

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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The Holy Name of our Lord

Jan 1, 2023



Mary
treasured
all these
things in
her heart.

Luke 2:51, NIV

Mission Statement

We are a worshipping, inquiring and inclusive community united in Jesus' name to change the world.

Welcoming Statement

We invite everyone to join in the communal life of the body of Christ, through participation and leadership in this congregation, and by fully sharing in the life and sacraments of this church. We affirm that each person is a child of God, and that those of every race, ethnicity, creed, age, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation and gender identity are called to be one with us.

The Entrance Rite

Prelude

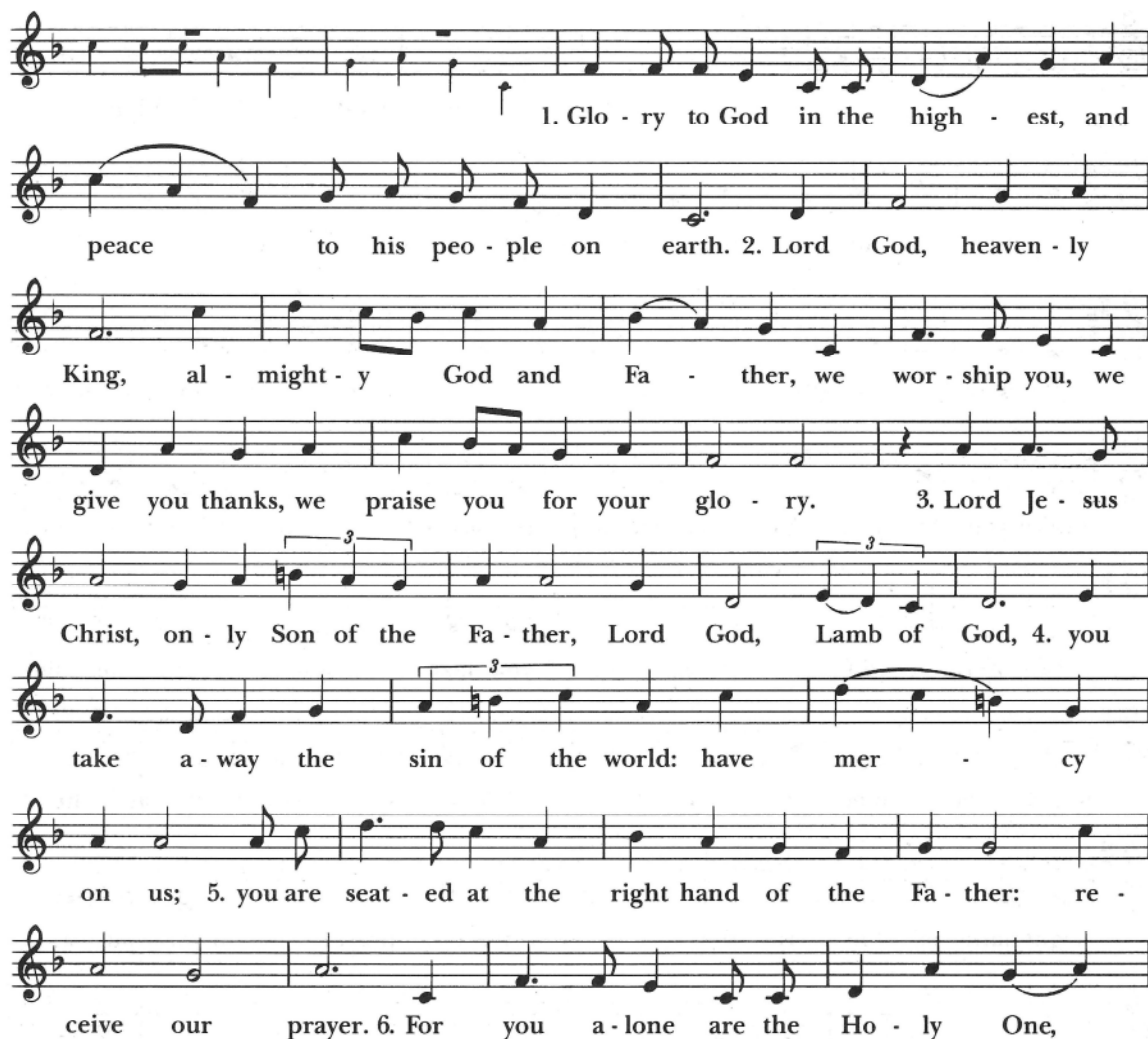
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Opening Hymn # 102 Once in royal David's city

