

# 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.*



## **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 22, 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:

Prelude in G Major

J. S. Bach

Kathleen Johnson, Organist

### A Penitential Order

#### Processional Hymn # 7 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
 joy - less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
 Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Words: Chahes Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

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

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.**

## Kyrie

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

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

## The First Lesson

## 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Lector A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me."

And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you."

Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice."

And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here."

He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm

**Psalm 23**

Lector Let us read Psalm 23 responsively,

23:1 The LORD is my shepherd,\*  
**I shall not want.**

23:2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;\*  
**he leads me beside still waters;**

23:3 he restores my soul.\*  
**He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

23:4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no  
evil; \*  
**for you are with me; your rod and your staff –  
they comfort me.**

23:5 You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies; \*  
**you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life, \*  
**and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.**

**The Second Lesson**

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

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

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light- for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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### Gradual Hymn # 677 God moves in a mysterious way

*Unison or harmony*

1 God moves in a mys - te - rious way his won - ders to per - form:  
2 Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines, with nev - er - fail - ing skill,  
3 Ye fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; the clouds ye so much dread  
4 Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, but trust him for his grace;  
5 His pur - pos - es will ri - pen fast, un - fold - ing ev - ery hour:

1 he plants his foot - steps in the sea, and rides up - on the storm.  
2 he trea - sures up his bright de - signs, and works his sov - ereign will.  
3 are big with mer - cy, and shall break in bless - ings on your head.  
4 be - hind a frown - ing prov - i - dence he hides a smil - ing face.  
5 the bud may have a bit - ter taste, but sweet will be the flower.

6 Blind unbelief is sure to err, God is his own interpreter,  
and scan his work in vain; and he will make it plain.

Words: William Cowper (1731-1800) Music: *London New*, melody from *The Psalms of David in Prose and Meeter*, 1635; harm. John Playford (1623-1686)

### The Gospel

### John 9:1-41

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work.

As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?"

Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.

If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

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 the spouses, partners and children of our bishops, priests and deacons that their relationships would be strengthened and their own ministries to their families and the church be blessed by your Holy Spirit. For St. Paul's clergy and lay leadership, and its organizations; and for the city of DeKalb and its civic leadership.  
Pray that they may find and be found by God.

*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 Laying on of Hands and Anointing**

Priest

Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. (*James 5:14-16a*)

“God does not stand outside our pain but within it, as a Companion, holding us in his arms and sharing in our grief and loss. Indeed, God has shared our suffering and knows our grief. We are not alone.”

~Br. David Vryhof, Society of Saint John the Evangelist

### Invitation

Anyone desiring to be anointed for healing of body, mind, or spirit is invited to come forward at this time.

*The oil for the anointing of the sick is with oil previously consecrated by a priest or bishop. The minister dips a thumb in the holy oil and makes the sign of the cross on the person’s forehead, with these or similar words*

**N**, I anoint you in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

*The minister, with any others invited, in silence lays hands on the person; then may say these or similar words.*

In the name of our loving God We/I lay our hands upon you. Receive Christ’s healing touch to make you whole in body, mind and spirit. The power of God strengthen you, the love of God dwell in you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

*Please join in singing the Taizé song.*

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God’s ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

### 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 Hymn # 664 My Shepherd will supply thy need

1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah  
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence  
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me

is his Name; \_\_\_\_\_ in pas - tures fresh he  
 is my stay; \_\_\_\_\_ one word of thy sup -  
 all my days; \_\_\_\_\_ oh, may thy house be

makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.\_\_\_\_  
 port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.\_\_\_\_  
 mine a - bode and all my work be praise.\_\_\_\_

He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -  
 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my  
 There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers

sake his ways, \_\_\_\_\_ and leads me, for his  
 ta - ble spread; \_\_\_\_\_ my cup with bless - ings  
 go and come; \_\_\_\_\_ no more a stran - ger

mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.\_\_\_\_  
 o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.\_\_\_\_  
 or a guest, but like a child at home.\_\_\_\_

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23  
 Music: *Resignation*, American folk melody, acc. David Hurd (b. 1950) Copyright ©1985, David Hurd. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

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.**

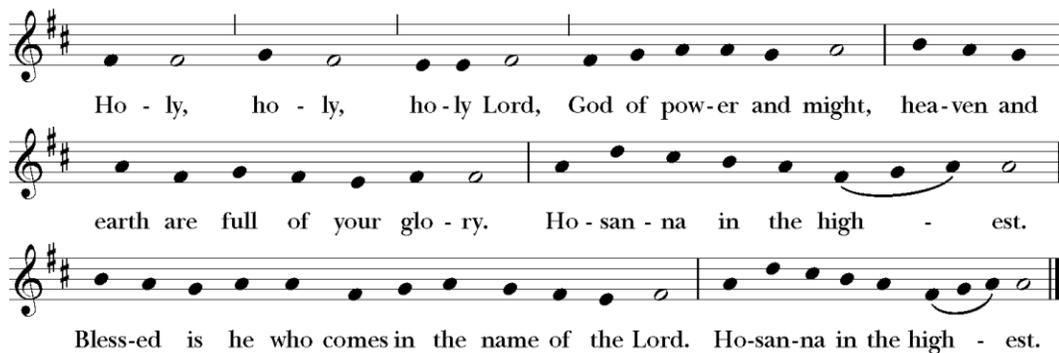
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

Communion Hymn # 339 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the  
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who  
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's  
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y  
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der  
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:  
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this  
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me  
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won-drous ban-quet found-ed— high o'er all the heavens he  
 be a fit par-ta-ker of this bless-ed food from  
 vast and deep its trea-sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign-eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign-eth.  
 hea-ven, for our good, thy glo-ry, giv-en.  
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re-ceive me.

Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.  
 Music: *Schmücke dich*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

## 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**

# 533 How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise

1 How won - drous and great thy works, God of praise!  
 2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!  
 their wor - ship and vows shall come to thy throne:

O thy truth and thy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,  
 thy who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.  
 till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

Words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1759-1858), alt.; para. *The Song of the Redeemed* Music: Lyons, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806)

## Sending Forth

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Now Quit Your Care and Anxious Fear Martin Fallas Shaw

*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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## 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.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We ask that you take good care of yourselves and each other. I am working closely with the lay leadership and staff, to explore and place into practice, ways for us to continue to communicate in prayer, worship, and fellowship.

As Bishop Lee guides us (read his letter below), and many of you have also suggested, this is an opportune time for us to use our existing resources more effectively as well as introduce new ones that will help us to meet the changing needs of our parishioners and hopefully help better enrich our spiritual lives.....

Our vestry has begun to implement these changes with their use of Zoom Conferencing used for this month's vestry meeting (3/15/2020). We plan to continue to use Zoom, and include many of you that are interested, in learning and experiencing the use of Zoom, as well as other tools such as FaceTime (Apple) and FaceBook to have a meeting, in addition to emailing and texting, to stay in-touch, continue our work., and we are always a phone call away!

Additionally, I am working with lay leadership across the program areas, worship teams and office staff, assessing and developing some online possibilities and opportunities for our church to stream that include; prayer, worship, music, etc. More information will be forthcoming.

Please feel free to reach out to me via text, email or phone.

Yours in Christ, The Reverend Barbara A. T. Wilson, Rector  
Dear People of God in the Diocese of Chicago

As I am sure you are aware, the guidance from public health authorities about how to slow the spread of COVID-19, the disease caused by coronavirus, is changing by the hour. One thing, however, is certain: As Christians, we have a clear responsibility to help slow the spread of the disease so that the health care system does not become too overwhelmed to care for the most vulnerable among us. This year, I believe this is among our most pressing Lenten disciplines.

Accordingly, I urge everyone to stay home from church beginning this Sunday. Because I know we will not be able to reach everyone with this message before Sunday, I am asking clergy and lay leaders in congregations without clergy to plan to hold worship in person for those who do attend, using the guidelines I have offered in my previous two letters on the subject. After this Sunday, however, I ask that all in-person worship, meetings and events across the Diocese of Chicago be suspended until further notice.

The exception, of course, are ministries that serve those most in need. As you seek to modify those programs in the time of coronavirus, I commend to you these guidelines from our friends in the Diocese of Indianapolis.

This hiatus, which a colleague of mine called a Lenten fast from public worship, offers an opportunity for us to explore online worship. Beginning on Sunday, March 22, I will offer online worship on Sunday mornings via a link that will be posted on the diocesan website, on social media, and in the email newsletter. I also encourage congregations to host worship online; these suggestions for doing so may be helpful.

Out of an abundance of caution, we are also cancelling diocesan events for the foreseeable future. This includes, regrettably, the Chrism Mass traditionally held on Tuesday of Holy Week.

Other diocesan meetings will be held online, and if you are a member of one of those groups, you will receive information about how to join your gathering soon.

The Nicholas Center will be closed beginning on Saturday, and while my staff will continue working, many of them will be doing so remotely. Please know that you can reach them or me via email using the staff listing on the website .

During these days that few of us could have foreseen, may God's peace comfort and sustain each one of you. Know that you remain in my prayers now and always.

Faithfully, Bishop Jeffrey Lee

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

Go to our website, [www.stpaulsdekab.org](http://www.stpaulsdekab.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

*Good morning, Lord. The day has dawned with the gift of sunlight, and I awaken from sleep into the light and grace of Christ.*

*Thank you for this new day. Stay with me, I pray,  
shepherding me through all that the day will hold.*

*Lead me into pleasant places, and give me the provisions  
I will need if I find myself in difficulty or danger.*

*Whenever the cup of gladness overflows, help me to recognize  
that it is filled with your goodness and mercy.*

*In praise and anticipation I begin this day; in Jesus' name. Amen.*

## Household Prayer: Evening

*With the night, Good Lord, comes rest,  
and a chance for my soul to be restored.*

*You are with me in this and every darkness, so I will not be afraid.*

*For all I have seen with my own eyes today,  
for all others have helped me to see, I give you thanks.*

*For those things that I did not notice: signs of beauty and kindness, evidences of your  
grace, I pray that you will improve the eyes of my faith so that I can see you more clearly,  
love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly tomorrow, and all my tomorrows.*

*In the name of your Son, my Savior, 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.