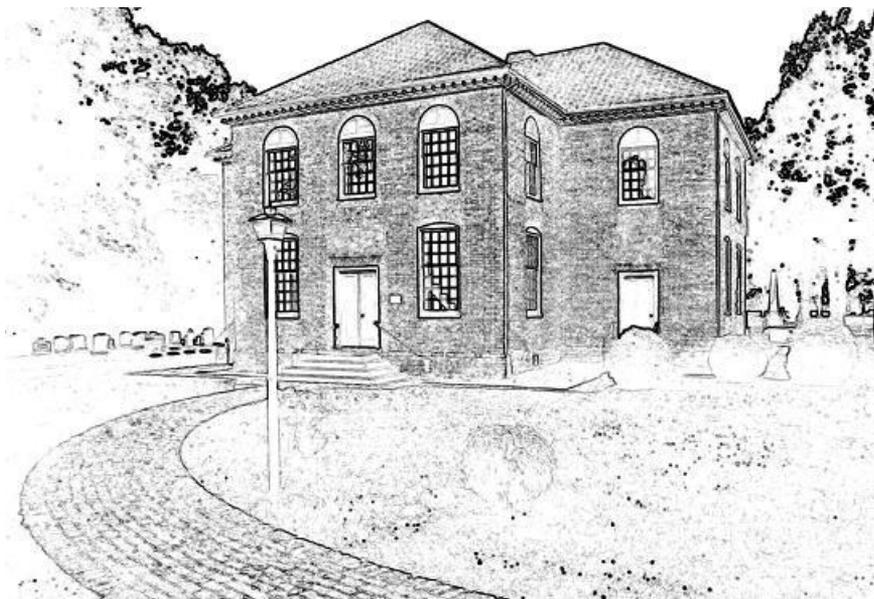


St. Paul's Episcopal Church

King George County, Virginia



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Growing in Grace and Gratitude!

The mission of St. Paul's Parish is
to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ
through worship, outreach, and education.

The Purpose of Advent

We all like to welcome visitors, especially those who are close to us and those we love, and we sometimes find the waiting difficult. So we use the waiting time to make our preparations. The same is true with our Christian Family. Each year the church reserves four weeks before Christmas in order to give us time to make the necessary preparations. We call this season "Advent" which means "coming". A New Guinea Christian once put it this way: *"At Advent we should try the key to our heart's door. It may have gathered rust, if so, this is the time to oil it, in order that the heart's door may open more easily when the Lord Jesus wants to enter at Christmas Time."* Advent is the time of year when we prepare ourselves, as a Church and as individual Christians, for the coming of Jesus - The one who came 2000 years ago, the one who comes again this Christmas and the one who will come again at the end of time as King and judge of all.

First Sunday of Advent
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
December 3, 2017, 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
Celebrant: The Reverend "Padre" Lee Gandiya

BCP refers to the black *Book of Common Prayer*.

Hymnal refers to the red *Hymnal 1982*.

LEVAS Hymnal refers to the red and black *Lift Every Voice & Sing II* hymnal.

Prelude

Processional Hymn – Hymnal 61

Sleepers, awake

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

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

And blessed be his Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

O come, thou wisdom from on high who made all in earth and sky,
Creating man from dust and clay: to us reveal salvation's way.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

People: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the intent 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.

(Adapted from the original version of this prayer (14th Century))

Gloria in Excelsis

Hymnal S-280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus
Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take
away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the
right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the
Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,

**Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect of the Day - BCP 234

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle(s)

The Lessons (*Please be seated.*)

The First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

Lector: A Reading from The Book of Isaiah

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence~
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil~

to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those
who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take
hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *Qui regis Israel*

¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

² In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.

³ Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

⁴ O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them
bowls of tears to drink.

⁶ You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies
laugh us to scorn.