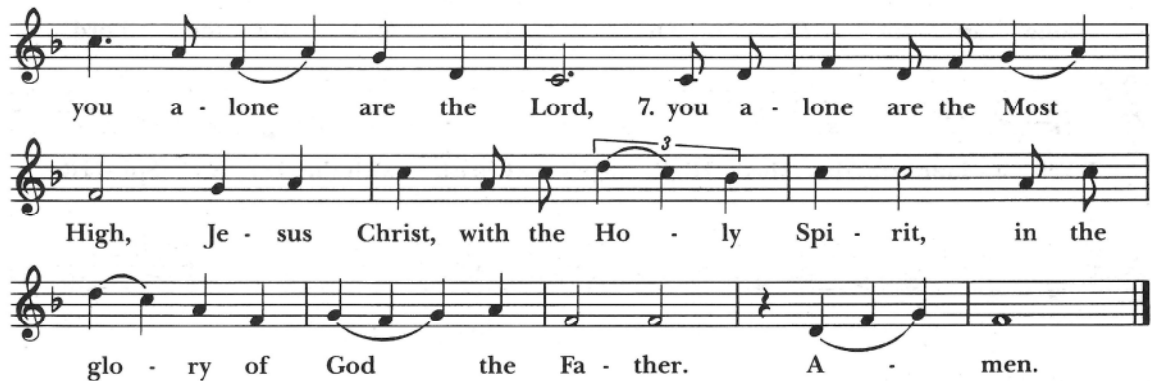
Blessed are you, holy and living One

All: You come to your people and set them free.

Gloria



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen**

The Old Testament Reading

Numbers 6:22-27

²²The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: ²³Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, ²⁴The Lord bless you and keep you; ²⁵the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; ²⁶the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. ²⁷So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them. The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

The Psalm

Psalm 8

- ¹ O Lord our Governor, *
 how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- ² Out of the mouths of infants and children *
 your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- ³ You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
 to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- ⁴ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
 the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- ⁵ What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
 the son of man that you should seek him out?
- ⁶ You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
 you adorn him with glory and honor;
- ⁷ You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
 you put all things under his feet:
- ⁸ All sheep and oxen, *
 even the wild beasts of the field,
- ⁹ The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
 and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- ¹⁰ O Lord our Governor, *
 how exalted is your Name in all the world!

The New Testament Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn Levas # 128 We Three Kings

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:15-21

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

²¹After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Homily

Fr. Dondi

The Nicene Creed

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 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

The Prayers of the People

The Confession of Sin

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

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 Rite of Peace

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

All: And also with you.

Blessings and Celebrations

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your *children*, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when they stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if they fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Wedding Anniversary Prayer

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and His Church. Send, therefore, your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer for the Anniversary of Baptism

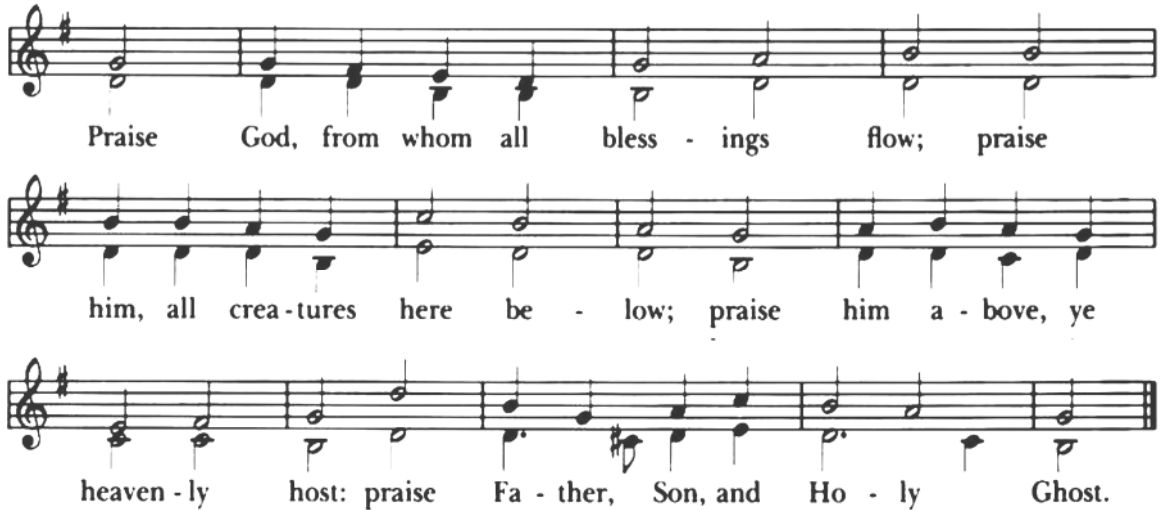
O God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Holy Spirit through the teaching of your Son, Jesus Christ, who was first baptized by John in the Jordan River. Bless this *child* of yours on the anniversary of Baptism, that the gifts of the Holy Spirit may ever remain with *them*, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer for the Sick

