



PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

221 Union Street • Cary, North Carolina 27511

THE SECOND SUNDAY
IN LENT

The Rev. George Adamik, Celebrant
The Rev. Nathan Kirkpatrick, Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
MARCH 5, 2023

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Processional

The Great Creator of the Worlds

Hymn 489

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.

Kyrie

Kyrie Eleison

Russell McKinney

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Children's Processional

Fairest Lord Jesus

Hymn 383

Verse 1

Children's Chapel is for children ages 3 to 5th grade.

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

A Reading from Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm

Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

A Reading from Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual

How Firm a Foundation

Hymn 636

Verses 1-3

Gospel

John 3:1-17

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born

from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

Homily

The Rev. Nathan Kirkpatrick

Nicene Creed

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

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

Announcements

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory

O Lamb of God Most Holy
St. Paul’s Choir

Sandra Gay

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The people remain standing.

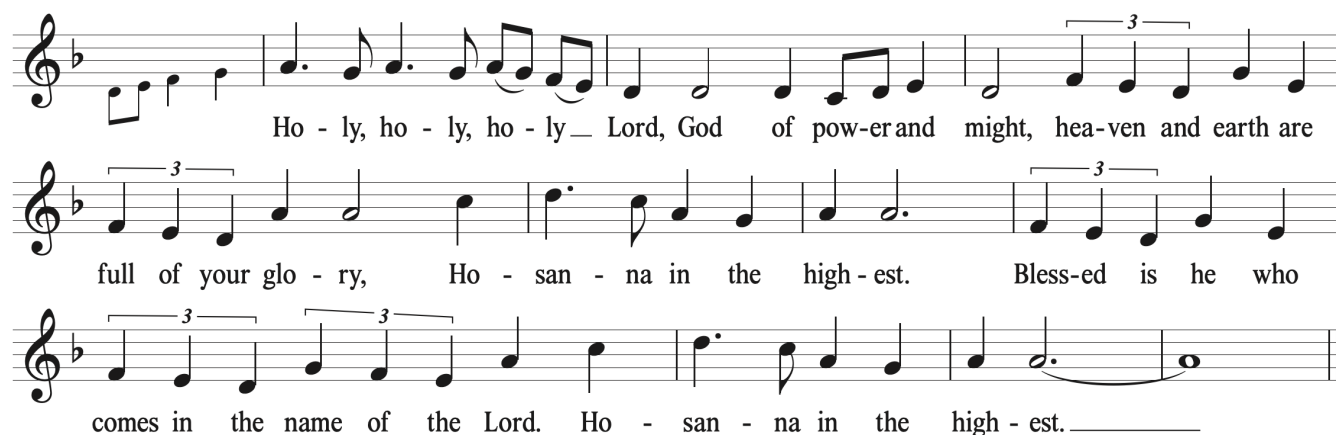
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
 People *And also with you.*
 Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
 People *We lift them to the Lord.*
 Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 People *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

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:



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.

Christ 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.

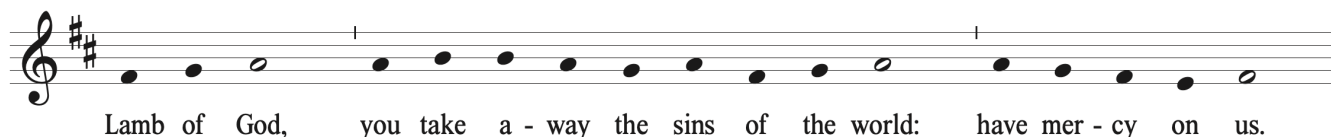
Breaking of the Bread

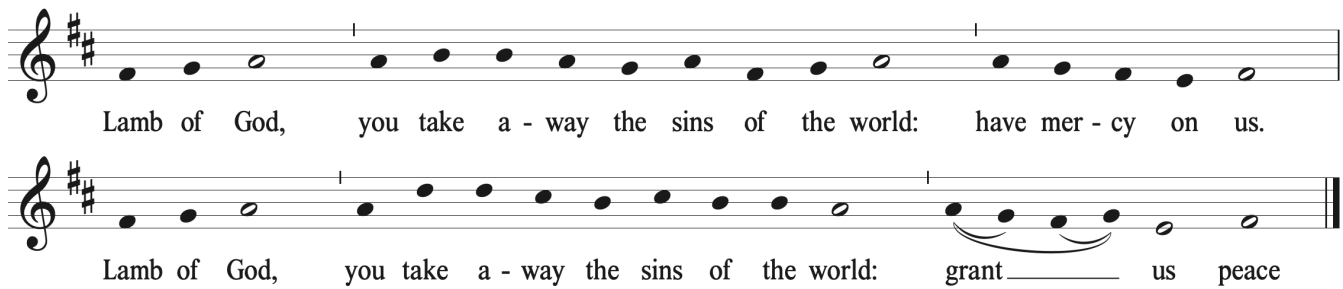
A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God

Hymnal S 161





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

Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured
And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love

Hymn 313

Hymn 337

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

The God of Abraham Praise

Hymn 401

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

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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 (Parish Hall): Hosted this week by the Women's Beach Week Ministry. Join us in after the 9:00 a.m. service for coffee and conversation.

Adult Formation (Chapel, 10:15-11:00 a.m.): Our Lenten Forum Series is on Faith and Leadership. Join us today for a presentation by our guest speaker the Rev. Nathan Kirkpatrick, priest and consultant with Saison Consulting: "Faithful Leadership in the Church and the World."

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): Meets this evening from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Youth Wing.

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 3rd 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.

ONE Wake: Sign up for the ONE Wake Annual Meeting on Thursday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. (location TBD). Hear from ONE Wake leaders planning Listening Sessions across the county, review and ratify a 2023 budget for the organization, as well as the 2023 Strategy Team slate. Contact Mary Kintz and Christina Myers at onewake@stpaulscary.org for more information. In-person attendance is encouraged; an online option will be provided as well.

Spaghetti Dinner Friday, March 10: The Appalachia Service Project (ASP) fundraising Spaghetti Dinner is THIS FRIDAY from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please support our Youth Ministry's mission trip by enjoying dinner with friends in a fun atmosphere. Become an ASP Shareholder or participate in our gift basket raffles. Dinner cost: \$5.00 for children, \$8.00 for adults, or \$20 per family. Questions? Contact Kevin Swann at swann.kev@gmail.com.

Men's/Women's Beach Week Deadlines approaching: 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. Sign up by March 20 to reserve your spot.

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.

Hermano Day: Sunday March 19 is Hermano Day, when we recognize the sacrifice of our neighbors who do the hard work of planting and harvesting our food. St. Paul's supports the Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry by collecting donations of clothes and other items (see website for a list of most needed items). Financial donations are always welcome. Contact Katie Bricio (katiebricio13@gmail.com) with any questions.

Prayer List: Adelaide

Dave, Walt, Bob, Peggy, Hunter, Barb, Lytvinenko family in Ukraine, Christa, Ann, Vickie, Ann, Melanie, Patricia, Wendy, M-K, Andy, Theresa, Clarence and Susan, Jodi, Lynn, Clint, Elizabeth, Laura, Margaret, Ava, Millie, Ruby, Mary Jo, Catherine, Randy, Bebian, Ronald, Sally, Thomas, Ann, Janet, Gayle, Sandra, Gretchen.

In the prayer for the deceased, we pray for Raymond Ferri.

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.