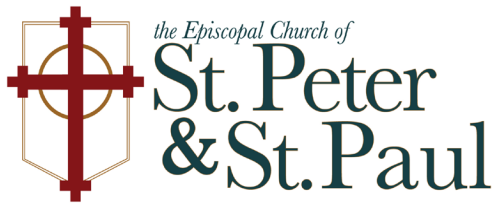




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The Fourth Sunday of Advent





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Holy Eucharist

Saturday, December 21, 2024 (5:30PM)

Sunday, December 22, 2024 (8:00 & 10:30AM)

Celebrant – The Rev. Tom Pumphrey

Celebrant - The Rev. Nathan Webb (5:30PM)

Our Mission is Growing Disciples of Jesus Christ

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Voluntary

A Virgin Most Pure

Andrew Gant

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader The Mighty One has done great things for us!

People Holy is his name!

Leader The mercy of the Lord endures from generation to generation.

People He has lifted up the lowly and filled the hungry with good things.

Leader The Lord comes to bring salvation and new life.

People For nothing is impossible with God.

Celebrant God of grace and mercy, lift us up with the light of your love, that we may be prepared to rejoice at your presence; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn 56

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Acclamation (also on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer)

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever, Amen.

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.*

(5:30PM) Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

(8 AM & 10:30 AM)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

The Old Testament Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,

from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,

whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has
brought forth;

then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the
strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord
his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall
be great
to the ends of the earth;

and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7 (said responsively by half verse)

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, *
**how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?**

You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The New Testament Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn 437

Tell Out, My Soul

Children's Chapel *During the singing of the last stanza of the Sequence Hymn, children through second grade are invited to an adult-led worship specifically for children in the Creation Chapel. They will return in time to share the Peace and Holy Communion.*

Gospel Luke 1:39-55

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon – Dr. Brandon Dasinger, Pastoral Associate

The Nicene Creed (also on page 358 in the Book of Common Prayer)

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.

The Prayers of the People, Form IV (on page 388 in the Book of Common Prayer) (please kneel as you are able)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We thank you, Lord, for the blessings of this life (please add your thanksgivings)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The priest adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession

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 Absolution

The Exchange of the Peace of Jesus Christ

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

People: And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Offertory *The congregation offers to God gifts of bread and wine, as well as gifts of money, and music.*

Offertory Anthem

Maria Walks Amid the Thorn

David Ashley White

Presentation Hymn

Doxology

(Tune: *Old 100th*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B (page 367 in the Book of Common Prayer)

Priest: The Lord be with you. *People:* And al - so with you.

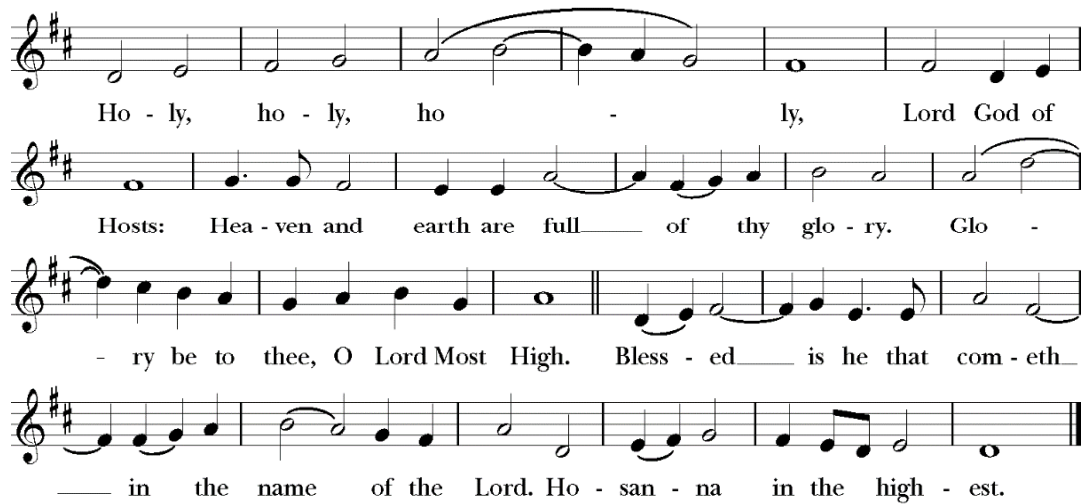
Lift up your hearts We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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, Hymn S-114



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

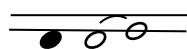
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People **We remember his death,**
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

