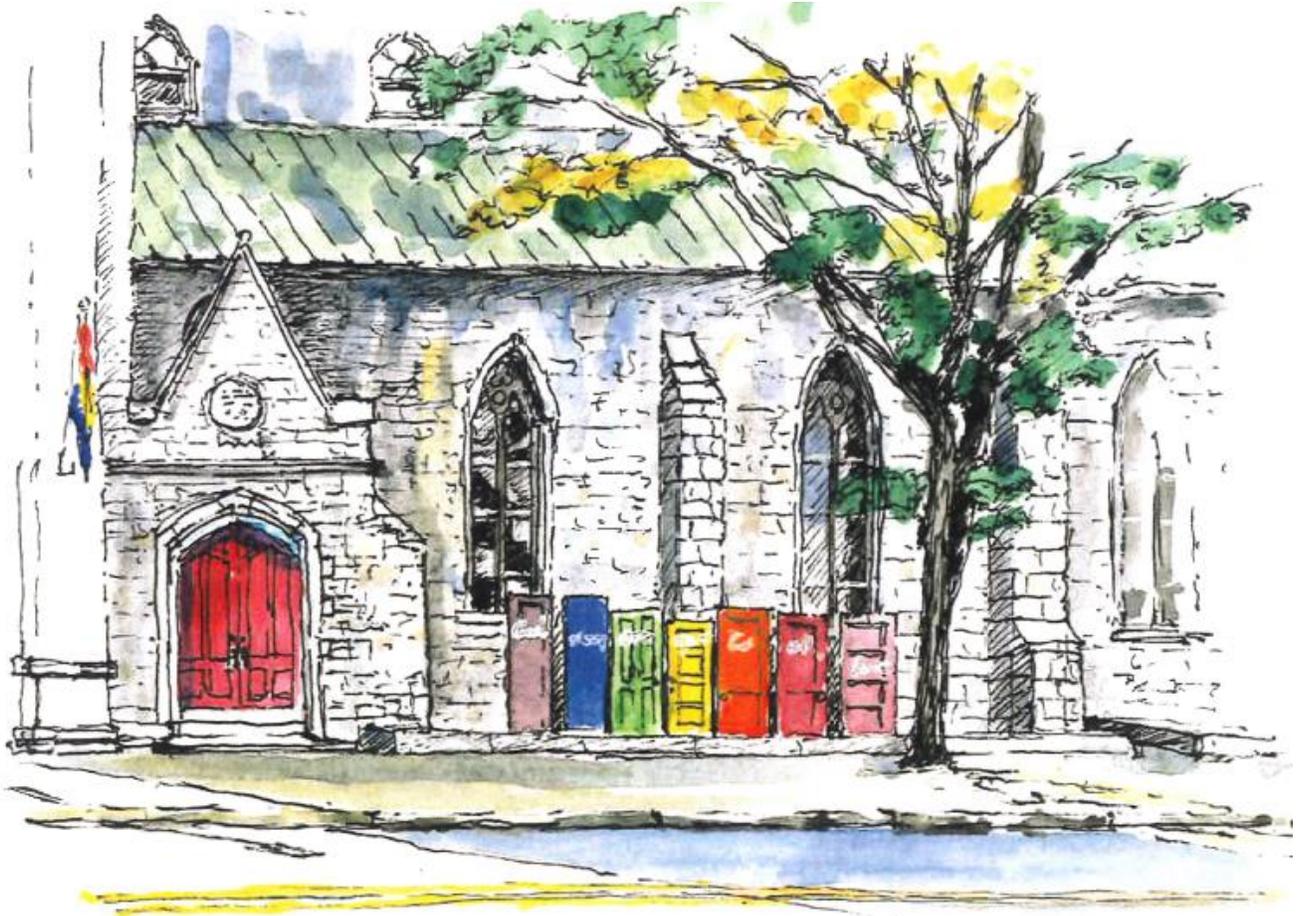




St. Paul's
Syracuse

The Downtown
Episcopal Church



"GOD'S DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL. LOVE

W. ELKINS

DECEMBER 4, 2022
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Our morning worship begins with the first note of the organ prelude and your silent prayers. Please refrain from conversations during this time.

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY • *Adagio* (Sonata I)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

The people are invited to stand

HYMN 76 • “On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry”

Winchester New

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free. Amen.**

CANTICLE - *Kyrie eleison* (Communion Service in F Major)

William H. Harris (1883-1973)

Sung by the Choir

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

LESSON • Isaiah 11:1-10

Lector A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

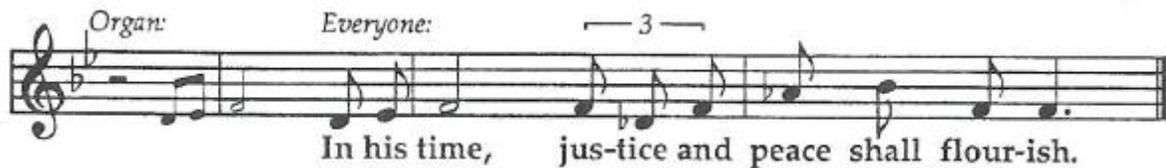
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
 and a little child shall lead them.
 The cow and the bear shall graze,
 their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
 and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
 They will not hurt or destroy
 on all my holy mountain;
 for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
 as the waters cover the sea.
 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall
 inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE • Psalm 72 *Deus, iudicium*

Peter Hallock (1924-2014)

The choir first sings the Antiphon and then all join in repeating the Refrain, and then as indicated.



