

# **SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

*A Partner Church of the Komo Kulshan Cluster*

*We believe that God is healing and restoring the world,  
and that we are recipients of and participants in that healing and restoration.*



**SUNDAY DECEMBER 28, 2014**  
**MORNING PRAYER**  
**11:00 AM**

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## Welcome and Announcements

### Carols

### Silence

## Morning Prayer II (BCP 75)

**Hymn: What child is this** (Hymnal 115)

*Officiant:*

Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. (*Luke 2:10, 11*)

## Confession of Sin (BCP 79)

*The Officiant says to the people:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling:*

**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.**

*Officiant:*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

# The Invitatory and Psalter (BCP 80)

*All stand*

**Preces** (BCP 80; Hymnal S33)

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

**People:** **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People:*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

**Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7* (BCP 82; Hymnal S34)



*Antiphon:*

**Allëluia. To us a / child is born:\* Come / let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Come, lèt 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.

**[Ant.]**

For thë 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.

**[Ant.]**

Come, lèt 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. \*  
Oh, that today you / would hearken to his voice!

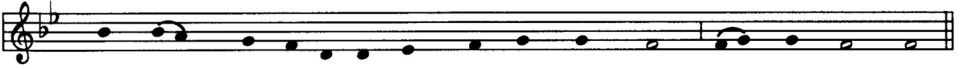
**Glory to the Father, and / to the Son,\* and to / the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the begin / ning, is now,\* and will be / for ever. Amen.  
Alleluia.**

**[Ant.]**

# Psalm 147

## Antiphon:

*On other Sundays and Weekdays*



How pleas - ant it is to hon - or God with praise, hal - le - lu - jah.

## Psalm 147

*Laudate Dominum*

*Tone VIII.1*



→ *Antiphon*

### 1 Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our Góð! \*

how pleasant it is to / honor híim with praise!

### 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerúsalem; \*

he gathers the ex/iles of Ísrael.

### 3 He heals the brokenhéarted \*

and / binds up théir wounds.

### 4 He counts the number of the stárs \*

and calls them / all by théir names.

### 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in pówer; \*

there is no limit / to his wísdóm.

### 6 The LORD lifts up the lówly, \*

but casts the / wicked tó the ground.

### 7 Sing to the LORD with thánksgiving; \*

make music to our / God upón the harp.

→ *Antiphon*

### 8 He covers the heavens with clóuds \*

and prepares / rain for thé earth;

### 9 He makes grass to grow upon the móuntains \*

and green / plants to sérve mankind.

### 10 He provides food for flócks and herds \*

and for the young / ravens whén they cry.

### 11 He is not impressed by the might of a hórsé; \*

4 he has no pleasure in the / strength of á man;



12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who féar him, \*  
in those who await his / gracious fávor.

→ *Antiphon*

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerúsalem; \*  
praise your / God, O Zíon;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of yóur gates; \*  
he has blessed your chil/dren withín you.

15 He has established peace on your bórders; \*  
he satisfies you / with the fínest wheat.

→ *Antiphon*

16 He sends out his command to the éarth, \*  
and his word runs / very swíftly.

17 He gives snów like wool; \*  
he scatters hoar/frost like áshes.

18 He scatters his hail like bréad crumbs; \*  
who can / stand agáinst his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and mélts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, / and the wáters flow.

→ *Antiphon*

20 He declares his word to Jácob, \*  
his statutes and his judg/ments to Ísrael.

21 He has not done so to any other nátion; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
/ Hallelújah!

Glory to the Father and tó the Son\*  
and to the / Holy Spírit.

As it was in the beginning, is nów\*  
and will be for/ever. Ámen.

*Antiphon*

# The Lessons

*Reader:* A Reading from Isaiah 61:10-62:3.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*Answer:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence*

## **Canticle: The Song of Zechariah (*Benedictus Dominus Deus*)**

(BCP 92; Hymnal S248)

*Reader:* A Reading from Galatians 3:23-25;4:4-7.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*Answer:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence*

### **Hymn: Of the Father's love begotten** (Hymnal 82)

*Reader:* A Reading from John 1:1-18 .

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*Answer:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence*

*Silence*

**The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing:*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Prayers** (BCP 97; Hymnal S51)

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*Silence*

*Officiant and People:*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**



**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

**Suffrages A** (BCP 97; Hymnal S52)

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**R. And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**R. Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

**R. Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## **Collects**

### *The Collect of the Day*

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### *A Collect for Sundays*

**O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### *Prayer for Mission*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Offertory Hymn: O Holy Night**

*The offering will be collected and brought to the altar at this time.*

**Hymn: It came upon the midnight clear** (Hymnal 89)

### **Blessings and Thanksgivings**

#### **Prayers Form III** (BCP 387)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

### *Silence*

*Here other intercessions may be offered, silently or aloud.*

*Collect at Prayers*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask:  
Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those  
good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot  
ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**The General Thanksgiving (BCP 101)**

*Officiant and People:*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

**Hymn: Hark the herald angels sing (Hymnal 87)**

**Dismissal (BCP 102; Hymnal S54)**

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant:*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and  
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

**Amen.** (*2 Corinthians 13:14*)

## Serving This Morning:

### 8:00 am Morning Prayer

Officiant: Darcy Wells

### 11:00 am Morning Prayer

Officiant: Todd Foster

Preacher: Margie Adams

Musicians: Tom Worrell, Sandy McDougal

Lectors: Alec McDougal, other volunteers

Coffee Hour: Sharon & Bob Johnson

## Welcome to Saint Paul's!

We hope that your worship with us will be both inspirational and spiritually nurturing. Please feel free to participate in the worship service as much or as little as you wish. The prayer book gives directions as to when we stand, sit, or occasionally kneel; these are guidelines. What is more important is that you bring your complete self to worship God.

St. Paul's is a partner church of the Komo Kulshan Cluster of the Diocese of Olympia. Following worship, we invite you to sign our guest register and join us for coffee and fellowship in the parish hall. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to greet you.

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