Saint Paul's Parish

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The Last Sunday after Pentecost

November 22, 2026

Preacher ~ The Rev. John E. Morrison, III
Celebrant ~ The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung Chul Lee

Question of the Day: *"Which God-given talent or gift are you most grateful for?"*

8:00 am - Healing & Holy Eucharist

We extend a warm welcome to everyone who has joined us this morning.
We pray you experience the presence and love of Christ
as we worship together!

Saint Paul's Staff

Priest-in-Charge	The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee
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Prelude "Prelude on *Gardiner*" Healy Willan

All stand as able

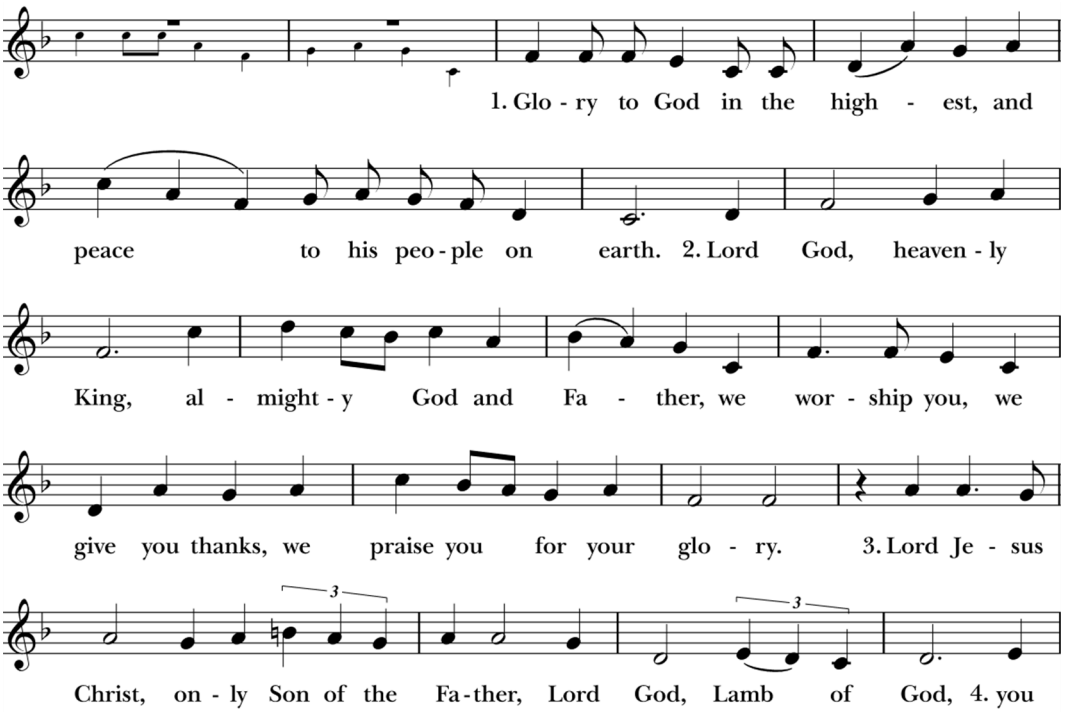
Opening Hymn "At the Name of Jesus" Hymnal 435
(Verses 1 4)
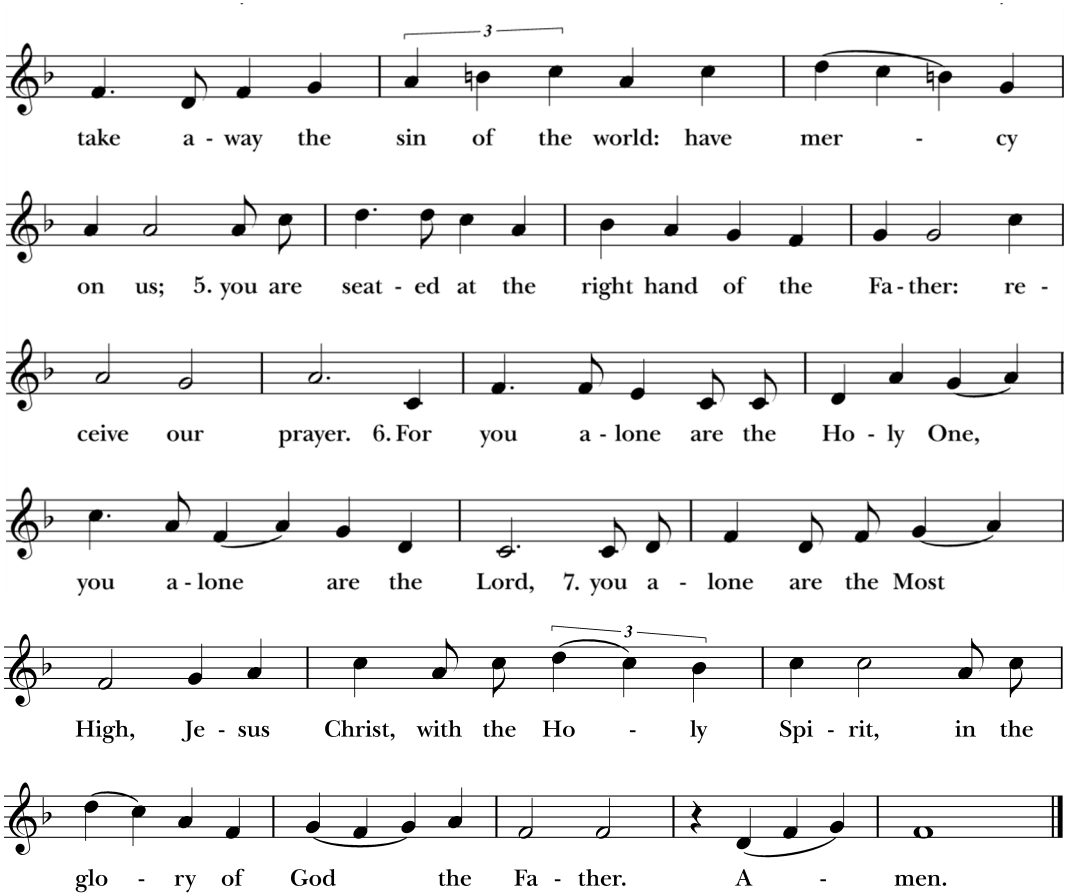
The Word of the Lord