Give the King your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the King's Son; That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice; **Antiphon**

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness. He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. **Antiphon**

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth. **Antiphon**

In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. He shall rule from the sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. **Antiphon**

EPISTLE • Romans 15:4-13

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
 and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may
abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The people are invited to stand.

GRADUAL HYMN 597 • "O day of peace that dimly shines"

Jerusalem

Please remain standing.

HOLY GOSPEL • Mathew 3:1-12

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

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

Celebrant In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the
prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and
his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea
were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized
by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to
them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have
Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up
children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree
therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is
coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with
the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his
threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will
burn with unquenchable fire."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Perry Mouncey

A brief silence follows the sermon.

The people are invited to stand.

NICENE CREED

The word “creed” comes from the Latin credo, translated here as “we believe.” Credo is not simply belief in accurate propositions, but more deeply a sense of relationship or trust—an alternate translation might be “we give our heart,” “we trust,” “we rely upon.” Developed in the fourth century as a means of unifying a divided church, the Nicene Creed has been used by Christians in worship for almost two

thousand years, and connects us to our ancient ancestors in the Communion of Saints. The Creed is used in worship not because it comprises a list of doctrinal statements one must affirm in order to be considered a Christian, but rather as a song of praise and confidence in the Holy Trinity: God in three persons who creates, redeems and sanctifies a holy people.

All **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 THE PEOPLE

This is the time of the Church’s New Year, a time for reflection and renewal. We remember Jesus’ prayer that his disciples be united as one body. Pray for the Holy Catholic Church, in the East, and in the West, that all Christians would be reconciled. We pray for those who lead us, especially for DeDe our Bishop, Philip our Rector, Dick and Rebecca our Wardens, and for St. Paul’s Vestry.

Silence is kept.

Owe no one anything except to love one another; **the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.**

Peace be within our walls, and quietness within our towers. Pray for those who have authority, that they would serve justice and be faithful stewards, mindful of the needs of others. We remember Kathy our Governor, Ryan our County Executive, and Ben our Mayor.

Silence is kept.

Owe no one anything except to love one another; **the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, Ukraine, Iraq, and Syria. Pray for those who suffer war, invasion of their homeland, persecution, deprivation, or personal assault. May our rulers defend the needy, rescue the poor, and defend against the oppressor.

Silence is kept.

Owe no one anything except to love one another; **the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.**

I ask your prayers for all who are in any sort of need or trouble, for prisoners in our community and elsewhere, for people who are ill and in pain, and for those who are struggling with emotional distress of any kind. Remember especially those on our Parish prayer list, especially *n*.

Silence is kept.

Owe no one anything except to love one another; **the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.**

We pray for our brothers and sisters who have died and left us to mourn. *We remember especially n*. May the friends and relatives of all those who have died be comforted in the hope of the resurrection.

Silence is kept.

Owe no one anything except to love one another; **the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.**

Be thankful for the Earth that has been given to us, and pray for the wisdom and will to conserve it. We thank God for what we at St. Paul's have been given. We are grateful for the generosity shown to the Open Doors campaign that allows us to renovate and conserve our parish.

Silence is kept.

Owe no one anything except to love one another; **the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.**

The celebrant concludes the prayers with the following collect.

Celebrant God of hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome, that the Christ child at his coming may find in us a dwelling prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

All **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

The people are invited to kneel or sit.

Officiant Let us confess our sins to God.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The people are invited to stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY

At the Offertory, we return thanks for God's blessings in our lives and invite you to place your contribution in the offering plate in the main aisle or give by texting **73256** entering **stpaulsyr** (all lower case) and the amount you want to give.

Please be seated.

AN ANTHEM • "There is no rose"

Jessica Nelson (b.1983)

Sung by the Quartet

The people are invited to stand as the offering is brought forward.

Celebrant All things come of Thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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.

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

8:00 **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.**

10:00 *Sanctus and Benedictus* (Sung by the Choir.)

William H. Harris

Celebrant 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

All **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant 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. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; 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.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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 breaking of the bread may be seen as the culminating activity of our worship. It is the ritual action symbolizing the activity whereby God emptied Godself of divine power for purpose of reconciling Godself with us. We have no words to accurately describe this divine activity, thus a period of 10-15 seconds of silence is kept following the breaking of the bread and before the singing of the Fraction Anthem.