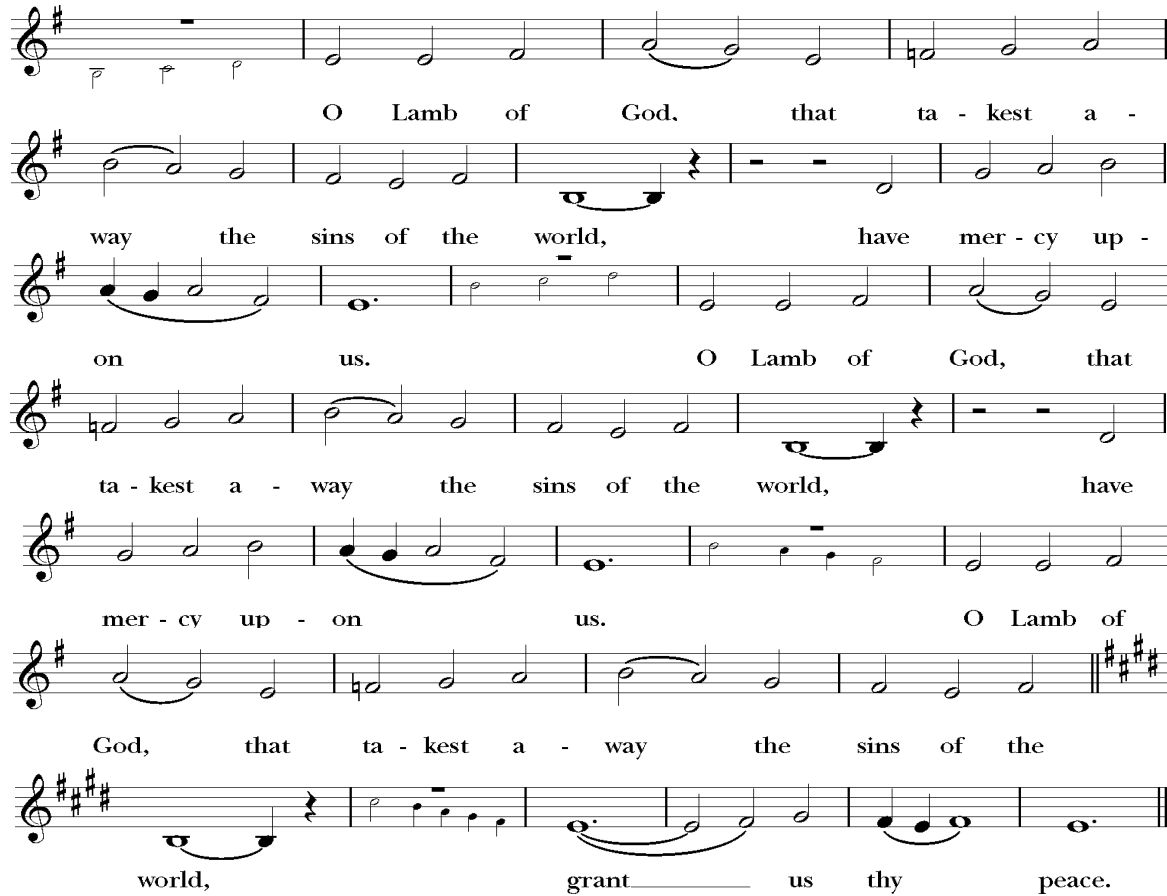


The people join in concluding: **AMEN!**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Agnus Dei Hymn S-158



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

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The Communion

All are welcome at the table either to receive the blessing of the church if you are not baptized (please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest), or to share in communion with Christ and his church if you are a baptized Christian of any age or any denomination. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you would like prayer for yourself or others, come to the side altar where trained intercessors will pray for you.

Communion Music 60 Creator of the Stars of Night

Eucharistic Visitor Blessing

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. Go with the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation to our sisters and brothers who cannot be with us in this place, bringing refreshment to those who are weary, and all for God's glory in the Communion of Saints. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer *(also in the Book of Common Prayer, page 366)*

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.

Blessing

Hymn 66 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Closing Voluntary

Tell Out, My Soul

Paul Manz

Thank you for worshiping with us today!



Events & Announcements for the First Week of Dec 22

Our Mission is Growing Disciples of Jesus Christ.

God has a vision for us as a Christian Community, empowered by the Holy Spirit, active in:

Worship of God

Second Sunday of Christmas, January 5th - Join the children's ministry at the 10:30AM service for a dramatic presentation of the Gospel. All children are invited to participate. All kids are asked to bring a robe to wear over their Sunday clothes (most bathrobes will work). Crowns and headpieces will be provided! If you have any questions please contact Camie Schade at cschade@peterandpaul.org.

Discipleship for All Ages

Youth Winter Retreat 2025 - Happy: Seeking Joy and Contentment in Christ - January 18-20 2024 in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Cost: \$150 per student. For more information and to signup, go to www.peterandpaul.org/2025happy.

Questions? Contact Brandon Dasinger at bdasinger@peterandpaul.org.

Serving Christ in the World

There's Hope for the Hungry - Tuesday, January 7th 10am - 1pm - There's Hope for the Hungry provides free groceries and conversations about Jesus for those in need on the first Tuesday of each month at St. Peter & St. Paul. We are one of many church partners with First Redeemer Church in Cumming, who started this ministry fifteen years ago. They pack boxes of food and bring them to partner churches in the Atlanta area to distribute. Together, we give these boxes to people in need, and offer a chance to talk about God in their lives.

Women's Widow Support Group - Organizational Meeting. Please join us for the Women's Widow Support Group on January 15th at 4:30 PM in the Garden Room. Coffee and refreshments will be served. This will be an organizational meeting to discuss and plan monthly outings and an opportunity to get to know one another better.

Please note: This group is a support group and not a grief share group.

If you are interested in attending please contact Camie Schade

Holy Comforter Christmas Party - Sunday, December 22nd from 12:00pm to 2:00pm - The Friendship Center at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter is a day program for those marginalized by mental health or poverty. Each year we join Holy Comforter in a Christmas celebration. On Sunday, December 22, following their 10:30 service, our own Back of the Bus band will provide music. Then we will share lunch at 12:45 while some of our volunteers will deck their parish hall in Christmas. After lunch, Santa will hand out bags of presents that are designed to meet their particular needs. We will conclude about 2PM. If you would like to volunteer as Mrs. Claus or help assemble giftbags in advance, please contact Tom Martin! ttmartinhome@gmail.com or 470-952-9987

Advent & Christmas

the Episcopal Church of
**St. Peter
& St. Paul**



Christmas Eve Services at 3PM, 5PM, 9PM, & 11PM

Children's Nativity Presentation at 3PM

All Children 2 years and older are invited to participate – Nursery provided for pre-walkers

Light Incense at 11PM, Brandon Dasinger preaching

Christmas Day Worship Service

Wednesday at 10:30AM

2ND Sunday of Christmas

Children's Presentation of the Story of the Wisemen

Sunday, January 5th at 10:30AM



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