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Saint Paul's Church

Brookfield, Connecticut

December 10, 2017
Second Sunday of Advent
Christmas Pageant
10:30 A.M. Service

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Welcome! We extend a warm welcome to everyone who has joined us for the Christmas Pageant and worship this morning. We pray you experience the presence and love of Christ as we worship together. Please join with us for an Advent Brunch after the service.

Prelude

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

E. Broughton

Lighting of Two Candles on the Advent Wreath

Saint Paul's Christmas Pageant 2017

The story of the birth of Christ from the Gospel of Luke.

Presented by the children and youth of Saint Paul's Church and our parish community.

(For each carol, we ask the congregation to please join in for all the verses, unless otherwise noted.)

(Please remain seated)

Processional

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Hymnal, 56

(Verses 1-4, 8) Solo by Sylvia Pinhiero

Scene I: The Annunciation

“Once in Royal David's City”

(Verses 1-2)

Hymnal, 102

Scene II: The Journey to Bethlehem

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (Verses 1-2)

Hymnal, 78

Scene III: The Nativity

“Away In The Manger” (Verses 1-3)

Hymnal, 101

Scene: IV: The Annunciation to the Shepherds

**“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night”
(Verses 1-4,6)**

Hymnal, 94

Scene: V: The Adoration of the Christ Child

“The First Noel” Verse 1 Sung by Lauren Onorato, congregation joins for Verse 2

Scene VI: The Three Wise Men

“We Three Kings of Orient Are” (Verses 1-5)

Hymnal, 128

“Go Tell It On The Mountain”

**Sung by the children of St. Paul’s
Played by Patrick O’Connors**

“Joy to the World”

**Hymnal, 100
Verse 1 sung by the children,
congregation joins at Verse 2**

Thank you so much to everyone who made today's Christmas pageant a memorable success. Please join us downstairs following the service for our Annual Pageant Brunch to celebrate our children and the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Peace (Please Stand As Able)

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

People: *And also with you.*

Announcements

Offertory

“What A Beautiful Name”

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

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Doxology

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

Praise Him above Ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Great Thanksgiving (Please Stand 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.

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, archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

Hymnal, S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues (You may stand, sit or kneel)

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.

The Celebrant continues

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 Saint Paul and 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. AMEN.

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

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

Breaking of the Bread

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

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

Agnus Dei

John Merbecke, 1549



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.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive in one kind is considered full communion. If you choose to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please let the priest know as you kneel at the altar rail. For those who wish to intinct the Bread, by dipping it in the Wine rather than drinking directly from the Chalice, you may signify this choice by holding the consecrated Bread between your fingers. Please intinct the Bread in the small Chalice which will come before the larger Chalice. After you leave the altar rail, please know that we have healing teams in the hallway available to pray with you.

Communion songs

“Rejoice”

Humbly You came to save
To offer all Your grace and love so amazing
Let every heart adore
The Savior Christ our Lord who's mercy's unfailing
Glory to God in the highest
And peace to the earth

Rejoice Emmanuel God with us
Rejoice Emmanuel God with us

Let all the earth proclaim
There is no other name who grants us salvation
The hosts of heaven sing
To praise our newborn King the ruler of nations
You are my hope you are my peace
You are the love the love that rescues me
You are my hope you are my peace
You are the love the love that rescues me

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“God With Us”

Oh You've come to bring peace to be Love
To be nearer to us
You've come to bring life to be Light
To shine brighter in us
Oh Emmanuel God with us

Our Deliverer You are Savior
In Your presence we find our strength
Over ev'rything our Redemption
God with us, You are God with us

Oh You've come to be Hope to this world
For Your honor and name
And You've come to take sin to bear shame
And to conquer the grave
Oh Emmanuel God with us

You are here
You are holy
We are standing in Your glory (Lord)

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“You Are My Peace” (Please Stand)

I lay my burdens at Your feet
I'm letting go of all the things I can't control
In my frailty Lord I find Your strength
I'm depending on a love that won't let go

So I trust You, I trust You
I trust You, oh You are my peace

I don't have to be strong 'cause You are my
strength

Oh You are my strength oh You are my strength
I don't have to hold on 'cause You don't let go
Oh You don't let go oh You don't let go

All you weary come and lay your burdens down
His yoke is easy there is rest to be found

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PostCommunion Prayer (Remain Standing)

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

Closing Hymn

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Hymnal, 87

Dismissal

Lay Reader: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“In Dulci Jubilo”

F. W. Zachau



Altar Flowers

We remember the faithful departed this day in whose memory the altar flowers are given:
James and Dorothy Blake.

Christmas Memorials

If you would like to remember loved ones and friends with a beautiful poinsettia plant which will be used to decorate the church for the Christmas services, please use an envelope found on the back table for your donation. All memorials are due by December 17th in order to be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletins. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Winkley, at [203-775-3343](tel:203-775-3343) or gailwinkley@yahoo.com.

Quilt Raffle

Quilt Raffle tickets will be available 12/10 and 12/17 in Crocker Hall after each service. All proceeds of this year's raffle will benefit the Youth Group. Please come see this year's beautiful quilt made by St. Paul's quilters.

