails, which today is an international network of over 200 active Partners in more than 40 countries committed to a shared ministry of reconciliation. As a cathedral church, we at St. Paul's look to partner with Coventry Cathedral in this ministry of reconciliation, and will begin offering the Litany of reconciliation on a weekly basis, gathering on our Cathedral steps every Wednesday at 12 noon. We invite you to join us Wednesdays at noon as begin this new partnership, bringing Christ's reconciling love to the world around us.

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