



St. Paul's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY
IN LENT**

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

**HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
MARCH 10, 2024**

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Processional

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hymn 686

Liturgy of the Word

Penitential Order

BCP 351

The Celebrant says

Bless 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.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; 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

Numbers 21:4-9

A Reading from Numbers.

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

A Reading from Ephesians.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual

My Faith Looks Up to Thee (verses 1&2)

Hymn 691

Gospel

John 3:14-21

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "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. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Homily

The Rev. Alice Graham Grant

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

If you would like to donate online, follow the QR code found on the giving card in the back of the pews.

At the end of the announcements, you are also welcome to come forward to make a special donation to Heifer International, a non-profit organization whose mission is to end hunger and poverty, to mark an anniversary, blessing, or other event.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory

Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love
St. Paul's Choir

Arlen Clarke

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.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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:

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

Jerusalem, My Happy Home
My God, Thy Table Now is Spread

Hymn 620
Hymn 321

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

The Communion Music

Lift High the Cross

Hymn 473

Dismissal

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

Postlude

MISSION STATEMENT
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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 Lectors Ministry. 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 Caregivers," 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 this evening for fun and fellowship from 5-7 p.m. in the Youth Wing.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, March 24: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. - Procession of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

Holy Monday, March 25: 7 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

Holy Tuesday, March 26: 7 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

Holy Wednesday, March 27: 7 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday, March 28: 7 p.m. - Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing

Good Friday, March 29: Noon - Stations of the Cross (Family Service), 7 p.m. - Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday, March 30: 8 p.m. - Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Day, March 31: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

Easter Day celebrations will also include an **Easter Egg Hunt** for children after the 9 a.m. service.

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).

Hermano Day: St. Paul's welcomes our visitors from the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry in Dunn, NC this morning. Please leave your donated items in the narthex; financial donations to the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry are also very welcome. Contact Katie Bricio at katiebricio13@gmail.com if you would like to learn more. Gracias!

Give Up Anonymity for Lent: One of the most welcoming gestures we can make to those who join us on Sundays is simple: wear a name badge! Name badges help us all, no matter our length of stay here. If you have misplaced yours or you need to order one for the first time, please stop by the welcome station in the narthex for a form or contact Joyce Loughlin at loughlin1@mindspring.com for information.

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. Contact Julia Rudy at 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 17, 5-7 p.m. in the Parish Hall by St. Paul's Youth. Join us for the 1920s gangster-era "whodunit" and an Irish-themed dinner (vegan options available), for just \$25 per person. Reserve your spot in advance with the link on the website; information is also available on posters in the narthex. Childcare is available for \$5 per child. Contact Ben Bricio at youth@stpaulscary.org for more information.

Columbarium Addition is Complete: Please visit the Memorial Garden area to see the expansion of our columbarium niches. We are so grateful for the work of the committee and the donors who continue to support this beautiful space on our campus. Information on a dedication ceremony for the new niches will be coming this spring. Contact Jackie Straub at jmpstraub@aol.com for more information.

Easter Lily Donations: Easter lily envelopes are now in the pews. Giving a lily that will decorate the worship spaces for Easter is a beautiful way to remember and give thanks for special people, for a donation of \$35 per plant. Checks may be made payable to St. Paul's with "Altar Guild Lily" noted in the memo. 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 donated; note whether given in memory or for thanksgiving. Donations must be received by March 17 to be included in the Easter bulletin. Lilies may be taken home after the 11:15 a.m. service on Easter Day.

Easter Egg Hunt: Join us on the playground after the 9 a.m. service on Easter Sunday for an Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Children's Ministry Committee! Children of all ages are welcome. Help support this event by donating individually packaged candy treats or Easter-themed items like sticks or colored pencils. Donations can be dropped in the box in the narthex through Palm Sunday, March 24.

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, Clarence, Susan, Mary Marsha, Steve, Mila, Florence, Sue Ron, Liz, Terry, Chris, Brent.

In the prayers for the deceased, we pray for Steve Smith, husband of Kim Smith.

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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