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

¹⁶ Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

¹⁷ And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

¹⁸ Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Lector: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind~ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you~ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn – Hymnal 640 (vs. 1, 2)

Watchman, tell us of the night

The Gospel: Mark 13:24-37 (Please stand.)

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

(continue Hymn 640 vs. 3)

The Sermon *(Please be seated.)*

Time to Reflect *(Silence)*

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand.)*

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 Intercession

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to our Lord Jesus, saying,

Amen: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Grant that every member of your church may truly and humbly serve you; and especially in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for our own Diocese. Help us all to live in the light of your coming and give us a longing for your rule. We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons; especially **Justin** Welby (Archbishop of Canterbury); **Michael** Curry (Presiding Bishop); **Shannon** Johnston (our Diocesan Bishop); **Susan** Goff (our Suffragan Bishop); Edwin “**Ted**” Gulick (Assistant Bishop); and **Lee** Gandiya, our rector.

Amen: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to your world as King of the nations. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially for our President, **Donald** Trump, and our Governor, **Terry** McAuliffe. Before you rulers will stand in silence.

Amen: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to us as Savior and Comforter. Comfort all those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially **Charles** Anderson (friend of Mary Ann Cummings); **Cardell** Baker; **Ruby** Bales; **Carol** Barcalow; **Donald** Benson (B.J. Creelman's brother); the **Berry** family; **Nancy** Breaux; **June** Burroughs (Cousin to Gloria Burnley); **Amanda** Clift; **B.J.** Creelman; **Wayne** Culbertson; **Nick** DeYullis (nephew to Gloria Burnley); **Dennis** Hagan (friend of the Brunsons); **Robert** Hall (brother of Barbara Ritter); **Frank** Hartman; **Todd** Hornbuckle; **Nancy** Hughey; **Benedicte** Merian (friend of the Parish); **Lowell** Moore (friend to Gloria Burnley); **Keith** Odell (cousin of Michele Bogue); **Connie** Perkins (niece to Duncan and B.J. Creelman); **Billie** Perrine (friends of the Hocks); **Beverly** Phillips; **Tom** Poland (friend of St.Paul's); **Carmen** Post (Aunt to Ramona Shields); **Mary** Schmidt (friend of Barbara Ritter); **Richard** Snow (friend of the Veazeys); **Sharon** Suckow (friend of the Gallaghers); **Joellen** Tschirn (friend of Gloria Burnley); **Tracy** Watkins (Masterwork' chorus singer); **Erin** Chinn Yagla (friend of JoAnn Brown)and those we now name....

Amen: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to your people with a message of victory and peace. We pray for our own needs and those of others, especially for those in the military **Stephen** Bogue; **Stephen** Cumbee; **Stacey** Jamison; **Hollie** Losee; **Caite** Rerucha (friend of Barbara Ritter); **Clare** Shippee; **Stuart** Shippee; and **Bill** Windus. We pray also for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, especially **Peggy** Brown; **Elizabeth** Cumbee; **Susan** Muse; **Vincent** Radly; **Willie** Edwards; **Stephanie** Hanchey; and those we now name..

Amen: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to us from heaven with power and great glory, to lift us up to meet you, with all your saints and angels, to live with you for ever. Give us victory over death, temptation and evil. Give to the departed eternal rest, especially **Debbie** Brannon (Bob Brannon's sister); and those we now name...

Amen: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Confession

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. In that light we confess our sins.

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of your kingdom: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people: Lord, have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

The Absolution

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

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Priest: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.
(Eph. 5:2)

Offertory Prayer (*Please be seated.*)

We dedicate these gifts, Lord, for the work of your church, and we ask you to use all that we have, and are to your service. **Amen.**

During the offertory, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

Offertory Hymns/Anthem

Doxology – Hymnal 380 (v.3) *(Please stand.)*

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds;

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Proper Preface

And now we give you thanks because you sent him to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may with joy behold his appearing, and in confidence may stand before him.

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-130

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel, then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your

saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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,

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter Season.

