

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.
All are welcome, no exceptions!*



The Second Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2019, 8:00 A.M.

Rite I

The Holy Eucharist Rite I

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

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A Penitential Order

Priest Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People His mercy endureth for ever.

The Decalogue

Priest God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest Honor thy father and thy mother.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest Thou shalt do no murder.

People *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Priest Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Priest Thou shalt not steal.

People *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Priest Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

People *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Priest Thou shalt not covet.

People *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Confession of Sin

Priest Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

Silence

People *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.*

Priest The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Kyrie

Priest Lord, have mercy upon us.

People *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Priest Lord, have mercy upon us.
The Collect of the Day

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Priest The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Priest Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?"

He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The Psalm

Psalm 27

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the
days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe
in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the LORD will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O LORD; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed
that I should see the goodness of the LORD *
in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the LORD.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

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

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

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Barbara A.T. Wilson

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Intercessor I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Michael and Jeff; 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.
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.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the departed [especially _____].
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

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

Intercessor I ask your prayers for _____.
We especially pray this week for Gail, Puzz, John Lind, Tommie Vicente, Dan Wilson, Colleen Wilson, Joyce Kotvan, Chris Rogers, Zachary and the Jacobs family, Marilyn, Dorothy, Margaret, Patty, Kathy, David, Myrna, Terry Costello, and Rosemarie.

I ask your thanksgiving for _____.

Silence

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

Silence

Priest Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and
strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

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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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

(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.)

The Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

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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 9:15 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, 9:30-10:15 AM
Adult Formation meets in the Conference Room or Parish Hall

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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The Reverend Barbara A. T Wilson, Rector;

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Susan King, Administrative Assistant

Lorraine Langer, Director of Music

Kathleen Johnson, Organist Hannah Buckle, Pianist

Julie Rogers, Brittany Altepeter, Karyn Perkins, Nursery Attendants

Our Wardens and Vestry,

Marv Kombrink, Senior Warden,

Maureen Gerrity, Junior Warden

Pat Brown, Treasurer, Rebecca Smith, Clerk,

Terry Dickow, Donna de Oliveira

This Week at St. Paul's

Today, Sunday, March 17, 2019, Second Sunday in Lent		
The Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
Nursery and Childcare Available	9:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
Adult Formation	9:00 A.M.	Parish Hall
Children's Sunday School	9:30 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
Choir Rehearsal	10:00 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	12:15 P.M.	Conf. Room

This Week - March 17, 2019 through March 24, 2019				
Wed	Mar 20	Adult Formation	6:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
Thu	Mar 21	Children's Choir Rehearsal	6:00 P.M.	PH/Sanctuary
		Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.	PH/Sanctuary
Fri	Mar 22	Mindful Meditation	12:00 P.M.	Sanctuary
Sun	Mar 24	The Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Adult Formation.	9:00 A.M.	Parish Hall
		Children's Sunday School	9:30 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
		Nursery/ Childcare	9:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr
		Choral Anthem Rehearsal	10:00 A.M.	Parish Hall
		The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Chili Cookoff	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall

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.

From Mother Barbara

I have a huge request to make of everyone at the Episcopal Church of St. Paul, at least for the next year or so, while I am acclimating myself to St. Paul's culture and how you do things, as I hope to learn how best to support you all in your various endeavors as God's people. Please run all announcements, ideas for projects to enhance the life of the congregation, past me before sharing them generally with the congregation. This will help me to understand how things generically flow from your ministries and the overall ministry of St. Paul's into the community. I welcome everyone's observations regarding this and your feedback! Thank you.
In Christ,,
Barbara+

Lent and Adult Formation

This year, we will be observing the season with a Wednesday evening soup and bread supper together with focused group study of Fr. Richard Rohr's, "Embracing an Alternative Orthodoxy." For those who cannot make the Wednesday evening sessions, the same talk will take place **on Sundays** at 9 AM through Lent. It is hoped that St. Paul's folk will be joined by others from the larger community who may be interested in the discussions or may just want to sample the soup!

