

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>

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St. Paul's Sunday Morning Zoom Services

The Reverend Sandra Castillo, Presiding

Readers: 10:30 AM

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First Lesson	<u>1. Lucinda Brunner</u>
Psalm	<u>1. Lucinda Brunner</u>
Second Lesson	<u>1. Sandra Lee</u>
Nicene Creed	<u>1. Sandra Lee</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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The Creed continued

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 Christ, who is the healing salve for the world: You welcomed children and blessed them. We pray for children in our world who experience no such welcome: refugees from violence-riven countries; victims of adult exploitation; pressed into the violence of adult wars.

People **May we give comfort and support to those who have been robbed of their childhood by the relentless drive of human hatred and greed.**

Intercessor You were moved to tears by the needs of others: so we pray for victims of injustice and prejudice, those taunted, despised or slandered simply because of the color of their skin, their sexuality, their social standing or simply their outward appearance.

People **May we be willing to celebrate differences and support those who have been robbed of dignity.**

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Intercessor You restored to health, those who were sick: so we pray for loved ones who are ill at this time; all those in pain; those without hope of recovery; those distressed in mind; those held prisoner by unseen chains of hopelessness; those who grieve and cannot let go. 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.)

People **May we, acting in your name, offer comfort to those who have been deprived of peace and who are longing for your presence.**

Intercessor You call us to abandon violence even in the midst of violence, and to follow the way of peace. Help us put an end to gun violence in our neighborhoods. May we refrain from the use of hostile words or tone of voice in what we say to one another in haste and anger; in the demeaning of friends behind their backs; in naming others by our stereotypes and prejudice.

People **Christ, you stood silent before unjust accusations, forgive our quick tongues and ugly words. Teach us your grace in speaking with others and about others. Help us to put away our weapons.**

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Intercessor You challenged the structural inequalities of your time. In our time, unjust economic order still exists—maintained to benefit only a few.

People **May we move from lethargy to action as we seek change by rejecting injustice as though it were a normal part of life and with determination, work for the common good.**

Intercessor You called disciples to follow and learn from your words and example, which strives now to be your Church in the world working through the power of your Holy Spirit to bring about your healing, peace and justice in this world.

People **Bless our Presiding Bishop Michael, our own Bishop-Elect, Paula, our Rector, Barbara, the St. Paul's Vestry and all other ministers of your Word and sacraments. Bless and unify your broken Church in the world and in our nation.**

Presider God our Creator, when you speak there is light and life, when you act, there is justice and love. Accept these, the prayers of your faithful people, and open our eyes and hearts to see your loving response in our own lives and in the lives of your holy people everywhere.

People **Amen.**

The Confession

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.**

Presider 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 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.)

Presider 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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Our Wardens and Vestry

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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.