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servant *N.*, that *his* weakness may be banished and *his* strength restored; and that *his* health being renewed, *he* may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Offertory Rite

Offertory Hymn # 93 Angels from the realms of glory



The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

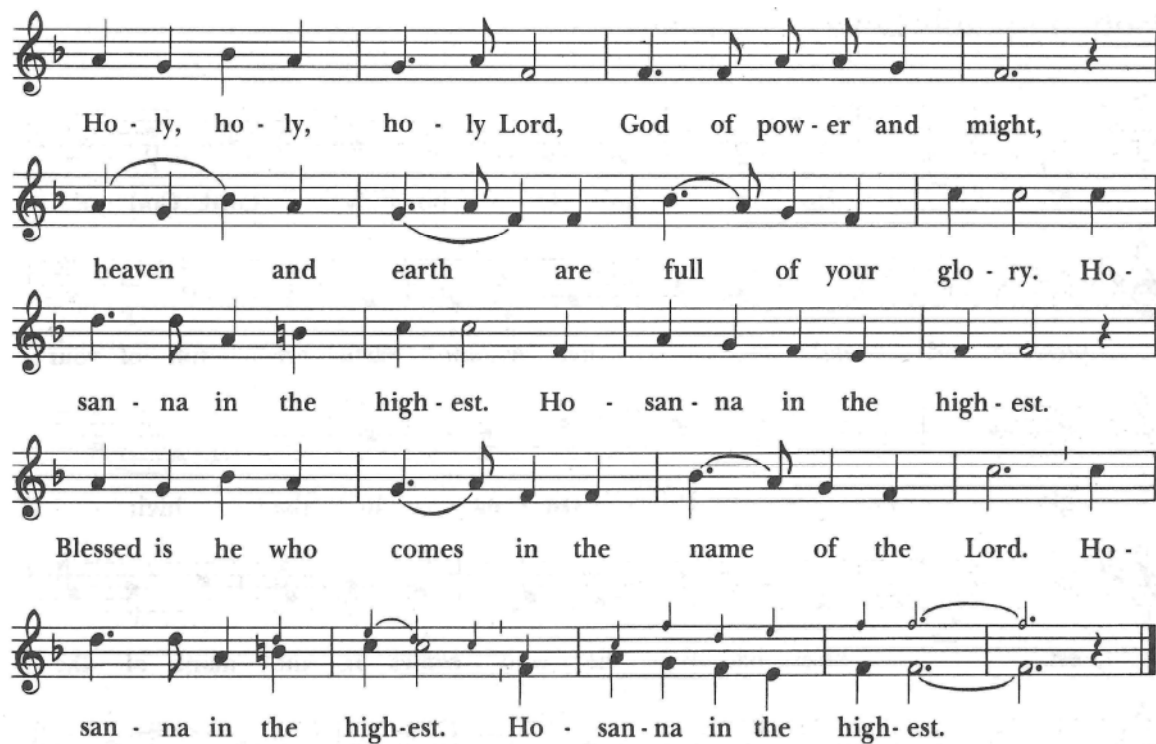
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus



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

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Mary, Paul, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen**

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

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Fa-ther who art in hea-ven, Hal-lowed be thy Name, Thy king-dom
 come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this day our
 dai-ly bread. For-give us our tres-pas-ses, As we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us,
 as we for-give. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-li-ver us from
 e-vil. Thine is the king-dom and the pow-er and the
 glo-ry for-ev-er. A-men

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Agnus Dei

Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have
 mer-cy on us. Je-sus, re-dem-er, re-deem-er, of the
 world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God; take them in remembrance that Christ died for you. Feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn #82 Of the Father's love begotten

Closing Prayers

Celebrant: Let us Pray.

All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: May Christ be our new beginning, the hope and salvation of the world, and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn # 99 Go tell it on the mountain

Celebrant: Alleluia, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Chuck Sheaffer



The flowers at the altar today
are given to the Glory of God
by Mike Thorington
in memory of Juanita Thorington's life.