Mindfulness Meditation

A new group is forming for Mindful Meditation with Mother Barbara, offering guidance in mindfulness meditation. The sessions will be held on **Fridays at noon in the Sanctuary** to provide an opportunity to sit in holy silence with others to share the present moment. Each session will be a little less than an hour in duration.

We will primarily focus the meditation on our breath, which is God's first and lifelong gift to us. Mindfulness meditation practice offers a strong foundation for contemplative prayer, too.

Chili Cookoff Next Sunday , March 24th

We will have our Annual Chili Cookoff on **Sunday, March 24**. Come and eat and help decide who will win Best Chili Maker! It's exciting, and it's lunch! There is a sign up sheet in Parish Hall. Questions – ask Julie Stubblefield.

Palm Sunday Passion Reading

We will read the Palm Sunday Passion Gospel in a Reader's Theatre format. If you are interested in participating and have questions, please talk to Lynne Jacobson or Lorraine Langer.

Movie Night

Our next Brown Bag Movie Night is Friday, **March 29th**, at 6 p.m. and we will show "North By Northwest", one of the Top 5 requested in our survey last year.

NIU Grace Place Campus Ministry

St. Paul's is scheduled to provide the evening meal at Grace Place on **Tuesday, April 2nd**. Please see Jocelyn Prall for more information if you are interested in participating.

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 **April 14th**.

Cardboard Boxes for the Garden

Do you have any empty cardboard boxes? If they are clean, mostly brown, and not waxy or glossy, the church garden team would love to have them to line the aisles of the church garden and raspberry patch and keep down weeds. To donate, break them down flat and bring them to the parish hall by. We'll need dozens. Questions? Contact Jacob Maas (jacob.maas95@gmail.com) or Heidi Haverkamp (heidiruthha@gmail.com).

Cleanup Day!

Every year we spend a Saturday morning cleaning up the church grounds. We do this in coordination with NIU Cares Day, which means we will have many student helpers. This year it's going to be **Saturday, April 13**, from 9 to 12. Please mark your calendars! Any questions, talk to Rick Johns or call at 815-217-4849.

Celebration of New Ministry

We will celebrate The Reverend Barbara A.T. Wilson's installation as Rector at St. Paul's on **Tuesday, April 30th**, at 7:00 PM. The Right Reverend Jeffrey Lee will preside and The Reverend David Pike will preach. A reception will follow. All are welcome!

St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Sycamore will install The Reverend George Jalouf on Saturday, April 20th, at 7:00 PM. Those interested in attending can contact Jennie Cummings.

Rite I Service

The Rite I spoken service will now be held every Sunday, including the fifth Sundays.

Communication!!!!

There are a lot of things happening at St. Paul's! A new form has been developed so that the office can keep up with events and programs and be sure information is communicated to all who should know. In addition, the new Audio Video System in the Parish Hall has many capabilities for streaming, playing DVD's, slide shows, music, etc. To both ends, we are asking that you fill out a Communication and Tech Request Form for your events and email or turn it in to the office. Copies of the form will be available in the Parish Office and on the table in the Parish Hall. If you need help putting an announcement together, Susan is happy to assist.

For more information about St. Paul's

Go to our website, www.stpaulsdekalb.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, 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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Prayers of the People: Book of Common Prayer, Form II

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

Household Prayer: Morning

Dear God,

I do not know all of the challenges that face me this day, but still I pray: if I should be tempted by desire for earthly gain, remind me of my citizenship in heaven. If I should be distracted by hunger, satisfy me with your Holy Spirit until I hunger no more. Let me walk in the way of Christ so that my life testifies in deed and word, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Dear God,

great is your mercy to me, even when I have not remembered you. Where I have strayed from your path, forgive my sins and show me the way to salvation. Grant me rest this night that I may rise refreshed in my commitment to the way of my Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name I pray. 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