



St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY
IN LENT

The Rev. Javier E. Almendárez-Bautista, Celebrant
The Rev. Candy Snively, Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
APRIL 6, 2025

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Processional

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Hymn 441

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

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.

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

Hymn 383

First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

A Reading from Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

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

The Psalm

Psalms 126

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
 then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
 and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
 "The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
 and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
 like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
 will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
 will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

A Reading from Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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

Gradual

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (vv. 1 & 2)

Hymn 474

Gospel

John 12:1-8

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

Homily

The Rev. Candy Snively

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

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

Roland E. Martin

*Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet,
which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace.
Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.
In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.*

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. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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

Surely it is God Who Saves Me
Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

Hymn 678

Hymn 313

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 with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Recessional

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

Hymn 675

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 – APRIL 6, 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): Please join us after the 9 a.m. service for coffee and conversation.

Adult Formation (Church, 10:30-11 a.m.): Our series *Spiritual Renewal in Lent* continues today with "Here Comes Holy Week: Practices and Wisdom for the Journey" presented by the Rev. Dr. Cathy Deats and Celia Hartnett, MSW, LCSW.

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): Meet us this evening at Cary's Buffalo Lanes for bowling, 5-7 p.m.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 13: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. - 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)

Good Friday, April 18: 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

Midweek Lenten Contemplative Eucharist: This Lent, join the clergy for contemplative Eucharist services on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. We use the Sunday readings as our guide and have ample time for meditation and reflection. All are welcome. Note that this Wednesday, Apr. 9, will be the final service in this Lenten series as we move into Holy Week Apr. 13.

Supporting our St. Paul's Community: Do you have a delicious dish to share with a parishioner recovering from illness or injury? Could you give someone a ride to church or an appointment? Would you like to arrange/deliver flowers on a Friday afternoon? These are just a few ways that our Care and Share ministry supports those going through difficult times. If any of this sounds like something you would like to do, please talk to us about joining the Care & Share volunteers. There are no minimum hours or requirements other than a desire to support our community. Contact Sara Concini at sara.concini@gmail.com to learn more and volunteer.

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Spaghetti Dinner: We're less than a week away from a great night out to enjoy fellowship and support our youth summer outreach journey with ASP. Join us this Friday, Apr. 11 from 6-8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Youth and adult volunteers will serve scrumptious pasta topped with the Men's Group's delicious sauce. Individual plates are \$5 per child, \$10 per adult, and/or feed the family for \$25. Contact the ASP support team at asp@stpaulscary.org if you have questions, or if you would like to help.

Endowment Grants Available: Do you have an idea for a project that could use St. Paul's endowment funds? Are you wondering how you can put a team together to make it happen? The Endowment committee is accepting applications for distributions from our funds (General, Outreach, Grounds, Kids' Club). We are happy to advise you on using funds for a one-time project or as seed money for something new. We work with the vestry to make sure projects are compliant with parish goals and fund requirements. Learn more about the amounts available and how to submit a request (deadline is April 30, 2025) on the website, or email Kay Burgess at endowment@stpaulscary.org.

Racial Equity Institute (REI) Training: The Racial Justice Planning Group and the Outreach Support Team are hosting a Racial Equity Institute (REI) Phase I training on May 8-9 at St. Paul's. REI's two-day workshop is designed to provide attendees with a vocabulary and historical framework for racism to better understand how it damages lives in all communities. The training is open to the public and has limited spaces; financial scholarships are available through St. Paul's. Learn more on the St. Paul's website or by contacting Kevin McIntire at kvn.mcintire@gmail.com.

Advocacy Postcards Deadline Extended: The response to the diocesan invitation to write postcards to state legislators has generated much interest, so the deadline has been extended to Apr. 15. Advocacy Day 2025 is an opportunity for the bishops of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina to visit with state legislators at the North Carolina General Assembly and share messages of encouragement and concern from our voices. Postcards and instructions are available in the narthex; cards must be completed by Apr. 13 to be included with the diocesan project.

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 Apr. 24 (note date change) 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.

Easter Lily Donations: Donate an Easter lily for our Easter services to honor the special people in your life. Today is the last day to order; envelopes are available 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. 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.

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, Liddy, Dolly, Mary, Craig, Sue, Nancy, Henry, and Nancy.

In the prayers for the deceased, Bernadine Hayes, mother of Dena Haugley.

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.



St. Paul's Website