



# THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 2:1–5

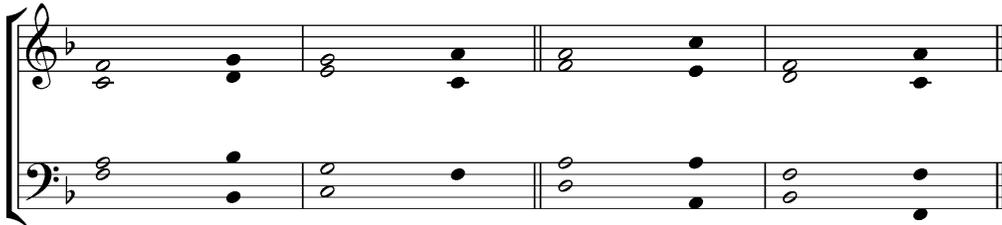
The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 122 (*remain seated; sung at 10:15*)

*Chant:* J. W. Meachen



- 1 I was glad when they / said to me, \* "Let us go to the house of the / Lord."
- 2 Now our feet are / standing \* within your gates, O Je/rusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city \* that is at unity with it/self;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the / Lord, \*  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the / Lord.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \* the thrones of the house of / David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Je/rusalem: \* "May they prosper who / love you.
- 7 Peace be within your / walls, \* and quietness within your / towers.
- 8 For my brethren and com/panions' sake, \* I pray for your pros/perity.
- 9 Because of the house of the Lord our / God, \* I will seek to do you / good."

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:11–14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

¶ *Please stand as you are able, and remain standing through the reading of the Gospel.*

HYMN 324 (*stx: 1*)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

*Picardy*

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36–44

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the Mount of Olives, Jesus said to his disciples privately about his coming, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding

meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

The Rev'd Robert Picken

¶ *A period of silence follows the Sermon. Then please stand as you are able for*

## 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 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

*Deacon* Holy One, as we prepare our hearts for the advent of Christ, give us your spirit of wisdom. As we seek to embody your love in the world, give us your spirit of good counsel. As we seek to be faithful, give us eyes to see beyond the obvious, as we gather in this hour, we lift all in need before you.

*Intercessor* Creating God, You have blessed us with the abundance of your Creation. Help us to care for and respect this sacred Earth, our only home. Holy One,

*People* **Receive our prayer.**

Sustaining God, You give us faith throughout the ages. Bless this House of Worship, our leaders of faith, and the ministries of our hands. We pray for the unity of all who praise your Name. Holy One,

**Receive our prayer.**

Righteous God, You guide the ways of our world. Bless all those who govern this Nation and all others. Grant them Your wisdom and peace. Holy One,

**Receive our prayer.**

Loving God, You bring justice to the persecuted. Help all those faced with the burdens of injustice, violence, and oppression. Help us also to faithfully witness and act to end these burdens for those in our community and the world. Holy One,

**Receive our prayer.**

Healing God, You bring health to the sick, food to the hungry, and rest to the weary. Comfort those who are suffering and in pain. We pray especially for... Holy One,

**Receive our prayer.**

Redeeming God, You sent Jesus, a lowly babe, to die so that we may live. We pray for all who have entered into everlasting Life in You. Bring us also to share in this promise of Salvation. Holy One,  
**Receive our prayer.**

¶ *Additional prayers may be offered, and the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

**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.**

¶ *The Celebrant pronounces 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.**

### EXCHANGE OF PEACE

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

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### ANTHEM

Sleepers, wake! a voice is calling

F. Mendelssohn

Sleepers, wake! a voice is calling. It is the watchman on the walls: thou city of Jerusalem. For lo! the Bridegroom comes; arise, and take your lamps. Hallelujah! Awake! His kingdom is at hand. Go forth to meet your Lord.

¶ *Please stand as you are able for*

### THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

8:00 **All things come of thee, O Lord,  
and of thine own have we given thee.**

10:15

*Stuttgart*

At your com-ing, Christ, in glo - ry, let us rea - dy, wait-ing be;  
in the mom-ent un - ex-pect-ed, we shall see your ma - jes - ty.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (Hymn S 130)

Franz Schubert, arr. R. Proulx

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

*Please remain standing or kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation...

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember Christ's death. We proclaim Christ's resurrection.**

**We await Christ's coming in glory.**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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...

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, 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.**

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Behold the mystery of the Incarnation; behold Christ in bread and wine.

*People* **May the Word become flesh in us. Amen.**

10:15 FRACTION ANTHEM (Hymn S 164; *sung by all*)

Schubert/Proulx

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.

