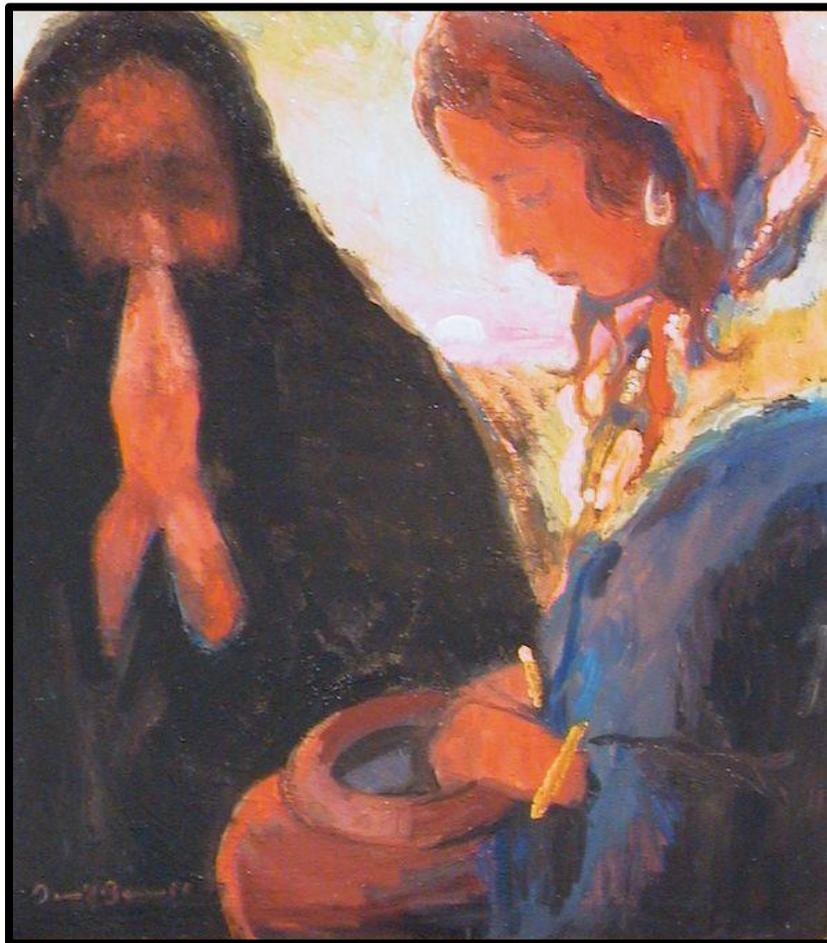


# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*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.*



## Third Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020, 10:30 A.M.

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

*The Rule of St. Benedict*

*Everyone is welcome at the Communion Table.*

**Prelude**      *Fantasy in A Minor*

*J. S. Bach, Arr., Max Reger*

*Kathleen Johnson, Organist*

### **A Penitential Order**

*We stand to sing.*

#### **Processional Hymn # 495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus**

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.**

*We sit for the Liturgy of the Word.*

### **Liturgy of the Word**

Priest: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People: His mercy endures forever.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

### **Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Collect of the Day - Third Sunday in Lent**

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Kyrie**

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

## The First Lesson

## Exodus 17:1-7

Lector A reading from the Book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"

So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God**

## The Psalm

## Psalm 95

Lector Let us read Psalm 95 responsively,

95:1 O come, let us sing to the LORD; \*

**let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

95:2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;\*

**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

95:3 For the LORD is a great God,\*

**and a great King above all gods.**

95:4 In his hand are the depths of the earth;\*

**the heights of the mountains are his also.**

95:5 The sea is his, for he made it,\*

**and the dry land, which his hands have formed.**

95:6 O come, let us worship and bow down,\*

**let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

95:7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.\*

**O that today you would listen to his voice!**

95:8 Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,\*

**as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,**

95:9 when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof,\*

**though they had seen my work.**

95:10 For forty years I loathed that generation and said,\*

**"They are a people whose hearts go astray,  
and they do not regard my ways."**

95:11 Therefore in my anger I swore,\*

**"They shall not enter my rest."**

**The Second Lesson**

**Romans 5:1-11**

Lector            A reading from Paul’s Letter to the Romans.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Lector            Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn** As panting deer desire the waterbrooks

1. As pant - ing deer de - sire the wa - ter - brooks  
 2. Both day and night my tears have been my food,  
 3. Why are you heav - y - heart - ed, O my soul?

when wan - dering in a dry and des - ert place, so yearns my thirs - ty soul for  
 while scof - fers taunt me, "Where is your God now?" My soul dis - solves as I re -  
 And why are you so mired in deep dis - cord? Still put your hope and trust in

you, O God, and longs at last to see you face to face.  
 call the throng whose pil - grim hymns I led to Zi - on's brow.  
 God a - lone, whom I will praise, my Sav - ior and my Lord.

## The Gospel

## John 4:5-42

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

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

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"

Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

### **The Sermon**

The Reverend Barbara A. T. Wilson

*Please stand.*

### **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**

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

*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.