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: 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 in excelsis *(Please stand as able)* "Glory to God" Hymnal S-280





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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together. **O God of searing truth and surpassing beauty, we give you thanks for Clive Staples Lewis, whose sanctified imagination lit fires of faith in young and old alike. Surprise us also with your joy and draw us into that new and abundant life which is ours in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The First Lesson **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95:1-72

Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

The Epistle **Ephesians 1:15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response "Jesus, our mighty Lord" Hymnal 478
(Verses 1 2)

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel **Matthew 25:31-46**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will

separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Response "Jesus, our mighty Lord" Hymnal 478
(Verse 3)

The Sermon **The Rev. John E. Morrison, III**

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand as able)*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

You may stand, sit or kneel for the prayers

Celebrant: In the name of Christ, the great Shepherd who knows each of us by name and calls us to faithfulness, let us offer our prayers, saying, "Teach us your way, O Lord, and we will walk in your truth."

Intercessor: For the Church, that guided by the Spirit, she may walk humbly with God, embodying grace and truth in a world longing for hope. May we reflect Lewis's conviction that "Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance." Teach us your way, O Lord,

People: **And we will walk in your truth.**

Intercessor: For all leaders of nations and communities, that they may seek wisdom beyond human understanding, working for justice and peace amid the trials of this life. May they remember Lewis's words that "Courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue at the testing point." Teach us your way, O Lord,

People: **And we will walk in your truth.**

Intercessor: For this community gathered in worship, that we may grow in faith, hope, and love - never losing heart in the face of struggle, but clinging to the promise of new life and transformation found in Christ alone. May we heed Lewis's call to "aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you get neither." Teach us your way, O Lord,

People: **And we will walk in your truth.**

Intercessor: For those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit - the lonely, the grieving, the oppressed - that they may find comfort in God's abiding presence, and renewed strength to endure. At this time when we remember all who are on our hearts and those who have asked for our prayers, help us to remember Lewis's insight that "Pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains."

