

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, 8:00 A.M.**

Rite I

*"All Guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ."
The Rule of St. Benedict
Everyone is welcome at the Communion Table.*

The Holy Eucharist Rite I
The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand.

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**

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 thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Third Sunday in Lent

Priest The Lord be with thee.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Priest Let us pray.

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

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 The Word of the Lord.

The Psalm

Psalm 95

- 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

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 The Word of the Lord.

Please stand.

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.

Please sit.

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, Marilyn, 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.
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**

Confession of Sin

Priest Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

All

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with thee.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

Eucharistic Prayer II

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest The Lord be with thee.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Priest

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

All

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

Priest

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The bread is broken.

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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Anyone seeking a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ is welcome to come forward to share the bread (wafer) and wine at the Lord's table. We have gluten free hosts available. When the wine chalice is presented, simply touch it briefly and offer your assent by saying, "amen."

The Post Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Priest Let us pray.

In Unison

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Please stand.

The Blessing

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 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit 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.**

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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 Classes
Sundays: Christian formation classes for all ages.
Children meet in the St. Timothy Center, Sunday mornings, Sept.-May
Adult Formation meets in the Conference Room or Parish Hall

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Rebecca Smith, Clerk, Terry Dickow, Donna de Oliveira,
Bill Cummings, Jacob Maas

Today's Ministers

The Reverend Barbara A. T. Wilson
 Jan Bach
 Jan Bach
 Mary Lincoln
 Peg Newby

Presiding
 Lector
 Intercessor
 Flower Guild
 Altar Guild

This Week at St. Paul's

Today, Sunday, March 15, 2020, Third Sunday in Lent		
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.	Conference Room

This Week - March 15, 2020 through March 22, 2020				
Wed	Mar 18	OakCrest Service	2:00 P.M.	OakCrest Chapel
Thu	Mar 19	Children's Choir Rehearsal	5:30 P.M.	Sanctuary
		Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.	PH/Sanctuary
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 and Lectionary Discussion	11:45 A.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.

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, 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 (*will not meet on March 8th*).

Today's Sermon and Lectionary Discussion - Adult Forum on Sundays at 11:45 AM, beginning on March 1st, there will be a forum 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).

The **Wednesday Book Study** of *God Can't* by Thomas Jay Oord 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 24th and April 7th**. 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 to our NIU family, 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 29th**! 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.

All Parishioners! Come to the Parish Cafe!

So that we can all continue fellowship and welcome newcomers, please plan on taking coffee or tea (with savories and sweets) on Sundays after church at our Parish Cafe. We recall when people have joined us and how we invited them for coffee after church and they joined us there, bringing their enthusiasm and energy and faith. We recall, too, people who bring the blessings of their family life and wonderful food to our Parish Cafe. **This is the place to be.** Please plan on coming and staying awhile as often as possible.

Prayer List and Healing Liturgy

If you would like to add someone to be prayed for in The Prayers of the People, you can fill out one of the sheets available on the table near the Narthex and give it to the ushers. Or call or email the Parish Office. Names will appear for six weeks, but can be continued if the need continues. There will be a special healing liturgy, usually on the fourth Sunday of each month, as part of the Sunday service. Those who would like to come forward for healing will be prayed for and anointed with oil specially consecrated by the bishop.

For more information about St. Paul's

Go to our website, www.stpaulsdekab.org - to hear the Sermons, Announcements, Schedules, Mars Hill Newsletter, etc. The Church of St. Paul is on Facebook! 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, 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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Prayers of the People: Book of Common Prayer, Form II.

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

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.