*Silence*

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray especially for Jan, Gail, Puzz, Toni Petty, Dorothy, Margaret, David, Ed, Colleen, Lisa, Paul, Neil, Maddie, Edward Stephen, Jubilee, Tasha, Malachi, Damien, and Rosemarie.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

Intercessor I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. For Congregations in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, especially Congregations in the Chicago-South Deanery: St. Andrew in Chicago; St. Martin in Chicago; St. Margaret of Scotland in Chicago; and for the Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk: Holy Trinity in Oaxaca; St. John in Melut.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

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

*Silence*

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present*

I ask your prayers for \_\_\_\_\_.

I ask your thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_.

*Silence*

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.

Priest Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## The Peace

Priest        The Peace of the Lord be always with you!

**People:        And also with you!**

*In order to limit the transmission of potential pathogens, please exchange the peace from your place in the pew with a small bow saying, "Peace be with you."*

## The Holy Communion

### The Offertory

This is what the Lord asks of you and only this: that you act justly,  
love tenderly and walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

### Offertory Anthem

St. Paul's Choir

*Steal Away*

*Malcolm Archer*

## The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer 2 Enriching Our Worship

Priest        The Lord be with you.

**People        And also with you.**

Priest        Lift up your hearts.

**People        We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

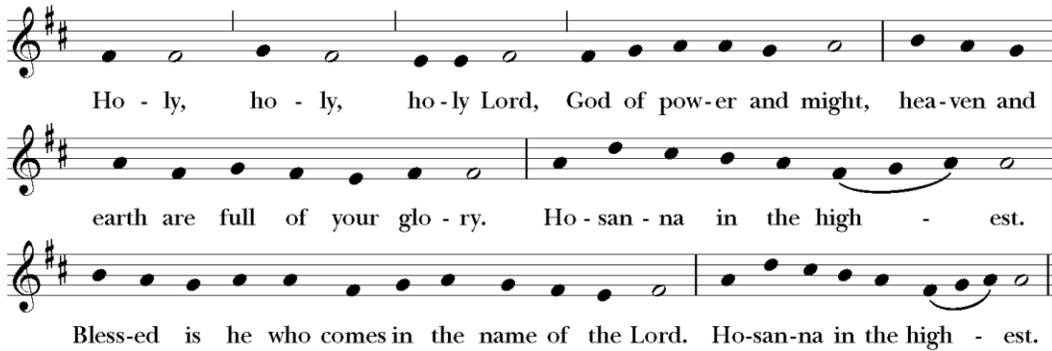
**People        It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Priest

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you 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.

### Priest

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

*All*

**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 have sinned 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 forever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*(Silence is observed after the bread is broken.)*

**Fraction Anthem *Agnus Dei*: 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

*Repeat as needed*

the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

*Last time*

Grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Priest Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**  
Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Anyone seeking a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ is welcome to come forward to share the bread and wine at the Lord's table.*

*We have gluten free hosts available, ask the priest at the rail.*

***When the wine chalice is presented, simply touch it briefly and offer your assent by saying, "amen."***

**Communion Hymn # 658 As longs the deer for cooling streams**

**Prayer after Communion**

Priest Let us pray.

## **All**

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. 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**

Priest

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**

## **Announcements, Special Prayers and Blessings**

### **For Birthdays**

God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, 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. 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.**

**Recessional Hymn # 690** Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

**Sending Forth**

**Priest** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Prelude in G Major* G. F. Händel, Arr. Walter E. Buszin  
*Kathleen Johnson, Organist*

*Join us in the Parish Hall  
the "St. Paul's Parish Café"  
for Coffee and Fellowship*

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

**Celebration of the Holy Eucharist**  
Sundays 8:00 AM (spoken service); 10:30 AM (with music)  
Child care for infants & young children is available  
Sundays 10:15 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. in the Nursery.

**Christian Education:** Sundays: Christian formation classes for all ages.  
Children meet in the St. Timothy Center, September-May  
Adult Formation meets in the Conference Room or Parish Hall

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Rick Johns, Treasurer. Jocelyn Prall - Sacristan  
Julie Rogers, Brittany Altepeter, Karyn Perkins, Nursery Attendants

**Our Wardens and Vestry**  
Maureen Gerrity, Senior Warden, Gretchen Schlabach, Junior Warden  
Rebecca Smith, Clerk, Terry Dickow, Donna de Oliveira,  
Bill Cummings, Jacob Maas

<b>Today's Ministers</b>	
The Reverend Barbara A. T. Wilson	Presiding
Terry Dickow	Eucharistic Minister
Gretchen Schlabach	Acolyte
Donna de Oliveira	Lector
Terry Dickow	Intercessor
Bill Cummings	Usher
Peg Newby	Altar Guild
Peg Newby	Coffee Hour
Julie Rogers, Brittany Altepeter	Nursery

<b>Today, Sunday, March 15, 2020, Third Sunday in Lent</b>		
The Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
Adult Formation	9:15 A.M.	Parish Hall
Nursery and Childcare Available	10:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
Choir Rehearsal	10:15 A.M.	Parish Hall
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
Coffee Hour and Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall
Vestry Meeting	12:00 P.M.	Conf. Room