(Please add your own intercessions or thanksgivings out loud or in the silence of your heart.)

Intercessor: Teach us your way, O Lord,

People: **And we will walk in your truth.**

Intercessor: For all who have died, especially those we remember now in our hearts, that they may rest in the eternal peace of God's kingdom, where tears are wiped away and every sorrow is healed. Teach us your way, O Lord,

People: **And we will walk in your truth.**

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers:

Celebrant: Holy God, who leads us through valleys and mountaintops alike, hear the prayers of your people. Shape us by your Spirit to be faithful witnesses to your love, that we may follow Christ's way with courage and joy. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Please kneel as able

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All: **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.**

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Healing Testimonies

Offertory Hymn "Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice! Rejoice! Again I say, rejoice!

The Lord the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love:
When He had purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice! Rejoice! Again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail; He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given.
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice! Rejoice! Again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come,
And take his servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice! Rejoice! Again I say, rejoice!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.; Music: *Darwall's 148th*, John Darwall (1731-1789).

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

(Remain standing as able)

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

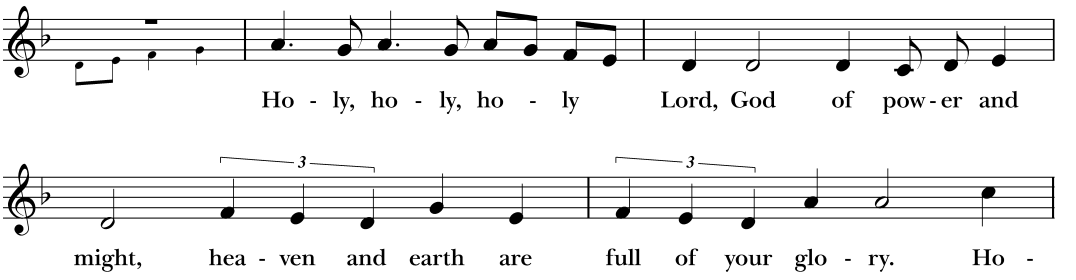
Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.

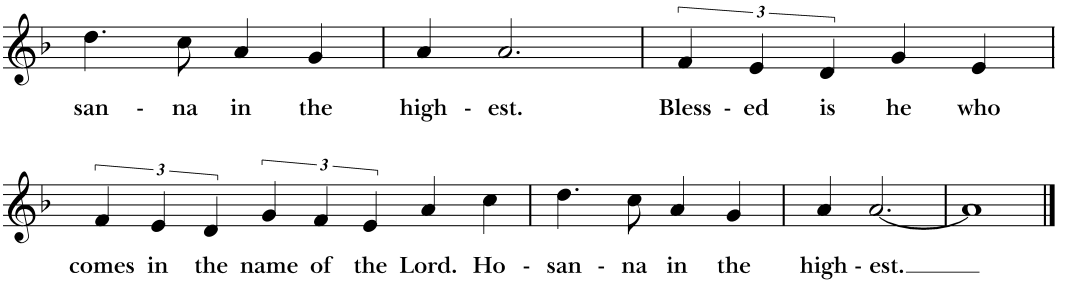
Celebrant: For in Jesus Christ, your incarnate Word, you have given us a Lord and King to follow and obey. By his own example of love and service, we are taught to love and serve on another, and in so doing we give honor to him and to you, the God and Father of all.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus Hymnal S-129



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You may stand, sit or kneel.

