



St. Paul's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY
IN LENT

The Rev. George Adamik, Celebrant
The Rev. Javier E. Almendárez-Bautista, Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
MARCH 17, 2024

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Processional

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

Hymn 495

Liturgy of the Word

Penitential Order

BCP 351

The Celebrant says

Bless 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,
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 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, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ 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

Hymn 383

Verse 1

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

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A Reading from Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm

Psalm 51:1-13

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:5-10

A Reading from Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,
today I have begotten you";
as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned

obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

Gradual In the Cross of Christ I Glory (verses 1-3) Hymn 441

Gospel John 12:20-33
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

Homily The Rev. Javier E. Almendárez-Bautista

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

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

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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 Make Me a Captive Lord Ronald Turner
St. Paul's Choir

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

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.*

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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:

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

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.

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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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Bread of the World, In Mercy Broken

Hymn 474
Hymn 301

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

At the Name of Jesus

Hymn 435

Dismissal

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

Postlude

MISSION STATEMENT

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MARCH 17, 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 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 Altar Guild 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 "Sacramental Psychology," presented by the Rev. Phillip M. Bass, MDiv, ThM, MA, LCMHC, NCC.

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 evening – join us for the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater!

Pre-EYC (4th and 5th graders): The overnight retreat at Blue Jay Point County Park is happening this weekend (March 16-17). Thanks to the Pre-EYC Committee & volunteers for making this special trip happen! Let's keep them in our prayers as they bond and grow in love for God and creation.

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

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater: "Murder on the Boardwalk," an interactive Murder Mystery dinner theatre show, will be presented this evening from 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. A few spots are still available. Childcare is available for \$5 per child. Contact Ben Bricio at youth@stpaulscary.org for more information.

Join the Altar Guild: Do you like to work in small teams and do things behind the scenes? Join us on the Altar Guild Ministry, preparing the sanctuary for worship at St. Paul's. The time commitment is very light (about 1½ hours a month) and the rewards are tremendous. No experience is necessary, we welcome newcomers! Visit us today during Coffee Hour to learn more or contact Robin Smith at rocknrobin@yahoo.com.

Easter Offering: In the 43 years since the St. Paul's Chapel was built, the space has been an essential part of St. Paul's mission and ministry, serving as the main church until 2004 when we outgrew the space it provided. Our 2024 Easter Offering will raise funds to help offset expenses for renovating and maintaining this special place. Please be generous as you consider your gift; envelopes are in the pews and donations End 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 Day 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.

Endowment Grants Available: Do you have a good idea for St. Paul's endowment funds? If you have an idea for how to use the 2024 distribution for a one-time project or as seed money for something new, please let us know! The Endowment Committee works with the Vestry to make sure projects are compliant with goals of the funds (General, Outreach, Grounds, Kids' Club). We are happy to advise you in making a request. Learn more about the amounts available and how to submit a request (deadline is April 19, 2024) on the website, or email Kay Burgess at kay.burgess9396@gmail.com.

Wednesday Evening Book Study: Our spring selection will be “Learning to Walk in the Dark” by Barbara Brown Taylor, author and Episcopal priest. This work explores darkness in its many facets, suggesting that walking in darkness is as important as walking in lightness and has its own sacred beauty. We will meet on Zoom from 7-8 p.m. on Wednesdays, April 3-May 22. Sign up by contacting Gerri Batchelor at gerrikairos@gmail.com.

Changemakers! Vacation Bible Camp (VBC) 2024: Registration is open for campers and volunteers to experience Changemakers, an incredibly fun week of activities aimed at experiencing the transforming love of God and how we can change the world. VBC runs July 15-19, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. each day, \$45 per camper (scholarships are available). There are plenty of volunteer positions open for youth and adults of all ages! Find more information on the website, on our flyers or by contacting Sherri Hubbard at vbc@stpaulscary.org.

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

In the prayers for the deceased, we pray for Robert Lyerly, husband of Bonnie, father of Partick; Sybil Goldmark Smith, wife of Francis, mother of Victoria and Gary.

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.



St. Paul's Website