

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

In the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina



Henry Ossawa Tanner (American, 1859-1937) *Flight Into Egypt*, 1923
Oil on canvas. Metropolitan Museum

Sunday, January 5, 2020

The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

To Know Christ and to make Christ known...
 St. Paul's invites all people to the Christian Way of unity with God and neighbor
 through a welcoming environment of worship and ministry
 Please enter the church in silence so that all may have quiet time to prepare hearts and minds for worship.



The Holy Eucharist

Voluntary

Andante religioso (from Sonata IV)

Felix Mendelssohn

The Word of God

Processional

Christians, awake, salute the happy morn

Hymnal 106

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

BCP 355

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.

Gloria

Glory Be To God On High

Gloria [paraphrase]

The St. James Christmas Service

Joyously

Glo - ry be to God on high,
 Je - sus Christ, we now de - clare
 Prai - ses to the Ho - ly One,
 To all peo - ple, peace on earth, An - gels, shep - herds
 Lamb of God and Lord of Love. Grant us mer - cy,
 Prai - ses sing in high - est heav'n; To the Fath - er
 draw - ing nigh, Join to ce - le - brate His birth.
 hear our prayer, Give us grace from heav'en a - bove.
 and the Son and the Ho - ly Spi - rit rit'g'v'n.

Glo - - - - - ri - a

1. in ex - cel - sis De - o! in ex - cel - sis De o!
 2. in ex - cel - sis De o!

The Collect of the Day

BCP 214

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen. (The people may be seated.)

A Reading from Jeremiah (31:7-14)

Thus says the LORD:

“Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say,
‘Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.’

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.’

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,

over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks Be to God.

Psalm 84:1-8

¹How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
²The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
³Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
⁴Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
⁵Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
⁶They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
⁷LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
⁸Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

A Reading from Ephesians (1:3-6, 15-19a)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn to Announce the Gospel *When Jesus left his Father's throne* Hymnal 480

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (2:13-15, 19-23)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was

afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Adam Pierce

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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 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 Michael, our presiding bishop; Rob, our bishop; Adam, our assistant rector; Richard, our priest associate; and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

We pray for Donald, our president; Roy, our governor and 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

In our parish we pray for those on our parish prayer list: John, Earl, David, Jere, Lucy, Kathy, Eleanor, William, Bill, Tammy, Kathy, JoAnn, Mack, Ralph, Pat and Patricia, and those friends of the Parish listed in the bulletin.

The People may add their own petitions.

We pray especially, O God, as you search us out and know us better than we know ourselves. All our thoughts and ways lie before you. As we the people of St. Paul's find ourselves in a time of transition give us discerning hearts and minds, making us patient in your timing, confident in our self-reflection, and imaginative about the future to which you are calling us.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Shepherd's Pipe Carol

John Rutter

Going through the hills on a night all starry
On the way to Bethlehem
Far away I heard a shepherd boy piping
On the way to Bethlehem

Angels in the sky brought this message nigh:
"Dance and sing for joy that Christ the newborn King
Is come to bring us peace on earth
And He's lying cradled there at Bethlehem."

"Tell me, shepherd boy piping tunes so merrily
On the way to Bethlehem
Who will hear your tunes on these hills so lonely
On the way to Bethlehem?"

"None may hear my pipes on these hills so lonely
On the way to Bethlehem;
But a King will hear me play sweet lullabies
When I get to Bethlehem."

"Where is the new King, shepherd boy piping merrily
Is He there at Bethlehem?"
"I will find Him soon by the star shining brightly
In the sky o'vr Bethlehem."

"May I come with you, shepherd boy piping merrily
Come with you to Bethlehem?
Pay my homage too at the new King's cradle
Is it far to Bethlehem?"

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymnal 93

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in
all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
ye have seen his na - tal star:
in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:
come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 367

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.

The Celebrant continues

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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,
God of pow'r and_ might, ___ heav'n and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Blessed is he, is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. ___ Ho - san - na in the
high - est, 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;

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...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.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

O Lamb of God... O Ho - ly Child... who takes the
sin of the world a - way; Have mer - cy on us, lamb so
mild, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.
This, this is your bo - dy giv'n, your pre - cious
blood, the gift of heav'n. Take, eat, for we are
one in the babe, the son of Ma - - ry.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the altar or at the Communion station near the pulpit. For the bread, place one hand over the other and hold them up chest high so the minister can easily place the bread on the palm of your hand. You may then consume the bread or hold it to dip (intinct) into the wine and then place it in your mouth. If you wish to receive the chalice, please guide it to your lips. If you do not wish to receive the wine, indicate by crossing your arms. After you have received the bread and the wine, it is appropriate to say "AMEN." Gluten free communion bread is available. Ask the priest.

