



St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY
IN LENT

The Rev. Stephanie Yancy, Celebrant
The Rev. Sarah Phelps, Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
MARCH 16, 2025

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Processional

The God of Abraham Praise

Hymn 401

Liturgy of the Word

Penitential Order

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 351

The Celebrant says

Blessed be the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People

His 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.

All who are able, please kneel.

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 (v. 1)

Hymn 383

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

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

A Reading from Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm

Psalm 27

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe
in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

- 12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the LORD will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O LORD; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed
that I should see the goodness of the LORD *
in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the LORD.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

A Reading from Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

Gradual

Kind Maker of the World, O Hear (vv. 1-3)

Hymn 152

Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

Homily

The Rev. Sarah Phelps

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.*

BCP 360

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

Go Not Far from Me, O God
St. Paul's Choir

Niccolo Antonio Zingarelli

*Go not far from me, far from me, O God;
Cast me not away in the time of age,
Forsake me not when my strength faileth me.
O let my mouth be filled with thy praise:
That I may sing thy glory and honor all the day long.*

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.
The Celebrant proceeds.*

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.*

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:

Sanctus

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymnal S124

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 S161

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

O Love of God, How Strong and True
O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising

Hymn 456

Hymn 590

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 Celebrant says

Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Celebrant says

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Recessional

Now Let Us All with One Accord

Hymn 147

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

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TODAY – MARCH 16, 2025

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. Join a tour of our campus today at 10:15 a.m. to learn more and meet others. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org to find out more about us!

Kids' Club (Education Building): Our Kids' Club (nursery) is available during the 9 a.m. service through Coffee Hour; infants/toddlers through 36 months (3 years old) are welcome to attend.

Children's Chapel: Children 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to process to Children's Chapel during the 9 a.m. service for our Lenten program "Animal Crackers," designed by Heifer International. We'll return to our families during announcements.

Coffee Hour (Parish Hall): Hosted this morning by the Appalachia Service Project Ministry. Join us after the 9 a.m. service for coffee and conversation.

Adult Formation (Chapel, 10:15-11 a.m.): Our series *Spiritual Renewal in Lent* continues today with "Spiritual Tools and Practices" presented by Celia Hartnett, MSW, LCSW.

Children's Communion Class - 1st thru 3rd grade (Church, 10:15-11 a.m.): The class offers a learning experience about the meaning of the rite over three sessions (Mar. 2, 9 and 16); it is not a prerequisite for children's communion participation.

Children's Sunday School - 5th grade and under (Education Building): Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m.

Youth Sunday School - 6th thru 12th grade (Youth Wing): Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): Join us for the Mystery Dinner Theater this evening. Regular meeting resumes next Sunday, Mar. 23.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Midweek Lenten Contemplative Eucharist: This Lent, join the clergy for contemplative Eucharist services on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. We will use the Sunday readings for Lent as our guide and have ample time for meditation and reflection. All are welcome.

Youth Mystery Dinner Theater: Our Youth Mystery Dinner Theater show "Who Stole the Pot O'Gold?" will be presented this evening from 6-8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Join us for the shenanigans and an Irish-themed dinner (vegan and gluten free options available) for just \$25 per person. St. Patty's Day costumes are HIGHLY recommended – win a prize for best-dressed! Childcare is available for \$5 per child. Contact Ben Bricio at youth@stpaulscary.org for more information.

Communion Class Celebration: The Children's Ministry Committee (CMC) is hosting a festive Communion Class Celebration during Coffee Hour on Mar. 23. We would love your help contributing baked goods or other food items for our celebration. Find a link to the sign up on the St. Paul's website; contact Natalie Sroka at natalie@stpaulscary.org with any questions.

Hermano Day 2025: This year, we are supporting the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry (EFWM) Mattress Swap Project as they try to improve living conditions for workers who labor in NC fields to pick our crops. Every \$250 donated buys a new mattress set to replace mattresses in horrible conditions. **New this week:** a generous parishioner has offered to match funds for the first ten mattresses donated. Donate now and double your impact! The new director of EFWM will be with us on Sunday, Mar. 30; contact Katie Bricio at katiebricio13@gmail.com with any questions. Donate online or with checks, putting "EFWM mattresses" in the memo line.

Refuge for Refugees Ministry Update: Layoffs at the Raleigh office of the US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) are affecting caseworkers for those receiving services in our area. St. Paul's Refuge for Refugee Ministry is currently assisting a Congolese family who arrived in January, mainly with providing transportation to appointments. We are looking to expand our volunteer list as we anticipate other needs surfacing as services are cut. If you would like to learn more about how you can directly serve refugee families in our area, please contact Ann Lockhart and Deb Richard at refugeforrefugees@stpaulscary.org.

Sign Up for Men's and Women's Beach Weeks: St. Paul's has a tradition of offering fellowship and relaxation for adults at Emerald Isle each spring, with men attending April 20-27 this year, and the women gathering the following week, April 27-May 4. You can come for a few days or for the whole week; arrangements vary based on the number of participants. Both groups are very welcoming of newcomers and would love to share more details about the fun with you! Sign ups are closing soon; men, please contact Mike McNerney at mbw@stpaulscary.org; women, contact Yvon Daniel at yvdaniel60@gmail.com. More details are available on flyers in the narthex and on the St. Paul's website.

Spaghetti Dinner Benefitting Appalachia Service Project (ASP): Mark Friday, Apr. 11, 6-8 p.m. as a night out to enjoy fellowship and support our youth outreach with ASP. Learn about the impact of this work on both youth and adults as they serve pasta topped with the Men's Group's delicious sauce. Youth who are participating in the trip are expected to help; middle school youth and adults are welcome to volunteer as well. Find the sign up and learn more on the St. Paul's website, or by contacting asp@stpaulscary.org.

Registration is Open for Vacation Bible Camp (VBC): During “Waves of Wonder,” July 14-18, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., children will be inspired by the beauty and majesty of what God has made. Through drama, art, science explorations, and games, we’ll share the importance of water and be invited to join God in caring for this precious natural resource. Find the link to register on the St. Paul’s website or on our promotional flyers in the narthex. Contact vbc@stpaulscary.org with questions.

Wheels4Hope Car Buying Class: Mike Sweeney from St. Paul’s Wheels4Hope Ministry is presenting the class “A Recipe for Car Buying Success” at Dorcas Ministries Workforce Development Center on High House Rd. in Cary on Mar. 19 from 6-7 p.m. Learn how to shop smart and drive away with confidence. Details about the class and how to register can be found on the St. Paul’s website or by contacting Mike at mas223@ymail.com.

Prayer List: Dave, Bob, Ann, Vickie, Ann, Laura, Margaret, Mary, Virginia, Doug, Guy, Katie, Cathy, Alan, Jessica, John, Mary, Susan, Clarence, Susan, Florence, Noah, Sally, Chase, John, Janice, John, Randy, the Lytvinenko Family, Mary, Regina, Nathanael, Lisa, Parrish, Matias, Yosi, Lorraine, Jackie, Christy, Randall, Becky, Connor, Carter, Martha, Joe, Rich, Jen, Jack, Louane, Ted, Barb, Peggy, Joy, Anne, Donna, Tim, Hope, Alexis, Marty, Janet, Austin, Kelle, Jennifer, Liddy, Clay, Ashley, Dolly, Jill, and Gloria.

In the prayers for the deceased, we pray for Waite Maclin, former rector of St. Paul's; Charlotte Hall, mother of Nancy Hall.

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. Names included in the prayer list will remain for a month, and we are happy to extend at your request. Please note that there is a 2-week lead time on printed announcements.



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