



St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY
IN LENT

The Rev. Javier E. Almendárez-Bautista, Celebrant
The Rev. J. Carr Holland III, Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
MARCH 30, 2025

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Processional

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hymn 686

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.

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

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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 (v. 1)
Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.

Hymn 383

First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

A Reading from Joshua.

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

The Psalm

Psalm 32

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

A Reading from Second Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Homily

The Rev. J. Carr Holland III

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

Thou Knowest, Lord
St. Paul's Choir

Henry Purcell

*Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not Thy merciful ear unto our prayer;
but spare us, Lord most holy,
O God most mighty
O holy and most merciful Savior,
Thou most worthy Judge eternal,
suffer us not at our last hour,
for any pains of death,
to fall from thee. Amen.*

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

Jerusalem, My Happy Home
Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

Hymn 620
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

The Celebrant says

Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Celebrant says

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Recessional

The Great Creator of the Worlds

Hymn 489

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 30, 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 on the third Sunday of the month 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 week by the Care and Share Ministry. Please join us after the 9 a.m. service for coffee and conversation as we say thank you and farewell to Fr. Carr.

Adult Formation (Church, 10:30-11 a.m.): Please join us today for a special Meet the Interim Rector session with the Rev. Sarah Phelps. Please note the later starting time and location change to the church for this week's forum.

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): No meeting this evening; enjoy spring break and join us on April 6 from 5-7 p.m.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 13: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. - Procession of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

Holy Monday, April 14: 7 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

Holy Tuesday, April 15: 7 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

Holy Wednesday, April 16: 7 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday, April 17: 7 p.m. - Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing

Good Friday, April 18: Noon - Stations of the Cross (Family Service), 7 p.m. - Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday, April 19: 8 p.m. - Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Day, April 20: 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

Hermano Day 2025: Welcome Mauricio Chenlo, executive director of the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry (EFWM), for today's celebration of Hermano Day! This year, we are supporting the 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. A generous parishioner has offered to match funds for the first ten mattresses donated. Donate online or with checks, putting "EFWM mattresses" in the memo line; the **deadline is today**. Contact Katie Bricio at katiebricio13@gmail.com with any questions.

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Deadline to Register is April 1: Our ASP trip this year is scheduled for June 22-June 28. The final sign-up **deadline is APRIL 1**. If you are a youth (14+) or adult interested in traveling with us to Appalachia to make homes warmer, safer and drier, find the sign up in the narthex or on the St. Paul's website. We have limited slots left, and they are filling up quickly. Don't miss the deadline! Contact our ASP team at asp@stpaulscary.org with questions.

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.

ONE Wake Action Supporting Affordable Housing in Cary: Our neighbors at Greenwood Forest Baptist Church are working with other agencies to convert part of their property to affordable housing, along with space for early childhood education and family support services. The rezoning proposal will be heard publicly by the Cary Town Council on April 10 at 6:30 p.m. and we need supporters in the seats! Show up and make a difference for those who struggle to live here. Please register in advance on the ONE Wake website; a link is provided in the narthex. Questions? Contact Mary Kintz at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org.

Preschool Teacher Appreciation: This past week, our preschool families honored the wonderful team of teachers working to nurture and guide the littlest ones among us at St. Paul's Preschool. Please join us in prayers of gratitude for our wonderful staff: Ms. Emily, Ms. Kelle, Ms. Sarah, Ms. Anais, Ms. Jessica, Ms. Kerrie, Ms. Lindsay, Ms. Tiina, Ms. Stacy, Ms. Mia, Ms. Pam, Ms. Louise, Ms. Beth, Ms. Rebecca, Ms. Elayne, Senora Alex.

Easter Lily Donations: Donate an Easter lily for our Easter services to honor the special people in your life. Envelopes are available now in the pews. Fill out the envelope with your name and information about your loved one(s), noting whether the donation is given in memory or for thanksgiving. Enclose \$35 per plant; drop the envelope in the collection plate or by the office by Apr. 6. A link is provided for those who wish to donate online. Thank you for your generosity. You may take your lily home after the last service on Easter Day.

Easter Egg Hunt: Join us 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 stickers or colored pencils. Donations can be dropped in the box in the narthex through Palm Sunday, Apr. 13.

Men's Beach Week Update: There are beds available during the week of Apr. 20-Apr. 27 for any men interested in getting away to Emerald Isle for a break from the routine. Cost is \$125/night and includes lodging and food. Please reach out to Mike McInerney (919-656-4629 or mbw@stpaulscary.org) if you are interested; we make it very easy to join in, whatever suits your style. Information is also available in the narthex and on our webpage on the St. Paul's website.

Women's Beach Week Update: We have a few spots open on various days during the week of Apr. 27 for any woman who has time to join us at Emerald Isle! This is a time for fellowship and relaxation; newcomers are certainly welcome. Contact Yvon Daniel at yvdaniel60@gmail.com if you feel the ocean calling you. Cost is \$65 per night.

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, Ashley, Dolly, Mary, Craig, and Sue.

In the prayers for the deceased, we pray for Betty Myers, mother of David (Christina) Myers.

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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