FRACTION ANTHEM

8:00

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

10:00 *Agnus dei* (Sung by the Choir.)
The people are invited to be seated.

William H. Harris

You are invited to consume the consecrated bread immediately after you receive it. If you choose to receive the wine, please drink directly from the cup. We are not dipping the bread into the wine at this time. Our understanding is that the sacrament of communion is complete if the bread or wine is received; it is not necessary to receive both.

During the distribution of communion, Prayers for Healing and Wholeness may be offered at the Peace Altar.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

If you are participating in our service from home we invite you to take a few minutes during the distribution of communion to say the prayer for spiritual communion:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of the Altar, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me in your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The People are invited to stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Officiant
All

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN • 66, “Come, thou long expected Jesus”

Stuttgart

The people are invited to be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE • *Allegro maestoso e vivace* (Sonata II)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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Prayers of the People were written by St. Paul’s parishoners.

We welcome the Rev. Perry Mouncey as our celebrant and preacher today.

Please keep these people in your prayers:

Andrew, Carolyn, June, John, Marie, Marcus, Willson, Harriet and Terese.

We remember those who have died in recent days.

Our thanks today for the...

Altar Guild: Nancy & Harry Lambright

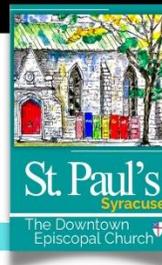
Flower Guild: Marion Greenhalgh

Lay Readers: Doug Mouncey / Mathieu van der Meer

Ushers: Kira Dirghalli / Ieva Doyle

Announcements

For the week of December 4



- Today we welcome the Rev. Perry Mouncey as our celebrant and preacher. Fr. Philip is taking his last vacation day of the year today. This coming week Fr. Philip is engaged in continuing education studies of the Gospel of Matthew. He will return next Sunday. If you have an urgent pastoral care need this week please contact Kira Dirghalli, head of our pastoral care team, or one of our wardens.
- Today from 9:45-10:50 a.m. our Sunday School teachers welcome you to join them in the Hadley Chapel for an 'Advent Event for Children of All Ages'. Jeanne Avery writes, "We will be making World Peace Signs to be placed on our tree. Each person will make at least two, one to take home and the other to place on our tree."
- If you ordered a wreath through our choir wreath sale you may pick it up today in the Hansen Dining Room.
- Tomorrow, December 5th at 7 p.m. a small group of our members will meet for online Advent Quiet Evening Prayers. Please join us. We use St. Paul's 'Wee Book of Advent Prayers' to guide us. Copies of this little book are available at the back of the nave.
- There will be no Monday Bible Study tomorrow, December 5th.
- Our December Parish Potluck will be this Friday, December 9th at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to serve 6-8 people. St. Paul's supplies plates, glasses, flatware and drinks.

What's The Reason For?

Why are some of our prayers called 'collects'?



The word *collect* has historical roots in the Latin word 'colligo' which means 'to gather'. This type of prayer was said in the 4th and 5th centuries as the participants were gathering for the procession into the worship space. Today we think of a *collect* as a gathering of the prayers of the people together into a single, relatively short prayer. When used to describe one of our prayers, *collect* is pronounced with the emphasis on the first syllable.

Many of the *collects* in the Book of Common Prayer are based on earlier version written by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, author of the very first *Book of Common Prayer* (1549). Cranmer perfected and standardized this type of prayer.

Most *collects* follow a standard four or five-part form.

I like to describe *collects* using the four-part: You - Who - Do - Through

You: We identify the 'you', the one we are praying to.

Who: We identify an attribute of God.

Do: We ask God to do something. (This usually comes right after a semi-colon.)

Through: We connect this petition with some aspect of God's being.

So a simple collect could be like this: "Christ Jesus, who commanded us to love one another; remain in our hearts that we may love others as you loved us, through your Spirit we pray. Amen."

If you have a question about something in our liturgy, I will be happy to answer it. Please ask in person, or send an email to me at revmajor@stpaulsyr.org.

Fr. Philip +

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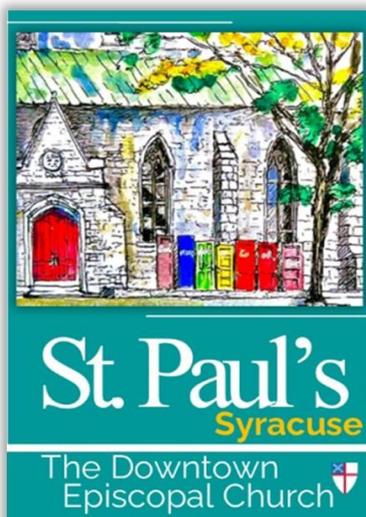
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