A prayer intercessor is available each Sunday in the prayer alcove (near the piano) for those who would like someone to pray with them or for them.

Communion Music

How bright appears the Morning Star

Hymnal 497

Our Father, by whose Name

Hymnal 587

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The people stand or kneel.

BCP 366

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 Celebrant pronounces a blessing to which the congregation responds, "AMEN."

Processional

The first Nowell the angel did say

Hymnal 109

Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the people, to which they reply:

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

In dir ist Freude (In thee is joy)

J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BISHOP'S VISITATION: The Rt. Rev'd Robert Skirving will be with us on January 12. He will be leading the Adult Christian Formation hour starting at 9:15 in the Parish Hall, and he will preach and preside at our 10:30 service as well as confirm and receive new members.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Sundays at 9:20 a.m.

WEDNESDAY EPIPHANY STUDY: Our assistant rector, Adam Pierce, will be leading an Epiphany study in January on Weds. nights (excluding 1/15/20 which is reserved for bingo!). He will be inviting us to think about the epiphanies in our daily lives and how they contribute to our own faith formation. The evening will start with a potluck dinner. A main dish will be provided. Please fill in accordingly. RSVP to Ruth at starfire47@hotmail.com.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION PLANNING SESSION: Parish Hall, Saturday, January 11, 10:00-11:30 a.m. led by Rev. Adam Pierce. He has some ideas that he would like to explore for both his own leadership and lay-led studies/activities. And, of course, he welcomes suggestions! All are welcome. Contact Ruth Gates (starfire47@hotmail.com) for further details.

ST. AGNES GUILD/ECW: January 7, 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Episcopal Church Women (ECW) welcomes all women of the Church. We share fellowship, faith, and fun; learning and spiritual growth; and mission and ministries that make extraordinary things happen.

TAIZÉ SERVICE: Thursday, January 9, 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend a beautiful and unique prayer service that fosters a communion with God. The music, candle light, silence, and meditation will leave you feeling at peace with yourself, your neighbor, and the world. Taizé is held the second Thursday of each month September through June.

BEAT THE WINTER BLUES with a night of family fun! Wednesday, Jan. 16, 5:45 p.m., Parish Hall. Delicious potluck dinner, followed by a game of BINGO complete with prizes. Bring your favorite dish to share. Contact: Teresa Singer

SATURDAY MINI-RETREAT: January 25, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the Library. All are cordially invited for a time of refreshment and prayer, with optional sharing. Experience both ancient and contemporary Christian prayer, including the opportunity to practice Centering Prayer. Friends are welcome. If you plan to attend, please email Mary McKnight: marym685@mac.com by Sunday, January 19.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Floral gifts and arrangements to beautify the sacred spaces of our church are a gift to God and those who attend our worship services. To sign up, at least two weeks before the date please use our online form at <https://tinyurl.com/speflowers> or call the church office at (910) 762-4578 to reserve a date.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY	01/06	GARDEN CLUB EXEC. COMMITTEE	LIBRARY	1:00 PM
TUESDAY	01/07	TUESDAY STUDY GROUP	LIBRARY	7:30 AM
		MORNING PRAYER	NAVE	9:00 AM
		ST. AGNES	PARISH HALL	9:45 AM
		EFM	LIBRARY	6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	01/08	STAFF		10:00 AM
		HOLY EUCHARIST	CHURCH	12:10 PM
		COMMUNITY LUNCH	PARISH HALL	1:00 PM
THURSDAY	01/09	GENTLEMEN OF NOBLE POVERTY		8:30 AM
		MORNING PRAYER	NAVE	9:00 AM
		COMMUNICATIONS/E-NEWS PLANNING		9:00 AM
		TAIZÉ	NAVE	5:30 PM
		DAUGHTERS OF THE KING	PARISH HALL	6:30 PM
FRIDAY	01/10	MENSGROUP	PARISH HALL	7:45 AM
SATURDAY	01/11	ALTAR GUILD	SACRISTY	9:00 AM
		ADULT EDUCATION PLANNING	PARISH HALL	10:00 AM

