



# St. Paul's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY  
IN LENT

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

HOLY EUCHARIST  
9:00 A.M. SERVICE  
MARCH 3, 2024

**Prelude**

Carol Yeargin, Organist

**Processional**

Praise to the Living God!

Hymn 372

## 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

**Collect of the Day**

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.

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

*And also with you.*

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, 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**

Exodus 20:1-17

A Reading from Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

People            *Thanks be to God.*

**The Psalm**

Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for ever; \*

the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.

- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

A Reading from First Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

### Gradual

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

Hymn 318

### Gospel

John 2:13-22

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

### Homily

The Rev. George Adamik

### 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

Drop, Drop, Slow Tears  
*St. Paul's Choir*

Malcolm Archer

### Offertory Response

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

### Eucharistic Prayer A

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*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:

*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

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*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**

Lord Jesus, Think on Me  
Humbly, I Adore Thee

Hymn 641  
Hymn 314

**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**

Kind Maker of the World, O Hear

Hymn 152

**Dismissal**

Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

*Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude**

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## MARCH 3, 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 Care and Share 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 "Chaplaincy and Spiritual Injury," presented by the Rev. Ryan Parker, Priest Associate at Church of the Nativity and Teaching Chaplain at the Durham VA.

**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.

## 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).

**Lenten Book Study:** The Racial Justice Planning Group is offering 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 available on the website. We are gathering in person from 3-4:30 p.m. on the first four Sundays in March, starting today. Email Aleta McClenney at [aleta@att.net](mailto:aleta@att.net) with questions.

**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](mailto:loughlin1@mindspring.com) for information.

**Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Spaghetti Dinner:** Plan to join us in the Parish Hall this 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 (see the suggested list on our website), collected between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. Financial 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 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 our 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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

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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