

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!*



Third Sunday in Lent
March 24, 2019, 10:30 A.M.
A Penitential Order

Processional Hymn # 152 Kind Maker of the world, O hear

Priest Blessed be the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures forever.**

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.

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.*

Liturgy of the Word

Priest Blessed be the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures forever.

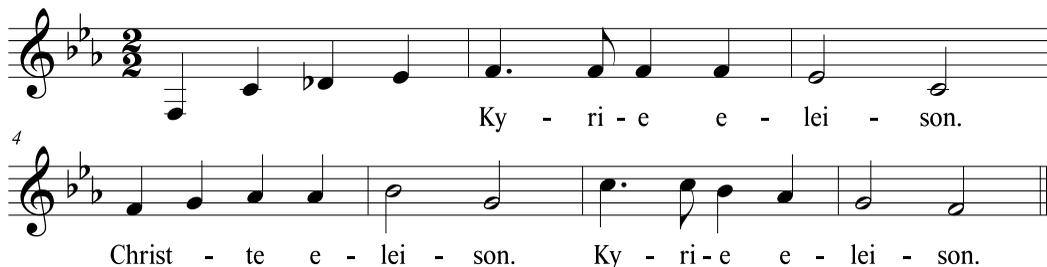
Priest There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Priest One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Kyrie Eleison



Musical notation for the Kyrie Eleison. The first line shows the melody for 'Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.' The second line, starting with a measure rest of 4, shows the melody for 'Christ - te e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.' The music is in 3/2 time and G minor.

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.**

The First Lesson

Exodus 3:1-15

Lector A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the

Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

The Psalm

Psalm 63:1-8

Lector Let us read verses of Psalm 63 responsively, starting with the pulpit side and answering from the organ side.

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

The Second Lesson

I Corinthians 10:1-13

Lector A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.

Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play."

We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the

test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone.

God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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 throug 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

Luke 13:1-9

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Barbara A. T. Wilson

Silence for meditation

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 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, Puz, 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.

Intercessor 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 Peace

Priest The Peace of the Lord be always with you!

People: And also with you!

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

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

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

Offertory Anthem

To His Garden Susan Matsui

The St. Paul's Choirs

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

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

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer I 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

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord, ho - ly is the

6 Lord God al - migh - ty. Ho - ly, ho - ly,

11 ho - ly is the Lord, ho - ly is the Lord God al - migh -

16 ty: who was, and is, and is to come;

21 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord.

Priest

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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.

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

Communion Hymn # 574 Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

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.

Announcements, Special Prayers and Blessings

Priest

God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Jackie Dickow, Mary Lincoln, and Gail Piper 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.**

Priest

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.**

Priest

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.**

Blessing

Priest

May God bless you with discontent with easy answers, half-truths, superficial relationships, so that you will live from deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, abuse, and exploitation of people, so that you will work for justice, equality, and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them and to change their pain to joy.

May God bless you with the foolishness to think you can make a difference in this world, so that you will do the things which others tell you cannot be done.

And the blessing of God, the Holy Trinity, be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen**

Recessional Hymn # 142 Lord, who throughout these forty days

The Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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Kathleen Johnson, Organist Hannah Buckle, Pianist

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Our Wardens and Vestry,

Marv Kombrink, Senior Warden,

Maureen Gerrity, Junior Warden,

Pat Brown, Treasurer, Rebecca Smith, Clerk,

Terry Dickow, Donna de Oliveira

Today's Ministers

The Reverend Barbara A. T. Wilson	Presiding
Adam Frieberg	Eucharistic Minister
Bill Cummings	Second Chalice
Gretchen Schlabach	Acolyte
Linda Lorbach	Lector
Adam Frieberg	Intercessor
Marv and Pam Kombrink	Ushers
Freyja Rasmussen-Johns	Altar Guild
Julie Stubblefield	Chili Cookoff
Julie Rogers, Karyn Perkins	Nursery
Peg Newby	Counter

Today, Sunday, March 24, 2019, Third 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
Chili Cookoff	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall

This Week - March 24, 2019 through March 31, 2019				
Wed	Mar 27	Adult Formation	6:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
Thu	Mar 28	DeKalb Community Expo	3:00-7:00 PM	Syc. HS Fieldhouse
		Children's Choir Rehearsal	6:00 P.M.	PH/Sanctuary
		Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.	PH/Sanctuary
Fri	Mar 29	Mindful Meditation	12:00 P.M.	Sanctuary
		Movie Night	6:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
Sun	Mar 31	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
		Coffee and Fellowship	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.

Chili Cookoff Today , March 24th

We will have our Annual Chili Cookoff **today, March 24**. Come and eat and help decide who will win Best Chili Maker! It's exciting, and it's lunch!

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+

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.

DeKalb Community Expo

St. Paul's will be participating in the DeKalb Community Expo on Thursday, **March 28th** at the Sycamore High School Field House behind the high school at 427 Spartan Trail. The expo will include food samples from local restaurants, crafts and games for kids, and live demonstrations. Hours are 3 PM to 7PM. Pull out your Lobster Boil T-shirt and come over!

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." The study begins by tackling the question of what Christians actually mean when we say, "Jesus died for our sins." 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 has formed for Mindfulness 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.

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 of the month.

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**.

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

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Household Prayer: Morning

*Gracious God, this new day carries the potential for growth
and new life. Help me to attend to those things in me that
need care and attention. Sow your word in me that I may
grow in faithfulness and understanding. Shake me out of dull
routines, so that I may take part in the good news you
continue to tell urgently and passionately.*

In Christ's name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

*As I lie down this night in the shadow of your wings, God of my life, I know that you will be with me even as you have helped me through this day. Whether I am weary from the day, or whether the day has been a rich feast of blessings, I give thanks for your power and glory, which are present in every circumstance. As I give myself over to rest and sleep, I remember that your steadfast love is better than life. So, I pray, surround me with your love tonight and always.
In the peace of Christ 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.