Ministry Schedule	January 5 – The Second Sunday after Christmas	January 12 – The Baptism of Our Lord; Bishop’s Visitation
8:00 Greeter	Tom Gerow	Judy Wilson
Lay Ministers	Merry Ann Wright	Herb Gant
Breakfast Chefs	Spencer and Ellen Weig	Richard Trubia, Bryce O’Dell
Altar Guild	Group 5	Group 1
Bread Bakers	Nancy Losee	Anne Freeling
Flower Guild	Marie Ashworth	Merry Ann Wright
Greeters	Merrilie Crafts, Barbara Bucci	Sarah Johnson, Midge Silberman
Hospitality	Teal	Gold & Pink
Intercessor	Mary Bridges	Kathryn Hedgepeth
Rug Shepherd	Meaghan Thomas	Leigh Coudriet
10:30 Lay Ministers	Don Brainard, Verger Lectors: Louise Buck, Judy Farri, Sally Pope EMs: Carol Field, Cy Oberle Communion Verger: Herb Gant Crucifer: Rachel Carroll Gospel Book Bearer/Chalice: Leon Tillery Patén: Don Brainard	Jeffrey Hughes, Verger Lectors: Marie Ashworth, Cleve Callison, Cynthia Smallwood EMs: Chip Carter, Dot Erway Communion Verger: Herb Gant Crucifer: Rachel Carroll Gospel Book Bearer/Chalice: Carolyn Demorest Patén: Jeffrey Hughes
Ushers	Keith Calder Phillip Yates, Chris Coudriet Silas Coudriet, John Yates	Don Bobo Dick Rowe, David Fowle Dianne Stansbury, Shannon Rowe
Vestry	Ruth Gates	Herb Gant

Prayer List

In our parish

FR. JOHN CAWTHORNE
DAVID HEATH
LUCY LASALLE
KATHY MCÉLROY
WILLIAM MURPHY
BILL PETRY
TAMMY POLLOCK

JERE LEWIS
KATHY RICHARDSON
JOANN SUMMEY
MACK UMPHLETT
RALPH TILDEN
PAT WHITEHEAD
PATRICIA WOOLSTON

People requesting prayer

F. GRANGER BABCOCK
TERRY HARNEY
LINDA HARRIS
BRUCE PARK
FRED RETTER
NATALIE SELWESKI
CYNTHIA SMITH
TRACY C. SORRENTI

Please note that names will be removed after one month on the prayer list.

If you wish for continued prayer, please notify the office.

Celebrating January Birthdays

01/02 Ruth Gates 01/03 Gary Dillon 01/04 Vivian Scheffel 01/05 Lucy Baker
01/06 Wayne Rouse 01/07 Sib Vlahos 01/08 James Tyckoski
01/09 Jan Vick 01/12 Danny Lee Anderson 01/18 Rhonda Jones
01/19 Midge Silberman 01/21 Anne Laudati 01/22 Faye Woodruff
01/23 Nancy Bray 01/24 Ali Patz 01/26 JoAnn Summey, Joyce Connelly
01/27 Frank Patz, Jerry West 01/28 Chris Coudriet, Annabell Oehrlein
01/29 Anne Frauens 01/30 Don Brainard, Madeline Jones 01/31 Rachel Carroll

A Warm Welcome to Everyone!

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are new to St. Paul's, please fill out a Guest card and place it in the offering plate or give it to the greeter or an usher. We invite you to join us following the 8:00 a.m. Eucharist for breakfast in the parish hall. For those attending the 10:30 service, please stay for the reception also in the parish hall. Please come to St. Paul's again.

Would you like to know more about St. Paul's?

The third Sunday of every month we offer a buildings tour. We meet at the back of the church after the 10:30 service. For Newcomers, it's a chance to see where things are. For Visitors, it's architectural and church history. For the rest of us, it's a chance to revisit places not often seen. Everyone's welcome - bring questions!



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The Rev. Adam Pierce, Assistant Rector

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Richard Rhoads, Assistant Director of Music and Organist

Carl Samet, Parish Administrator

Diane Matz-Kane, Bookkeeper

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Barbara Bucci

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Chris Coudriet

Joe Farri

Herb Gant

Ruth Gates

Steve Haughey

Royster Hedgepeth

Joan Rosko Miller

Teresa Singer

Jan Vick

Spencer Weig, Senior Warden

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