



# St. Paul's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY  
IN LENT

The Rev. George Adamik, Celebrant  
The Rev. Alice Graham Grant, Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST  
9:00 A.M. SERVICE  
FEBRUARY 25, 2024

**Prelude**

Morning Glory  
*Bells of St. Paul's*

John Behnke

**Processional**

The God of Abraham Praise

Hymn 401

## Liturgy of the Word

**Penitential Order**

BCP 351

*The Celebrant says*

Blessed be the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People

*God's mercy endures forever.*

*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.

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 3 years old through 5th grade.*

**First Reading**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

A Reading from Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Reader           The Word of the Lord.

People           *Thanks be to God.*

**The Psalm**

Psalm 22:22-30

- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

**Second Reading**

Romans 4:13-25

A Reading from Romans.

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. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in



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*

**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.*

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**

Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord  
Wherefore, O Father, We Thy Humble Servants

Hymn 328  
Hymn 338

**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**

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

Hymn 675

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

**MISSION STATEMENT**  
*Worship. Serve. Grow.*

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## FEBRUARY 25, 2024

**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](mailto: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 Outreach Support 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* continues today with "Caring for the Dying," presented by Celia Hartnett, MSW, LCSW.

**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):** Meets today for Ice Skating with Pre-EYC. Join us from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Polar Ice Cary.

## 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 the third Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m. No sign up is necessary; meet at the welcome area in the narthex (lobby).

**Acolyte Training:** New and existing acolytes, including adults, youth, and children (4th grade and older): please join us today, 10:15-11 a.m. in the Sanctuary for acolyte training. Spread the word! Contact Ramsey McIntire at [dingervb@gmail.com](mailto: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 at [aleta@att.net](mailto:aleta@att.net) with questions.

**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. St. Paul's will have a dedicated build day on March 2 from 8-3:30 p.m., and we welcome need volunteers! You must sign up in advance online to participate. Work on the house(s) will continue every Saturday until it is completed. For more information, contact Kevin McIntire at [kvn.mcintire@gmail.com](mailto:kvn.mcintire@gmail.com).

**Appalachia Service Project (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? We definitely need more hands! Contact Stephanie Hirschy at [shirschy@yahoo.com](mailto:shirschy@yahoo.com).

**Hermano Day, March 10:** St. Paul's annual Hermano Day will be Sunday, March 10. Help our farmworker brothers and sisters and their families by donating clothing and household items (linens, toiletries), collected before both services. Cash donations to the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry are also very welcome. Contact Katie Bricio at [katiebricio13@gmail.com](mailto:katiebricio13@gmail.com) with any questions. Gracias!

**Courtyard Cleanup and Mulch Day:** Join our crew on Saturday, March 16 for cleaning, pruning and moving mulch into the courtyard in preparation for Easter and the coming growing season. Wheelbarrows, mulch rakes and muscle power are most appreciated; no experience is necessary. We will start with pruning and cleaning beds at 9 a.m.; mulch spreading begins at 10 a.m. and should finish by 1 p.m. If you have a pickup truck and would be able to help deliver mulch, please let us know by March 8. Contact Julia Rudy at [jbrudy@yahoo.com](mailto:jbrudy@yahoo.com) if you can help.

**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. No experience necessary!! Please contact Ben Bricio at [youth@stpaulscary.org](mailto:youth@stpaulscary.org) for more information. Tickets and a SignUp Genius link are available online.

**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. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Ron, Liz, Terry.

**In the prayers for the deceased,** we pray for John Wright, father of Melissa Bracken; Coleman (Butch) Knott; and Ashton Thomas McLaurin, stepfather of LaQuinta Jernigan.

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](mailto:announcements@stpaulscary.org). Please note that there is a 2-week lead time on printed announcements.



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