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

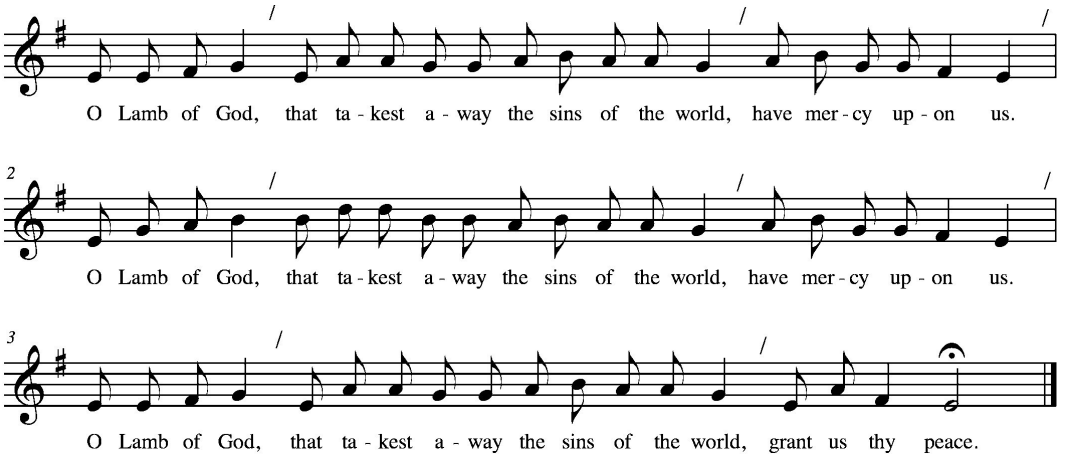
All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei*



The Invitation

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

- *Please follow the ushers directions for receiving the Eucharist at the altar rail.*
- *Let an usher know if you prefer to remain seated at your pew for distribution of the Bread and Wine.*

Communion Hymn "Alleluia! sing to Jesus!" Hymnal 460

Postcommunion Prayer

All: **Lord God, King of the Universe, you have welcomed us to the feast of your Son and nourished us with his life. As we rejoice in Christ, our Shepherd and King, send us forth to seek the lost, to care for the vulnerable, and to serve our neighbors with humility and mercy. May your kingdom of justice and peace take root in us and bear fruit in the world, until all creation is gathered in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: Go now, and embrace the hope to which God has called us. Recognize Christ in friend and stranger, and as Christ has been gracious to you, so be gracious to those in need. **Amen.**

And may God give you a place of rest on rich pastures;
May Christ Jesus be the shepherd king who binds your wounds;
And may the Holy Spirit give you wisdom and reveal to you the fullness of the one who fills all in all. **Amen.**

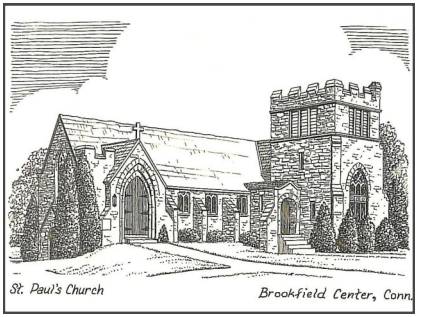
Recessional Hymn "Crown him with many crowns" Hymnal 494

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude "Rejoice, the Lord is King!" Healey Willan



"Celebrating 241 years in the Spirit"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHLIGHTS:

Coffee Gathering - Following this service, join us downstairs in Crocker Hall for special coffee hour hosted by our Scout Troop #5, in gratitude for St. Paul's sponsoring of their troop.

Brookfield Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service - This afternoon at 3 pm, St. Paul's is hosting the town-wide Thanksgiving service. This worship service will be led by the local clergy of St. Paul's, the Congregational Church, St. Joseph's, Prince of Peace Lutheran, and Valley Presbyterian.

St. Paul's Thanksgiving Service - Will be held Wednesday, November 25th during our weekly 10 am healing service. One of the highlights of the service is that instead of a sermon everyone who wants to has a chance to share their thanksgivings. Join us for this special service followed immediately after by a potluck luncheon in Crocker Hall.

