

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

The Rev. George Adamik, Celebrant The Rev. Javier Almendárez-Bautista, Homilist HOLY EUCHARIST 9:00 A.M. SERVICE FEBRUARY 26, 2023

Prelude

Marcia Nance, Organist

**Processional** O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Hymn 449

# Liturgy of the Word

Penitential Order BCP 351

The Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

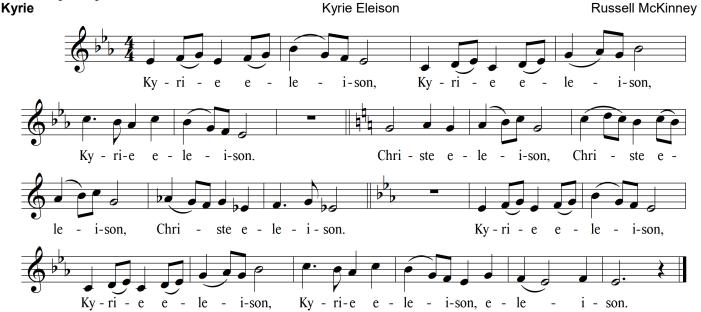
Minister and People

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 Priest stands and says

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*.

The following is sung.



### Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.* 

Children's Processional

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Hymn 405

Verse 1
Children's Chapel is for children ages 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

A Reading from Genesis.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 92

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \* and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \* and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \* because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \* my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \* and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said," I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." \*
  Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \* when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;

you preserve me from trouble; \*

you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \* I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \* who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \* but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \* shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

#### Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

A Reading from Romans.

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is

not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Forty Days and Forty Nights Hymn 150

Verses 1-3

Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written.

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Homily**The Rev. Javier Almendárez-Bautista

#### **Nicene Creed**

People

All who are able, stand.

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**

People's Response: Lord, have mercy.

Peace BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

**Announcements** 

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Lord, Hear Our Supplication John Dowland St. Paul's Choir Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

The people remain standing.

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.

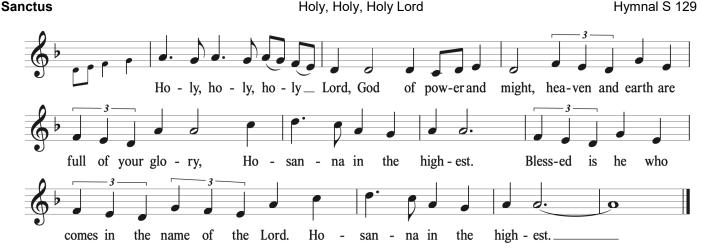
The Celebrant proceeds.

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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



The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

#### **Memorial Acclamation**

Celebrant and People Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Chirist will come again.

The Celebrant then continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

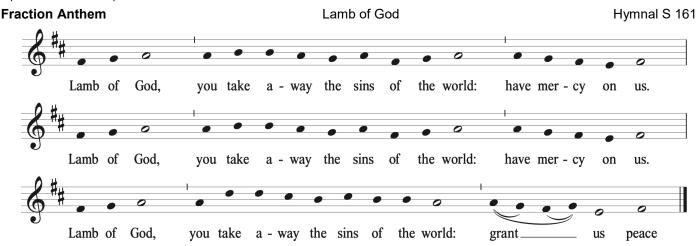
Lord's Prayer BCP 364

People and Celebrant

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.

## **Breaking of the Bread**

A period of silence is kept.



### **Holy Communion**

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

If you are at home or otherwise unable to take communion, you may say the following prayer.

#### **Spiritual Communion Prayer**

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to 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 your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with 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.

#### **Communion Music**

Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us Now Let Us All with One Accord

Hymn 559 Hymn 147

### **Final Prayer**

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food as we hear your Word proclaimed and gather at your holy Table. 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.

### **Blessing**

**Recessional** Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Hymn 142

#### **Dismissal**

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

### **Postlude**

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#### **FEBRUARY 26, 2023**

New to St. Paul's? Please let us know you are here by filling out a visitor card in the pew. Stop by our Welcome Station in the narthex (lobby) to chat with Greeters and find materials that might help if you are new to the Episcopal Church. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org to learn more.

**Coffee Hour:** Join us in the Parish Hall today after the 9:00 service for a festive Coffee Hour celebrating our Communion Class, hosted by the Children's Ministry Committee.

Adult Formation (Chapel, 10:15-11:00 a.m.): Our Lenten Forum Series is on Faith and Leadership. Join us today as the Rev. George Adamik presents on "Leadership at St. Paul's."

Children's Sunday School: Classes are meeting in the Education Building from 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Youth Sunday School: Classes are meeting in the Youth Wing from 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): Bowling Event tonight with Pre-EYC at Buffaloe Lanes in Cary, 5:00 – 6:15 p.m.

#### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Newcomer Tour:** Those new or newly returned to St. Paul's who wish to know more can join a tour of our campus on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 10:15 a.m. Meet at the Welcome Station in the narthex (lobby).

**Lenten Midweek Eucharist Services:** Join the clergy for contemplative prayer services each Wednesday leading up to Holy Week (March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29) at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. We use the readings for Lent as our guide and have ample time for meditation and reflection. All are welcome.

**Appalachia Service Project (ASP):** Registration is open now for youth and adults who will join us for the trip to Appalachia from June 18-24, 2023. Contact Kevin Swann at swann.kev@gmail.com for more information. Register by March 10 to secure your spot.

**ONE Wake at St. Paul's:** Please join our ONE Wake Core Team TODAY at 12:30 p.m. in the Church to learn how you can help us conduct Listening Sessions this spring. Contact Mary Kintz and Christina Myers at onewake@stpaulscary.org for more information. All are welcome to join this effort and encouraged to bring a friend.

**Movie Night:** Movie lovers are invited to join us monthly at Fortnight Brewing Company in Cary for a discussion of recent and not-so-recent films, hosted by Fr. Javier and Tad Richard. This month we are meeting on Monday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the movie *Roma*, which is showing on Netflix. Watch the movie at home and join us for discussion. See the St. Paul's website for more information.

NC Episcopal Cursillo Weekend: Cursillo is a spiritual renewal ministry for men and women founded on a three-day weekend of talks, group discussions, worship, and fun. Weekend #110 will be held at Camp Walter Johnson in Denton, NC on April 20-23, 2023. Contact Barb Magee at barbmagee311@gmail.com for more information.

**Spaghetti Dinner needs Volunteers:** We're in the final stages of planning for our Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, March 10 and we could use extra help for this community event. If you can help with setup, work as a server, bus tables or make a dessert, we welcome your support. Contact Stephanie Hirschy at shirschy@yahoo.com to find out more.

**Easter Lily Donations:** Donating an Easter Lily to decorate the altar and worship spaces on Easter Sunday is a beautiful way to remember or give thanks for the special people in our lives. The Altar Guild requests a donation of \$35.00 per plant; make checks payable to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, note Altar Guild Lily on the memo line; envelopes are in the pews. All requests must be received by Sunday, March 26, for memorials to appear in the Easter bulletins.

Beach Weeks are Back! Join your St. Paul's friends at Emerald Isle for laughter, rest and relaxation this April as we bring back Men's Beach Week April 23-30 (contact Mike McInerney at michael.k.mcinerney@gmail.com) and Women's Beach Week April 30 -May 7 (contact Yvon Daniel at yvdaniel60@gmail.com). No minimum stay is required. This trip is for adults only; newcomers are encouraged to join the fun.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to International Civil Rights Museum, Greensboro: The Diocese of North Carolina is offering a one-day pilgrimage to The International Civil Rights Museum on Saturday, March 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The pilgrimage includes material to watch, read, and reflect on before the Pilgrimage, a tour and discussion that day, along with activities for children. The day concludes with a Eucharist; lunch is provided. Contact Jenny Beaumont, Missioner for Adult and Life-long Formation at jenny.beaumont@episdionc.org.

**Preschool:** Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open, offering classes for one-year olds through five-year-olds. Please call 919-467-3788 or email preschool@stpaulscary.org to schedule a tour.

Prayer List: Prayer List: Adelaide, Dave, Walt, Bob, Peggy, Ben, Beth, Hunter, Barb, Jeanne, Emile, Noah, Lytvinenko family, Mandy, Jim, Christa, Dean, Ann, Lanette, Alison, Deb, Vickie, Ann, Melanie, Patricia, Wendy, June, Henry, Steve, Betsy and John, Katharine, Russ, William, Myrna, Jim, Terry, MaryBeth, Jenny, Lynn, Linda, Bella, Dave, M-K, Jinni, Andy, Theresa, Bill, Clarence and Susan, Jodi, Harry and Susan, Lynn, Carter, Hugh, Maggie, Bob, Clint, Elizabeth, Laura, Margaret, Millie, Ava, Ruby. Mary Jo, Catherine, and Randy.

In the prayer for the deceased we pray for Katherine Pomeroy, daughter of Russ and Mimi Pomeroy; and Dwight Hinnant, Jr., uncle of Melanie Fairbrother.

If you have a name you would like to include on the prayer list, or a ministry event that you would like to announce in this printed bulletin, please send information to announcements@stpaulscary.org. Please note that there is a 2-week lead time on printed announcements.