While St. Paul's is in a period of time without a permanent priest, if you are in need of any services from the church, the protocol is to contact Jeni Statzer our Parish Administrator. If Jeni is on vacation or otherwise unavailable, please contact our Senior Warden, Joyce Bell.



Prayer and Praise

as of 12-29-2022

- ♦ Rosalie Carmody is home from the hospital, please continue to keep her in your prayers for healing.
- ♦ Please pray for the Steffen family at the passing of Scott Steffen.
- ♦ Please pray for Jean, a friend of Sarah Hartman who is having open heart surgery the first part of January.
- ♦ Please continue to pray for healing, comfort and peace for Christine Judd.
- ♦ Please pray for a successful heart surgery and a quick recovery for Carol Collier. She also needs prayers for her chronic pain!
- ♦ Please pray for healing, comfort and peace for Jeanette Comegys.
- ♦ Rich Desbrien's operation was a success, continue to pray for healing.
- ♦ Bruce Aschenbrenner (Bob Jensen's brother in-law) needs prayers for healing, patience, peace, comfort and guidance for the family as they care for him.
- ♦ Prayers for Jo Fox for complete healing and God's peace knowing he is in control.
- ♦ Please pray for Rick Ballesteros, he had surgery on the 24th for cancer of the colon and intestines. Pray for his family for strength, comfort and blessings.
- ♦ Please pray for healing and comfort for Nel Gerber.
- ♦ Continued healing for Rj.
- ♦ Please pray for our current Vestry and for possible new candidates.
- ♦ Please pray for those who maybe alone or struggling in some way during these holiday times.



January 7th is our work day to clean the church. Please bring dust rags, small vacuums and websters (if you have them). We will be dusting, removing cobwebs and vacuuming the pew chairs. Just a general clean-up.

All are encouraged to come. Let's make this fun. It will be a good time to work together and make our facilities look nice. If any questions, please call Judy Teter.

Recycling at St. Paul's

Every Sunday, collection cans for recycled aluminum cans and CA redeemable plastic are in the church entrance. Please **rinse and drain** your recyclable plastic and aluminum cans before putting them in the bins. The money from recycling will go to fund "Creation Care" projects.



PLEASE consider singing in our church choir. Contact Chuck Sheaffer if you are interested. All voices are welcome!

Dates to Note

There will be a Celebration of Life Service for Scott Steffen, a former parishioner of St. Paul's later this week. As of the time this bulletin was printed, the date was tentatively set for Friday, January 6th in the afternoon.

There will be a Celebration of Life Service for Don Sanford at St. Paul's on Tuesday, January the 17th at 10:00 a.m. The service will be followed by a light lunch in the Parish Hall. If you wish to send a card to Don's family, his daughter Francine Wister's address is 321 Las Palmas Ave. Modesto, CA 95354.

January Ministry Schedule

	Jan 1	Jan 8	Jan 15	Jan 22	Jan 29
Clergy Homily	Fr. Dondi	Dcn. Greg Morn. Prayer	Rev. Lyn	Fr. Dondi	Rev. Lyn Dcn. Greg
Acolytes	Nancy S Claudine	Judy T Jim P	Nancy S Claudine	Judy T Jim P	Nancy S Claudine
Lectors	Sarah H Judy T	Nancy S Annamary	Barbara V Steph G	Eric G Ann M	Judy T Steph HW
Intercessor	Carolyn L	Roberta B	Judy T	Brandi A	Linda L
Greeters	Phil M William S	Sarah H Eric G	Phil M Luis I	Carolyn L William S	Sarah H Joyce B
Vestry Rep	Carolyn L	Roberta B	Judy T	Brandi A	Linda L

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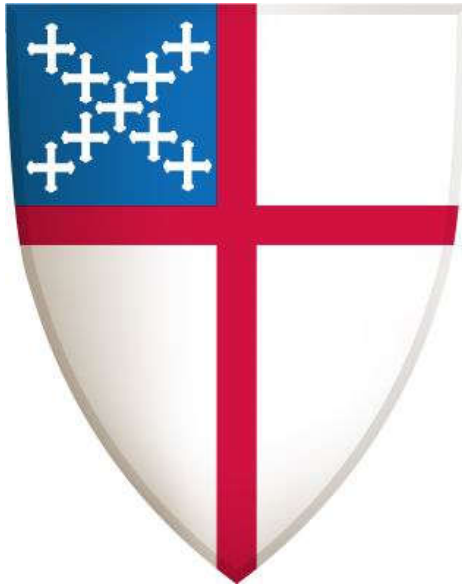
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