In place of, or in addition to, the preceding, some other suitable anthem may be used.

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-164

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
may you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
add with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

or with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems maybe Sung

Invitation to Communion

All baptized Christians, regardless of church affiliation, are invited to receive communion. You may kneel or stand at the altar rail. Gluten-free wafers and a separate chalice are available for those with gluten or wheat allergies—please let the priest know when you come forward. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, please notify an usher and the priest will bring communion to your seat.

Communion Hymn – Hymnal 72

Hark! The glad sound

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Generous God, you have fed us at your heavenly table. Kindle us with the fire of your Spirit that when Christ comes again we may shine like lights before his face; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Advent Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Recessional Hymn – Hymnal 542

Christ is the world's Light

Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Acolyte(s): Regan Lenzi; Theo Gandiya

Altar Guild: Pat Frazer, Lelia Campbell, and others

Eucharistic Minister: Dave Gallagher

Lector: Salli Hartman

Organist: Jeannie Richardson

Ushers: Greg Fish and Mike Shippee

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Welcome Visitors! We are glad you joined us for worship today. We invite you to fill out a “Visitor Card” (found in the pew pocket) and place it in the offering plate. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Parish House after the service. Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

Parents of Young Children: There are activity bags, found at the rear

of the church, which may help children sit during worship. Please return the bags after the service. There is also a Nursery in the Parish House (past the kitchen and restrooms) that is staffed each Sunday from 9:30-11:30 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, December 4:

7:00 am: Men's Bible Study, Parish

Tuesday, December 5:

10:00 am: James Madison Garden Club Meeting

Wednesday, December 6:

7:00 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 7:

6:30 pm: Lion's Club Board Meeting

Friday, December 8:

6:00 pm: KG Quilters Meeting

Sunday, December 10:

8:00 am: Holy Communion Service

10:00 am: Holy Communion Service

6:00 pm: Nativity (Crib) Service

Today December 3: Please remember the Annual Congregational Meeting after the 10:00am service and the Christmas Party at the Ramberg's at 4:00pm.

Vestry Candidates: This year's Vestry candidate nominees are Carolyn Ramberg - to fill the one year term vacated by Mary Ann Cummings, Gayle Hock and Greg Fish to serve three year Vestry terms.

Christmas Families: We are helping make Christmas brighter for 6 individuals. The sign up sheets are available in the Parish Hall. The gifts need to be turned in by December 17th.

Art Raffle: Congratulations to the raffle winners - Heather Lear,

Jeron Hayes, Katie Haywood, JoAnn Brown and Jane Marvin. There will be a silent auction at coffee hour/ annual meeting today for the remaining photographs or additional prints (up to 10 prints) of any photograph.

Stewardship Packages – the pledge letters and cards have been mailed this week. Please look for them in your mail. If you don't receive a package, please contact the parish office.

Events and Special Services - Mark your Calendars

Sunday December 10th at 6:00 pm - Nativity (Crib) Service

Sunday December 17th at 6:00 pm - Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols

Sunday December 24th - regular Sunday morning services will be held along with

6:00 pm Christingle Service

10:30 pm Midnight Eucharist

Monday December 25th at 10:00am - Christmas Day Eucharist

Please remember donations for Little Ark Food Pantry - Please bring your donations to the Parish Hall, and place in the black cart (labeled Food Bank); take one small item to the basket in the church

Love Thy Neighbor December 17 - St. Paul's is invited to provide the desserts for Love Thy Neighbor on December 17. Please think about preparing cookies, cakes, cupcakes, brownies, or pies to be delivered to the parish hall on Dec. 17. This will be Christmas dinner for many. We want to prepare enough for about 150 people. If you would like to contribute, please let Carolyne know. Thank you.

Micah Ecumenical Ministries – Once a year we collect items for this ministry. Please pick up a wish list from the Parish Hall bulletin board and support this outreach.



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