

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

St. Paul's is an affirming and inclusive Christian community striving through worship, love and service to welcome all people just as God created you. All are welcome, no exceptions!



**The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 11, 2018, 10:30 A.M.
The Holy Eucharist Rite II**

A Penitential Order

We stand to sing.

ProceSSIONAL Hymn # 671 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound!

Priest Blessed be the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People *His mercy endures forever.*

We kneel or sit.

Priest

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Priest You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Priest You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Priest Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Priest Honor your father and your mother.

People *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Priest You shall not commit murder.

People *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Priest You shall not commit adultery.

People *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Priest You shall not steal.

People *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Priest You shall not be a false witness.

People *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Priest You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

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

We kneel or sit for the prayer of Confession. Silence may be kept.

In Unison

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.

Priest

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 Liturgy of the Word

We remain standing.

Kyrie Eleison Lord have mercy

Musical score for the Kyrie Eleison. The score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a 2/2 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Priest

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.*

We sit to hear the lessons.

Lector A reading from the Book of Numbers.

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Lector Let us read sections of Psalm 107 together.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 2:1-10

Lector A reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

We stand to sing and to hear the Gospel.

Gradual Hymn #706 In your mercy, God you called me

The Gospel

John 3:14-21

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Reverend Ed Bird

Silence for meditation

We stand to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

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. 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
From The Book of Common Prayer, Form 2

Intercessor I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Jeff our Diocesan Bishop, and Ed, our priest.; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Pause for silence.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Pause for silence.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray for those in any need or trouble. We pray especially for the McKay Family, Gail, Dick, Jim, Doug, Susan, Sandi, Puzz, the Webb Family, Marilyn, Dorothy, Margaret, Patty, Kathy, David, Merrill, Michele and family, Rene, and Rosemarie.

Pause for silence.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found.

Pause for silence.

Intercessor We remember before you not only our cares, but also our joys. For those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Julie Stubblefield; and those celebrating anniversaries.

Pause for silence.

(The people may add their own thanksgivings silently or aloud.)

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Pause for silence.

Intercessor For all those needs still unnamed but placed before you now,

Pause for silence.

(The people may add their prayers either silently or out loud.)

Intercessor Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Pause for silence.

Priest O Lord, our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

We stand for the pronouncement of the Peace

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Then we greet one another saying, "Peace be with you."

Announcements and Prayers

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercy of God,
To present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,
Which is your spiritual worship (Romans 12:1)

Offertory Anthem

God So Loved the World

The Adult/Youth Choir

John Stainer

Doxology # 538 God of mercy God of grace vs. 2

Let thy peo - ple praise thee, Lord; be by all that live a -
dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing glo - ry
to their Sa - vior King; let all_ be, be - low, a -
bove, one in joy, and light, and love. A - men.

The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda

The people stand.

Priest	The Lord be with you.
People	<i>And also with you.</i>
Priest	Lift up your hearts.
People	<i>We lift them to the Lord.</i>
Priest	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	<i>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</i>

Priest

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus* S 124

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 people stand or kneel.

Priest

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

You loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

We now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*In unison We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray
to you, Lord, our God.*

Priest

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Paul and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever.
AMEN.

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

In unison

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the bread. A period of silence is kept.

Priest Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Fraction Anthem *O Lamb of God*

The congregation echoes each phrase of the cantor at the interval of one measure.

*Cantor**

O Lamb of God, you take a - way
the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Last time

The image shows three staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, G major. The first staff is for the cantor and the congregation. The lyrics are: "O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us." The second staff is for the cantor and the congregation. The lyrics are: "Grant us your peace, grant us your peace." The third staff is for the cantor and the congregation. The lyrics are: "Grant us your peace, grant us your peace." The word "Last time" is written above the third staff. The music consists of quarter notes and half notes, with a final double bar line and repeat sign.

Priest

No matter who you are, no matter where you find yourself in your journey of life or faith, you are welcome, you are wanted, you are invited to this table for the bread and wine made holy.

The Episcopal Church invites all Christians to receive communion.

*The host is placed in your open hands; please assist in guiding the chalice to your lips, or dip the host in the wine. **We have gluten free hosts available, ask the priest at the rail.** It is acceptable to receive only the bread or the wine. If you would rather not receive communion, you are invited to come to the rail for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will say a prayer for you.*

Communion Hymn # 691 My faith looks up to thee

All stand for the prayer

When all have received Communion, the Priest leads the following prayer:

In Unison

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Recessional Hymn # 448 O Love, how deep, how broad, how high

Dismissal

Priest Let us bless the LORD

People *Thanks be to God.*

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church
DeKalb, Illinois, Diocese of Chicago
Member of the Episcopal Church

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
Second and Fourth Sundays of the month
8:00 A.M. (spoken service)
Every Sunday
10:30 A.M. (sung service)

Child care for infants & young children is available
Sundays 9:15 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. in the Nursery.