Advent Adult Class - Join us during the weeks leading up to Christmas for a special Advent Christian formation series featuring Adam Hamilton's inspiring video series, *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life*. The Adult Class meets each Sunday at 9:45 am in Crocker Hall.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Lessons and Carols: - Our annual Festival of Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday, December 13 at 5:00 pm. Please plan to attend this beautiful Advent service which consists of Scripture readings about the birth of Jesus interspersed with the singing of traditional carols led by our choir. **If you like to sing, you are welcome to join our special choir for this service.** Rehearsals are on the following three Mondays from 7-9 pm: Nov 23 & 30, Dec 7 and Thursday, Dec 10. No previous participation in the music ministry required! Please contact Kirsten Peterson for more details and to sign up: kirpeterson@comcast.net.

St. Paul's Walking Group - Join us this Friday at 10 am for a special *"Walk it Off"* walk on the Brookfield Greenway. Meet at the parking lot on Silvermine Road, just below the Brookfield Police Station. It's basically flat and easy, go as far as you want.

Coats & Socks Drive - During the winter months we collect used coats and new socks (preferably white) to benefit the various agencies in Danbury supported by the Jericho Partnership. Leave the coats on the rack and socks in the basket in the back of the church.

UPCOMING:

Wed, Nov 25, 10:00 am - Thanksgiving Service & Luncheon
Sun, Dec 13, 10:30 am - Youth Christmas Pageant
Sun, Dec 13, 5:00 pm - Service of Lessons & Carols

Christmas Flowers - Anyone wishing to remember loved ones and friends with a poinsettia plant that will be decorating the church for the Christmas services may do so by filling out one of the envelopes on the table at the back of the church; send an email request to dszen@yahoo.com or contact David Szen. All Christmas memorials are due by Dec. 22nd to be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE:

Name Tags - Please be courteous to fellow parishioners, newcomers, and guests by extending a warm welcome to them and by wearing your name tag. You can leave them in the baskets at the doors as you leave for refiling. And remember to wear them to coffee hour.

Coffee Gathering - Following this service, join us downstairs in Crocker Hall for coffee.

Sunday School - Sunday School classes and the confirmation class meet at 9:45 am. Children will return to their parents or guardians during the service.

Our Daily Bread - The *Our Daily Bread* devotional pamphlet for December, January & February is now available at the back of the church. E-mail dszen@yahoo.com to have a copy mailed to you. *Our Daily Bread* contains a scripture verse and meditation for each day.

Our Facilities - Our restrooms are located downstairs at the rear of our parish hall. Take the stairway to the right as you exit the sanctuary. The restrooms are located on the far left, across from the kitchen. A play area for our young ones is also set up in the parish hall as well as live streaming and audio of the service on a wide screen TV. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.





Calendar For The Week

(We welcome and encourage parishioners to come to any of these ministries**.)**

(Check website for up to date Zoom links - www.SaintPaulsBrookfield.com

Sun., Nov 22	8:00 am	- **Traditional Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)
	9:45 am	- Sunday School, Classrooms
	9:45 am	- Adult Ed series, *"The Walk"*, Crocker Hall
	10:30 am	- **Contemporary Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)
	3:00 pm	- **Brookfield Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** (YouTube Live)
Mon., Nov 23	10:00 am	- Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall
	7:00 pm	- Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
	7:00 pm	- Lessons & Carols Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Tue., Nov 24	9:30 am	- Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
Wed., Nov 25	10:00 am	- **Holy Eucharist & Healing** (YouTube Live)
	11 - Noon	- Drive Through Food Collection
	11:00 am	- Thanksgiving Lunch, Crocker Hall
	7:00 pm	- Women's Evening Bible Study (Zoom)
Fri., Nov 27	10:00 am	- St. Paul's Walking Group, Brookfield Greenway
	10:00 am	- Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall
Sat., Nov 28	7:30 am	- John 21:12 Group, Theo's Downtown Diner, New Milford
	10:00 am	- PraiseMoves, Crocker Hall (Zoom)
Sun., Nov 29	8:00 am	- **Traditional Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)
	9:45 am	- Sunday School, Classrooms
	9:45 am	- Adult Ed series, *"The Walk"*, Crocker Hall
	10:30 am	- **Contemporary Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)

Next Sunday - First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate

Readings for November 29th

Isaiah 64:1-9 - Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37