<b>This Week - March 15, 2020 through March 22, 2020</b>			
Wed	Mar 18	OakCrest Service	2:00 P.M. OakCrest Chapel
Thu	Mar 19	<i>NO Children's Choir Rehearsal</i>	
		<i>NO Adult Choir Rehearsal</i>	
Sun	Mar 22	The Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M. Sanctuary
		Adult Formation	9:15 A.M. Parish Hall
		Nursery/Childcare	10:15-11:45 A.M. St. Timothy Ctr
		Choral Anthem Rehearsal	10:15 A.M. Parish Hall
		The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M. Sanctuary
		Coffee and Fellowship	11:30 A.M. Parish Hall
		Today's Sermon Lectionary Discussion	11:45 A.M. Conference 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.*

### **Staying Safe**

I've been following closely the Diocesan directives regarding limiting the spread of the Covid-19 virus. We have added alcohol-based hand sanitizers to each of the pews and also antiseptic Kleenex to help reduce possible pathogens. Recently though it has been suggested that we do not pass the common cup of wine for either a sip or for intinction. So beginning this Sunday, we will consecrate the bread but only a very small portion of wine, because we won't be distributing it. At the communion rail, please receive the bread as usual. When the chalice of wine is presented as the Blood of Christ, I suggest you acknowledge the cup briefly with a touch of your hand and offer your "Amen." Or simply leave the communion rail after receiving the host. As soon as it safe to do so, we'll return to our normal practice. By this change, it is our hope to keep all of us as safe as possible.

*In Christ, Barbara+*

## Lenten Plans

**On Sundays in Lent, beginning March 1<sup>st</sup> and continuing today** we'll meet at 9:15 AM for a Lenten program titled: *Signs of Life: Why Church Matters*, which is an opportunity for participants to engage with elemental aspects of liturgy and scripture: light, water, food, shelter, community. Each forum session will help participants connect the Sign of Life to their own spirituality, Christian worship, and a spiritual practice. The curriculum was created by the monks of the Society of St. John the Evangelist in cooperation with Virginia Theological Seminary.

**Today's Sermon and Lectionary Discussion - An Adult Forum on Sundays** begins on March 1st, at **11:45 AM** for anyone interested in discussion about the morning's sermon or Lectionary readings in the Conference Room (except on the 3rd Sunday of the month, March 15th).

**The Wednesday Book Study** of Thomas Oord's book *God Can't* has been cancelled.

## Grace Place Meal Ministry

On Tuesday evenings Grace Place NIU Campus Ministry share a fellowship meal at 6:00pm followed by worship time. St. Paul's has committed to provide meals on **March 24<sup>th</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup>**. Each person who helps provide the meal prepares a portion at home and the food is delivered by 5:30 by one or more of the team members. Expenses can be reimbursed. There is a request to avoid pork products as some students have dietary restrictions. Because the meal starts at 6:00, we usually set up the food when we arrive and have it ready to go. The students take care of the rest. We have always been invited to stay for the meal and worship, but it is not expected. Anyone interested in participating in this outreach ministry, please sign up in the Parish Hall or see Jocelyn Prall.

## Chili Cook-Off

It's time once again for the Chili Cook-off! Bring your best chili for all to try on Sunday, **March 29<sup>th</sup>**! If you aren't a cook, help is welcome for set up and clean up, too. See the sign up sheet in Parish Hall or check with Jacob Maas, Peg Newby or Jennie Cummings.

## Tyrique McNeal, Bass, in Recital, Sunday, April 5, 1:00 PM

Let's celebrate and support Tyrique in attendance and spirit. St. Paul's (Choirs and Congregation) are hosting the reception for his recital. The recital is at Northern Illinois University, Music Building, in the Recital Hall. The reception is in the foyer following the recital. The reception sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. Hannah Buckle, Pianist, will be accompanying Tyrique.

## Ushers

We are in need of more people willing to usher for the 10:30 A.M. service. Please let Mother Barbara know if you can help.

### **For more information about St. Paul's**

Go to our website, [www.stpaulsdekalb.org](http://www.stpaulsdekalb.org) - to hear the Sermons, 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!

### **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. 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!

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## **Household Prayer: Morning**

*God, my maker, hold me this day, with the same hand  
that shapes the mountains,  
with the same hand that cradles the deep.  
Keep my heart soft and supple,  
make my faith strong and firm.  
Renew me, re-form me, re-create me into the image  
of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.*

## **Household Prayer: Evening**

*We come to you now, O Lord, weary from the day's journey, thirsty for rest,  
hungry for peace.  
Renew us in your love and restore us by your grace,  
until we find our rest at last  
by the river of the water of life. Amen.*

### *A word about the Household Prayers:*

These prayers are printed on a page of their own so that you can tear them out and use them in your devotions at home. These prayers come from an anthology titled *Feasting on the Word*, that includes several liturgies for services. The prayers reflect the readings of the week, including special feast days.