Christian Education Classes
Sundays 9:30-10:15 A.M.: Christian formation classes for all ages.
Children and youth meet in the St. Timothy Center, September-May
Adults meet in the Conference Room at 9:15 A.M. year round

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Today's Ministers

The Reverend Ed Bird	Presiding Clergy
Bill Cummings	Eucharistic Minister
Marilyn Cleland	Acolyte
Henry Leonard	Lector
Dick Downen	Intercessor
Jane and George Nenonen	Ushers
Freyja and Rick Johns	Coffee Host
	PrayGround Greeter
Jane Nenonen	Altar Guild
Julie Rogers, Brittany Altepeter	Nursery Attendants

There are no flowers on the altar during Lent

Today, Sunday March 11, 2018 The Fourth Sunday in Lent		
The Holy Eucharist, Rite I (spoken)	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
Nursery and Childcare Available	9:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr
Sunday School Adults	9:15 A.M.	Conference Rm
Sunday School Children & Youth	9:30 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr
Choir Rehearsal	10:15 A.M.	Sanctuary
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music)	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
Coffee and Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall

This Week - March 11, 2018 through March 18th, 2018				
Wed	Mar 14	Holy Solitude Gathering	6:00-7:30 P.M.	Parish Hall
Thu	Mar 15	Children's Choir Rehearsal	5:30-6:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
		Adult/Youth Choir Rehearsal	7:00-9:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
Sun	Mar 18	Nursery & Childcare Available	9:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr
		Adult Sunday School	9:15 A.M.	Conf. Room
		Children's Sunday School	9:30 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
		Choir Rehearsal	10:15 A.M.	Parish Hall
		The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (music)	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Passion Reading Rehearsal	11:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Coffee and Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall
		Vestry Meeting	12:15 P.M.	Conf. Room

Announcements

Welcome! If you are worshipping here for the first time, please sign our guest book. You are welcome to join us for refreshments after the service in the Parish Hall.

“Holy Solitude “at St. Paul’s

Weekly meetings to discuss the topics in Mother Heidi’s book, *Holy Solitude*, continue through March 28th at 6:00 PM. There will be dinner followed by discussion led by Mother Heidi.

We are Now Taking Easter Flower Donations!

It’s that time of year again! We are now taking donations for Easter flowers in memoriam or in thanksgiving. Place your check in the flower envelope and **please write your name and the dedication that you would like to see in the bulletin on the envelope**. Please write checks out to St. Paul’s with “Easter flowers” as the memo and place them in the collection or leave them in the Parish Office. **The deadline to send in flower donations for Easter is March 25th.**

United Thank Offering Ingathering

Our annual United Thank Offering (UTO) Ingathering (collection) is underway. Please take a blue box, which can be found in both the sanctuary and the parish hall. As you give thanks each day for your many blessings, drop a few coins into the box. Your contributions can be placed in the offering plate any time. Our final ingathering will be March 25th. This gives us about a month to concentrate on giving thanks. Our collection will be forwarded to the larger ECW organization, who will then award grants to groups doing outreach in areas of need.

Palm Sunday Passion Reading

We need people to sign up for parts in the reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday, March 25th. Scripts are available in the Parish Hall and the sign up sheet is on the bulletin. There will be one rehearsal, scheduled after the 10:30 A.M. service on March 18.

March for Our Lives

The people of All Saints' Chicago, St. John's Episcopal Church Chicago, and St. Augustine's Episcopal Church (Wilmette, IL) will take as many buses as needed to Washington, D.C., to join the survivors of the massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, in the first March for Our Lives - March on Washington on March 24th. They will leave Chicago Friday evening, March 23rd; arrive early on Saturday for the march; and leave Saturday evening to arrive back in Chicago for Palm Sunday.

Bishop Lee will lead the March for Our Lives in Chicago on March 24 which will gather at the Daley Plaza in Chicago at 11:00 AM.

There is also a March for Our Lives in Rockford on March 24 which will be at 1:00 P.M. Locations to be determined. Our Mother Heidi Haverkamp will be attending. More information can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/marchforourlivesrockford/> .

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Striving through worship, love and service to welcome all people just as God created you. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender expression, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we! All are welcome, no exceptions!

For more information about St. Paul's

Go to our website, www.stpaulsdekalb.org - to hear the Rev. Ed's Sermons, see Announcements, Schedules, Mars Hill Newsletter, etc. The Church of St. Paul is on Facebook and Twitter! Like our page and sign up to follow us to get the latest updates on what's going on!

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Prayers of the People: Book of Common Prayer, Form 2

Household Prayers: Long, K. B. (2013). *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B, volume 1*. Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville, Kentucky.

Kyrie Eleison: Music: Kevin R. Hackett (b. 1956), from Hymn Tunes Mass; based on Herzliebster Jesu, Johan Cruger (1598-1662), *Supplemental Episcopal Hymnal, Wonder Love and Praise #837*, Copyright © 1991 Celebration, Aliquippa, PA.

Doxology: God of mercy, God of grace # 538

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), alt., Music: *Lucerna Laudoniae*, David Evans (1874-1948), Oxford University Press. *The 1982 Hymnal*.

Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus S 124 Music: From New Plainsong; David Hurd, Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc. *The 1982 Hymnal*.

Fraction Anthem: O Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) Words: from The Book of Common Prayer (1979) of the Episcopal Church USA. Music: Ralph R. Stewart, Copyright © 2000 G.I.A. Publications, Inc., *Supplemental Episcopal Hymnal: My Heart Sings Out #44*.

Prelude: *Come Sweet Death*, Choral Melody J. S. Bach

Postlude: *Now Quit Your Care and Anxious Fear*, Hymn #145 Martin Fallas Shaw

Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God, draw me to your light, that I may avoid the dangers of sin and receive the freedom of your grace in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord Christ, as shadows of night draw near, sustain me by the light that banishes the fearful claim of death. Help me believe in you with all my heart that I may know the freedom of salvation and at last receive the joy of eternal life. Amen.