



St. Paul's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**THE FIRST SUNDAY
IN LENT**

The Rev. Javier E. Almendárez-Bautista, Celebrant
The Rev. Candy Snively, Homilist

**HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
FEBRUARY 18, 2024**

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Processional

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Hymn 150

Liturgy of the Word

Penitential Order

The Celebrant says

Blessed be the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People

God's mercy endures forever.

The Decalogue

BCP 350

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

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

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,
 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e -
 le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,
 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son.

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

Fairest Lord Jesus
 Verse 1

Hymn 383

Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

A Reading from Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

The Psalm

Psalm 25:1-9

- 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.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

A Reading from First Peter.

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

Hymn 121

Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Homily

The Rev. Candy Snively

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

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Announcements

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory

Lord Who Has Formed Me
St. Paul's Choir

Philip Godfrey

Offertory Response

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.

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.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymnal S 124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly_ Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace

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.

All are welcome to come forward for communion, including children. Please follow the ushers' guidance as you come to the rail.

If you would like to receive the wine by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup), keep the bread in your hands and wait for the communion server to come to you.

If you would like to receive from the common cup (drinking from the cup directly), please consume the bread first and then make your way to the steps at the end of the rail. A communion server will be there with the common cup.

If it is not your custom to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest and the minister will offer a prayer.

A priest is also available to provide prayers for healing in the back southwest corner of the church. Simply head to the back during communion distribution and wait for your turn.

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.

The Communion Music

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

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Hymn 449

Dismissal

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

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New to St. Paul's? Welcome! 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 St. Paul's or the Episcopal Church. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org to learn more.

Children's Chapel: Children ages 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to process to Children's Chapel during the 9 a.m. service and return to their families during announcements.

Coffee Hour (Parish Hall): Hosted this week by the Coffee Hour Volunteer Team. Join us after the 9 a.m. service for coffee and conversation.

Adult Formation (Chapel, 10:15-11 a.m.): Our Lenten series "*Do You Want to be Made Well?*" *Faith, Health and Healing* begins today with "Theology and Disability," presented by Fr. Javier.

Children's Sunday School (Education Building): Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m.

Youth Sunday School (Youth Wing): Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): No meeting this week due to the youth retreat at Kanuga.

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 this morning at 10:15 a.m. No sign up is necessary; meet at the welcome area in the narthex (lobby).

ONE Wake at St. Paul's: If you are curious about the work of ONE Wake or want to know more about community organizing in general, please join us on Sunday, February 18 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Youth Wing. Learn about affordable housing initiatives and practice relational meeting skills. Newcomers are encouraged to attend. Contact Mary Kintz or Christina Myers at one-wake@stpaulscary.org for more information.

Habitat for Humanity Episcopal Build: St. Paul's is participating in Habitat for Humanity through a coalition of eleven churches known as the Episcopal Build. Work starts at the Habitat Construction facility, 3301 Jones Sausage Rd in Garner, on February 24, 2024 at 8 a.m. You must sign up in advance online to participate. Work on the house(s) will continue every Saturday until it is completed; St. Paul's will have a dedicated build day on March 2 from 8-3:30 p.m., and we welcome new volunteers. For more information, contact Kevin McIntire at kvn.mcintire@gmail.com.

Acolyte Training: New and existing acolytes, including adults, youth, and children (4th grade and older): please join us on Sunday, February 25th, 10:15-11 a.m. in the Sanctuary for acolyte training. Spread the word! Contact Ramsey McIntire at dingervb@gmail.com for more information.

Lenten Book Study: The Racial Justice Planning Group will offer an in-person book study of David Zucchino's Pulitzer Prize-winning "*Wilmington's Lie: The Murderous Coup of 1898 and the Rise of White Supremacy.*" Sign-up and details are now available on the website. We will gather in person from 3 to 4:30 pm on the first four Sundays in March. Please get your copy of the book and start reading! Email Aleta McClenney, aleta@att.net, with questions.

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Registration: Registration is open now for our summer service trip to Appalachia, making homes warmer, safer and drier while forming supportive communities. This year's trip is June 23-29, 2024 and is open to adult chaperones as well as rising freshmen through graduating seniors. Registration links are available online; sign up by February 28 to secure your spot. Contact Kevin Swann at swann.kev@gmail.com for more information.

ASP Spaghetti Dinner: Plan to join us in the Parish Hall on Friday, March 8 from 6-8 p.m. for our annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser, supporting our Youth Ministry's mission trip this summer. Become an ASP Shareholder or participate in our gift basket raffles. Dinner cost: \$5 for children, \$10 for adults, or \$25 per family. Want to help or have questions? Contact Stephnie Hirschy at shirschy@yahoo.com.

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater: "Murder on the Boardwalk," an interactive Murder Mystery dinner theatre show, will be presented on Sunday, March 17th by St. Paul's Youth, and we're looking for parents and youth to work onstage & backstage. Please contact Ben Bricio at youth@stpaulscary.org for more information. Tickets and a SignUp Genius link are available online. No experience necessary!!

Easter Lily Donations: Easter lily envelopes are now in the pews. Giving a lily that will decorate the altar and worship spaces for the Easter services is a beautiful way to remember and/or give thanks for the special people in our lives. The Altar Guild requests a donation of \$35 per plant. Checks may be made payable to St. Paul's with "Altar Guild lily" noted on the memo line. Please make sure the outside of the envelope is complete with your name and the name of the person(s) for whom the lily is being given; noted whether given in memory or for thanksgiving. All donations must be received by Sunday, March 17, to be included in the Easter bulletin. The completed envelope can be placed in the collection plate or dropped off at the church office. Easter lilies may be taken home after the 11:15 Easter service.

Men's Beach Week: Join us oceanfront at Emerald Isle for all or any part of the week of April 21-28. This week is for men who enjoy being at the beach for casual, unstructured fun: walk, kayak, fish, telecommute, whatever suits you. Newcomers are welcome! Share a group dinner each night and lend a hand in the kitchen when you can. Cost is \$95/night, includes lodging and meals. Contact Mike McInerney with any questions, mbw@stpaulscary.org or 919-656-4629. Sign up in the narthex today!

Women's Beach Week: Spend a few days or all week with other women from St. Paul's relaxing, playing and laughing at Emerald Isle, NC, April 28-May 5. Registration info and details can be found on the website under Adult Ministries, on our printed information in the narthex, or by contacting us at wbw@stpaulscary.org. Estimated cost is \$75 per night (includes some meals); final cost depends on number of participants. Deadline to reserve your spot is March 24; newcomers are welcome!

Prayer List: Dave, Walt, Bob, Peggy, Ann, Vickie, Ann, Lynn, Laura, Margaret, Mary Jo, Bob, Thomas, Mary, Virginia, Des, Mary, Christine, Kathy, Russell, Doug, Guy, Katie, Michael, Cathy, Alan, Jessica, Nancy, Sherry, John, Mary, Alison, Lynette, Susan, Michael, Randall, Joyce, Clarence, Susan, Mary Marsha, Steve, Mila, Florence, Sue.

In the prayers for the deceased, we pray for John Wright, father of Melissa Bracken; and Coleman (Butch) Knott.

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.



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