

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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*We are called to gather around the sacred story and table of Christ
where all are invited to be fed and everyone's story matters.*

"All Guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ."

The Rule of St. Benedict



The First Sunday of Lent

Liturgy of the Word and Prayer

February 21, 2021, 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.

St. Paul's Sunday Morning Zoom Services

The Reverend Sandra Castillo, Presiding

Readers: 8:00 AM

Sunday, February 21st, 2021

First Lesson	<u>1. Pat McMahan</u>
Psalm	<u>1. Vince McMahan</u>
Second Lesson	<u>1. Rebecca Smith</u>
Nicene Creed	<u>1. Rebecca Smith</u>
Prayers of the People	<u>1. Vince McMahan</u>
The People	<u>1. Pat McMahan</u>

Please be mindful that everyone will be muted during the prelude, readings and musical selections throughout the service.

St. Paul's Sunday Morning Zoom Services

The Reverend Sandra Castillo, Presiding

Readers: 10:30 AM

Sunday, February 21st, 2021

First Lesson	<u>1. Lucinda Brunner</u>
Psalm	<u>1. Lucinda Brunner</u>
Second Lesson	<u>1. Sandra Lee</u>
Nicene Creed	<u>sung</u>
Prayers of the People	<u>1. Dick Downen</u>
The People	<u>1. Peggy Downen</u>

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The Liturgy of the Word

Presider: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures forever.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9

Lector Let us read sections of Psalm 25 responsively.

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
**let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
**for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

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5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
**remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Lector A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Sandra Castillo

The Nicene Creed

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.

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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.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor May your light open the eyes and hearts of those in leadership in America and throughout the world to enable them to make wise decisions for the good of all.

People Jesus, you are the light of the world.

Intercessor Enlighten and guide your Church wherever we are to be found; we pray especially for our Presiding Bishop, Michael, and for Paula, our Diocesan Bishop-Elect, for Barbara, our Rector and for our St. Paul's Vestry members. We also pray for Congregations in the Chicago-South Deanery: St. Paul & the Redeemer in Chicago; St. Thomas in Chicago; Santa Teresa in Chicago; Trinity in Chicago; and for our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk: La Ascención in Veracruz; St. Michael in Geiger Centre.

People Jesus, you are the light of the world.

Intercessor May the works of all our lives demonstrate your love.

People Jesus, you are the light of the world.

Intercessor May your wisdom enlighten our thoughts and decisions.

People Jesus, you are the light of the world, hear the prayers of our hearts.

The Prayers of the People continue on the next page

Intercessor In thanksgiving for this new year, for new beginnings and for the promise of the vaccine against COVID-19. *(Silence)*
(The People may add their own thanksgivings.)

People Jesus, you are the light of the world and we are grateful.

Intercessor For those who've asked for our prayers. Remember especially Mother Barbara, Lori, Alex, Gail, Puzz, Rosemarie, Dorothy, Margaret, David, Austin, Colleen, Kevin and Jean.

(Silence)

(The People may add their own petitions.)

Intercessor For all who have died, especially of COVID, that they may enjoy the nearer life with you now and always.

People Jesus, you are the light of the world, may we always be aware of your light.

Presider Jesus, as you enlighten our lives, may we also become light for the lives others, we pray, in your most holy name. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you!

People: And also with you!

(Then the Ministers and People may offer a sign of peace to one another in the name of the Lord.)

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Presider

May through the observance of this holy season, come to realize the possibilities within us, that we may attain to the fullness of our humanity, and may the blessing of God, Creator, Saviour, Giver of life and truth, be upon you this day and always. **Amen**

Dismissal

Presider Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go out into the world rejoicing in power of the Holy Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Join us for Coffee Conversation on Zoom after the service

Announcements, Special Prayers and Blessings

For Birthdays

God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, especially Gretchen Schlabach and Freyja Rasmussen Johns, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Wedding Anniversaries

Gracious Creator: You blessed the marriage of these two people with your love years ago, especially. Amid the joys and struggles of their life you have preserved and strengthened the covenant between them; bless and renew that covenant now, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace, so that surrounded by their children, family and friends, they may always rejoice in the gift of their love for one another and for your enduring love that blesses their days together. This we ask through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Travelers

O God, whose beauty and intention fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Household Prayer: Morning

God of ancient covenants,
your steadfast love and faithfulness are still new every morning.

I thank you that I can begin this day
in the confidence of your abiding love and unending mercy.

Help me to treat others—
family, friends, coworkers, classmates, and even strangers—
with love and mercy in our encounters today.

When I disappoint or am discordant,
help me to show love to others.

Open my eyes to the places, people, and circumstances
in which your kingdom has come near.

I pray in the name of your beloved Son,
Jesus Christ, my Savior. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of peace, as the day draws to a close
and the evening draws in around me,

I think of the creatures of the earth
that also seek rest in the hours of the night.

You love them even as you love me,
and your covenant faithfulness covers all of us.

So, with the birds of the air, the beasts of the field,
and the tiny ones who burrow in the ground,

I offer you all thanks and praise: for your unending goodness;

for the beauty of our home, the earth;
for your gift of life instead of a deserved destruction.

As your colorful bow now rests in the clouds,
so may we color the earth with the ways of peace
until all creation rests with you in completeness.

In Christ's name I pray. Amen.