

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
Foley, Alabama
December 1, 2024**

People look east

Prepare the Way

Let all mortal flesh

Hail to the Lord's anointed

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Hymnal 1982 # 65

Hymnal 1982 #324

Hymnal 1982 #616

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.*

LESSONS

A reading from Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

Psalm 25:1-9 *Read responsively by whole verse*

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.

**4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

**6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness,
O LORD.**

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

A reading from 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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THE GOSPEL

7:30 am Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go.

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 21:25-36

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

People look east

- 1. People, look east. The time is near Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, Trim the hearth and set the
table. People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the
way.**
- 2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more seed is planted
there: Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish. People, look east and sing
today: Love, the rose, is on the way.**
- 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the nest that
must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledging time has chosen. People, look east and sing today:
Love, the bird, is on the way.**
- 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more light the bowl
shall brim, Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together. People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.**
- 5. Angels announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life
to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the
Lord is coming People look east and sing today
Love, the Lord is on the way.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For healing: Adriene, Al, Amber, Amy, Arlene, Becky, Bev, Carol, Charles, David, Debbie, Dennis, Diedre, Donna, Doug, Earl, Elsie Claire, Gwen, Helen, Jake, Jan, Jerry, Joan, Joanna, Joey, John, Judith, Judy, Julie, Karen, Kate, Kay, Kirsten, Larry, Lee, Leigh, Linda, Lisa, Lulu, Lynn, Margaret, Marie, Massey, Meg, Mickey, Mike, Milton, Morgan, Ralph, Rebecca, Rita, Ron, Rosellen, Sandy, Sarah, Sherry, Stan, Stephanie, Steve, Tim, Tony, Tracie, Vera, Wayne and those who care for them.

For those serving in the military: Kevin, Gerromy, Chris, Noel, Drew, Dalton, Kyle, Brad, Ben, Taylor, Jacob, Andrew, Neil, Wayne & those serving with them.

For those in prison: for the prisoners, staff and families of prisoners and staff at Bay County Jail, Panama City, FL.

Flowers at the altar are in loving memory of Thomas Earl and Janie Sawyer's wedding anniversary by their family.

SAINT PAUL'S THIS WEEK

TODAY

- 7:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 9 am Formation Class
- 9 am Choir Practice
- 10 am Holy Eucharist
- 7 pm NA Meeting
- Noon Holy Eucharist II with Healing
- 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm Children's Choir Practice
- 5 pm to 6 pm Choir Practice
- 7 pm NA Open Meeting

MONDAY

- Noon NA Meeting
- 8 pm AA Meeting

WEDNESDAY

- 10:30 am Pastor Brent's Bible Study

THURSDAY

- Noon NA Meeting
- 8 pm AA Open Meeting

SATURDAY

- 10 am AA Meeting

CHRISTMAS ANGELS ARE HERE

Both children & seniors are located in the Parish Hall on the large bulletin board to the left of the door to the door to the hall going to the church. Be sure to sign the form below in the proper slot. Must be returned to Parish Hall by December 15th

REMEMBER EMI WHEN YOU SHOP

Canned fruit, canned vegetables (not green beans or corn), jelly, pancake mix & syrup.

BLESSING BOX

Our Blessing Box is in need of donations of food and toiletries. Drop off on Sunday's in the Parish Hall or in the office during the week. You are always welcomed to put food & supplies directly into the Blessing Box

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