¶ *After the choir has received, the ushers direct the congregation come forward for communion. The Sacrament is given in both kinds: bread and wine. If you are not able to go to any of the stations, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you. Parents may pick up children from the nursery at this time. Gluten-free wafers are available; please let the priest know of your need.*

HYMN 53

Once he came in blessing

*Gottes Sohn ist kommen*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

HYMN 57

Lo! he comes with clouds descending

*Helmsley*

THE 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.**

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

VOLUNTARY

Sleepers, waken! a voice is calling

Bach



*The flowers at the High Altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret & Howard Cumming and Hugh Cumming, Deborah Hazard and in thanksgiving for the Wallingford family*

**PARISH PRAYER LIST**

We entrust into your unfailing care, Merciful God...

Nora, Lei Kui, Sandy, Kirk, Art, Phyllis, Louis, Chris, Scott, David, Ella, Merry Ann, Matthew, Larry, Dean, Diane, Bill, and Tim.

*Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**SERVING TODAY**

*Readers:* TBA (8:00) Bill Allison, Joan Flint & Bill Moore (10:15)

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Suzy Spencer (8:00); Joan Flint & Kevin Frisch (10:15)

*Crucifer:* Wayne Least (10:15 only)

*ASL Interpreter:* Jean Rodman (10:15 only)

## NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ **Thank you!** After our In-Gathering Sunday, we received 109 pledges for a total of \$ 276,347, of which 62% increased their pledge for 2023. If you have not turned in your 2023 pledge, please do so using the pledge cards in the pew or via our website [www.stpaulsec.org/donate](http://www.stpaulsec.org/donate).
- ❖ **Sunday Forum:** On November 27<sup>th</sup>, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the Cadigan room. Hear and discuss sermons by Rabbi David Ingber, Founder, and Senior Pastor at Romemu, NYC. Rabbi Ingber was the first Rabbi to speak at the morning services at Chautauqua this past summer.
- ❖ **Veteran Outreach Center:** During the month of November, St. Paul's will honor our veterans by collecting much-needed supplies for our local Veterans Outreach Center. A supply list can be found on the decorated shopping cart in the parish hall or in the bins at the back of the nave
- ❖ Our **Advent Service of Remembrance and Hope** will be offered on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Chantry. This is a quiet, meditative service designed for those who find it difficult to celebrate during the festive season or who just want a quiet space.
- ❖ **Potluck Dinner:** Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall at 6:00 pm. Bring your favorite dish, whether it's an appetizer, main course, side, or dessert.
- ❖ **School 9 Giving Tree is back!** We are again purchasing gifts for the students and families of School 9. Please take a card off of the tree in the Parish Hall, purchase and wrap the gifts, and bring them back to St Paul's by December 11<sup>th</sup>. The gifts will be placed around the altar that Sunday before they are brought to the school that week. Any questions, see Jay (jburkardt@stpaulsec.org).
- ❖ **Rochester Vendors' Club Craft Show:** Crafters and vendors will be set up in the Parish Hall on Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and on Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 am to 2:00 pm. A food vendor will be available, as well. This event will support St. Joseph's House and Rural & Migrant Ministries.
- ❖ **Festival of Lessons and Carols:** December 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. This service features the St. Paul's Choir singing the music of Thomas Ravenscroft, Michael Praetorius, Melchior Vulpius, Timothy Rogers, John Rutter, and Eleanor Daley.

**Text PAUL to 73256 or visit [www.stpaulsec.org](http://www.stpaulsec.org) to donate**

*"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above..." (James 1:17)*

# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

## SUNDAYS

8:00 am Holy Communion  
9:00 am Adult Faith Formation  
10:00 am Sunday School  
10:15 am Holy Communion with Music  
*Nursery Care provided. Live-Stream available.*  
11:30 am Choristers (Youth Choir Rm.)

## WEDNESDAYS

12:00 pm Holy Communion (Norton Chapel)  
7:00 pm St. Paul's Choir (St. Peter's Chapel)

## THURSDAYS

8:00 am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)  
7:00 pm Bell Choir (Youth Choir Rm.)

## ST. PAUL'S STAFF

The Reverend Canon Robert Picken  
*Rector*

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## ST. PAUL'S VESTRY

### Officers

*Warders:* Erin Glanton & Ingrid Stanlis • *Treasurer:* Rick Harrison • *Clerk:* Judy McGrath

### Class of 2022

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Al Zenner

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