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Upon entering the church, please turn off your cell phone or switch it to a worship respectful setting. Please be sure to dispose of all food and drinks before entering the church. Thank You!

Christmas Giving Tree

Annually, Saint Paul's adopts families from Brookfield who are financially struggling. Soon there will be a tree in the back of the church with gift tags attached listing items requested by the families. If you would like to bring some extra joy to the families, please take a tag or two from the tree. **The unwrapped (a change from past years) gifts are due back to church Today, with the tag attached (most important).** Please keep under the maximum limit of \$30 per gift. In addition to the individual families we will be working with there will also be tags for a holiday shopping table. This will provide small Gift items (up to \$10: crayons, markers, hats, mittens, ear phones, movie tickets, etc.) and holiday necessities (batteries, tape, wrapping paper, bows, and candy). Please find your tag number on the clipboard and write your name and phone number in the corresponding space. Thank you in advance for showering Christmas blessings on the families.

Christmas Wreaths Are Here!

The youth group is having it's annual Christmas Wreath Sale now! Wreaths are \$20 for one or \$17.50 each if you buy two or more. Please plan to pay for your wreath the day you order it, which is different from year's past. Wreaths are already here and ready for you to take home. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser for our 2018 summer mission trip.

Behold the Lamb 2017 - Local Production

Our annual production of Andrew Peterson's "Behold the Lamb of God" will be on Sunday, December 17th at 6pm here at St. Paul's. This free event is a great way to ready your heart for the Christmas season as it tells the story of the coming of Christ.

Prayer Servant Teams

Prayer for any need or request is available at each service. After you have received communion, please see one of our trained Prayer Servant Teams (with the Blue Name Badges) who are available at the open side door at the entrance to the Vesting Room. Prayer is available in the Vesting Room, Hallway or Back Room as space is available. Our Prayer Servants are ready to confidentially take your request and pray for you and with you. Should you wish to schedule a private prayer time, please let Fr. Joe or Mary Perry, Prayer Ministry Leader (maryperry2@me.com) know and we will work with you to schedule a convenient time. Your Prayer Servants today for Healing Sunday are 8:00 Linda Pendergast and Donna Cennamo 10:30 Kathy Whipple and Dave Williams.

Lessons and Carols: Save the Date!

Our annual Festival of Lessons and Carols will be held Tonight, Sunday, December 10 at 5:00 PM. Please mark your calendars and 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.

What a truly wonderful way to prepare your heart, mind, and voice for Christmas!

Christmas Pageant and Advent Brunch

Today, during the 10:30 am service, the children of St. Paul's will be reenacting our annual Christmas pageant. Directly following the pageant service, we will be hosting our annual Advent brunch. The entire congregation is invited to come downstairs following the pageant to celebrate with all of the children

Synthesis CE Study Guide

You may pick up a copy of the week's Synthesis CE Study Guide, as well as the following week's, for your personal use. They are located at the back of the church. Thank You!

All money to be credited to your 2017 account MUST be in the Parish Office by December 31st. Any money received after December 31st will be credited to your 2018 account. Thank you!

Covenant Envelopes for 2018

Covenant Envelopes for 2018 are in the back of the church. Please take yours and those of any friends who may be absent, as this helps us save on mailing costs. Please DO NOT use the 2018 Blue envelopes until the new year, and DO NOT use the 2017 Green envelopes after December 31, 2017. If you do not wish to use the covenant envelopes, as long as your gift can be identified, an account is established in your name and you will receive quarterly statements. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Miller, Financial Secretary, at 203-775-9587 or Bethmiller.stpaul@gmail.com Thank you.

Bell Ringing

Today Saint Paul's Kettle Campaign for the Salvation Army will be here. Please make a donation to help a neighbor in His name. Please feel free to "ring the bells" or to have your children do so! Checks may be made out to either the Salvation Army, or Saint Paul's with SA on the memo line. Thank you for your support of this special Christmas ministry.

Calendar for the Week

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

Sun., Dec. 10	-	8:00 AM	-	Traditional Eucharist
		9:30 AM	-	Rector's Forum
		10:30 AM	-	Sunday School
		10:30 AM	-	Contemporary Eucharist/Christmas Pageant
		12:00 PM	-	Advent Brunch
		5:00 PM	-	Lessons & Carols
Mon., Dec. 11	-	7:00 PM	-	Men's Bible Study
Tue., Dec. 12	-	9:15 AM	-	Ladies Bible Study
		5:45 PM	-	Boot Camp
Wed., Dec. 13	-	10:00 AM	-	Holy Eucharist and Healing
		7:00 PM	-	Staff Meeting
		7:30 PM	-	Vestry Meeting
Thu., Dec. 14	-	7:30 PM	-	Music Night
Sat., Dec. 16	-	7:30 AM	-	Men's Prayer Breakfast
		10:00 AM	-	PraiseMoves

**Next Sunday — Third Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist at 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.**

The Reverend Joseph Shepley, Rector

Readings

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8,19-28; Psalm 126

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