



Welcome to St. Paul's!

The First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. On this first Sunday in Lent, the church's liturgy is designed to catch our attention, facing us with the most important issues of Christian commitment and living.

Today's scriptures present us with our solidarity with one another in Christ, and with God's people through the ages. We are part of a people with a story to tell and a song to sing. That story's beginning is recounted in the first reading today in the form of the ancient Israelite confession of faith. This is not read as an interesting account of the salvation of strangers. It is the story of God's first action in our salvation. We are a part of that people, having become members in our baptism. We are to begin our own story by remembering Abraham, our first ancestor in the faith, and by recounting the story of our brothers and sisters in the faith who were saved from Egyptian slavery.

The reading from Romans affirms our unity with the people of faith in all ages, regardless of status or race or culture.

Finally, in the story of the Lord's testing (temptation) we see Jesus as the beginning of the new Israel. The old Israel, in its wilderness wandering, failed these three tests – temptations – to use God merely as a means for acquiring food and power and riches. The scriptures Jesus quotes against Satan come from those three times in the story of Israel's wilderness experience. Israel's failure, which is part of our story, is turned around in Jesus and becomes a saving triumph for Israel, for us who are made one Body in Christ in Baptism and Eucharist, and for those who are preparing to be baptized at Easter.

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10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II
Please observe silence as we prepare ourselves for worship.

Prelude

How Beautiful

Twila Paris
Arr: Mark Hayes

Announcements / Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

A Prayer for the Transition and Search Ministry

Ann Grace

Dear God, in this time of transition, we remember your abounding love and presence. We pray that you help our community face the challenges ahead with commitment to go through this period with love and understanding for each other. We pray that you support our efforts to go forward on this path with a thoughtful understanding of the needs and hopes of our Parish. There are many skills, gifts and talents among us, and we pray that you open our collective hearts and minds to draw from these to achieve our common goal. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." – Jeremiah 29:11

The Liturgy of the Word

At the sound of the bell, all stand as they are able for the Entrance of the Minister into the church.

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 150

Forty Days and Forty Nights



1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;



1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870), alt.

Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People *His mercy endures for ever*

Then all join in saying the 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 Decalogue may be said, the people kneeling.

The Decalogue

BCP 350

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.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Scripture Sentences

BCP 351

The Celebrant may read one of the following sentences

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel:

The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

The Priest, stands and says

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.*



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Collect for the First Sunday of Lent

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Qui habitat

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor. 6

16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

The Epistle

Romans 10:8b-13

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn

(Please see page 8)

Hymnal 147

Now Let Us All With One Accord

Holy Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,' and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

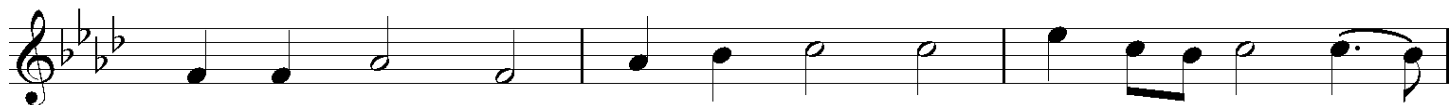
Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*



1 Now let us all with one ac - cord, in
 2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to
 3 Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has
 4 Re - mem - ber, Lord, though frail we be, in
 5 There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so



1 com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our
 2 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -
 3 not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au - thor of mer - cy,
 4 your own i - mage were we made; help us, lest in anx -
 5 when our wan - derings here shall cease, we may with you for



1 heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.
 2 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.
 3 turn your face and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.
 4 i - e - ty, we cause your Name to be be - trayed.
 5 ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

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Sermon

The Rev. Mark Delcuze

The people stand as they are able.

*Celebrant and People together say,
 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 - Form V

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy;"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth
and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Here and after every petition the People respond Lord, have mercy.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, San our bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the
holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may
be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the
earth, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the
light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and
peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For this congregation for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially for those on our Parish Prayer list; we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For all who have died in the communion of your Church especially Bill Prendergast, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

Rejoicing in the fellowship of St. Paul all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology
For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People ***And also with you.***

Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Music: David S. Harris
Words: Edwin Hatch

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand as they are able and sing the Doxology while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing

The Celebrant, faces them and says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the created order, and for God's self-revelation to the human race in history; in response we sing:

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S114

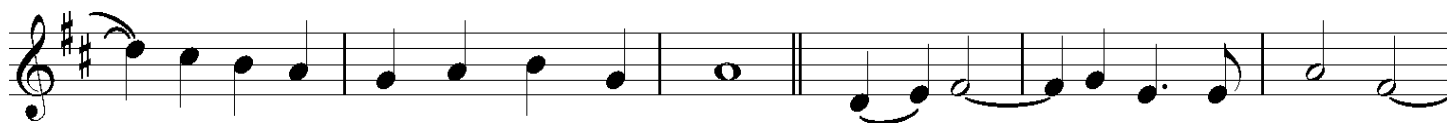
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of



Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -



- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

The celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

People and Celebrant

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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.



Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

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Willan

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music

Post-communion Prayer

*Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

Solemn Prayer over the People

Celebrant

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn (Please see page 16)

Hymnal 435

At the Name of Jesus (vs 1-4)

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord .
People Thanks be to God

Postlude

Maestoso

V. Engel



(vs 1-4)



1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,
*5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
*6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;
5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,
5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
4 ev - er to be wor - shiped, trust - ed, and a - dored.
5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.
6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

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ST. PAUL'S PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 9, 2025

Prayer List

Please call the parish office to place a person on the prayer list, they will be on the list for four weeks. *We will bold the names of the people who are coming off the list after this week so you can call if you want them to stay on.*

Please keep the following members and friends of St. Paul's in your prayers:

Thomas Miller	Caleb Schneck	Lynn Anstatt	Jennifer Hutcherson
Sally Clark	Richards Tillman	Dot Abbott	Audra Ashley
Ben Heilman	Iris Hager	Phil Kavaslios	Klaus Liebig
Susan Mesnard	Kathryn Marchi	Abbey Rapoport	Karen Endley
Charley Johnson	Pete Caesar	Dan Rugg	Whitney Wealing
Lea Brooks	Wyatt Ewing	Kaylene Kovach	Carolyn Lee Crouse
Elaine Catchings	Trixie Seaton	Brian Feeley	Thelma Emerson
Melissa Quimper	John Stanger	Jeff Little	Jacob Caravacca
Bryan Booberg	Liz Glass	Laura Fisher	Cynthia Klingler Isaacson
Rev. Elizabeth Felicetti	Sarah Thornhill	Caleb Brown	June Wolff
Ted Wooten	Phil Meyers	Eleanor Strietman	Thomas DiLullo
The Rev. Peggy Samuels	Lynn Johnson	Jane Stanton	Mark Onstaugh
Ginny Schuman	Ed Ritchey	Will and Jessica Oesterling	Carla
The Rev. Frank Crumbaugh	KAB & JTB	Darrell Schuman	Betty Clark
Lillian Kirby	Coleman Sellers	Shane McCarthy	Gary Isaacson

This Week at St. Paul's

Wednesday: Holy Eucharist at 11:00am, followed by Healing Prayer and Meditation. Handbell Choir practices at 5:15pm. The Choir rehearses at 7:00pm.

Mid-week Service:

Please join us on Wednesdays at 11:00am for an informal Eucharist service. You are invited to stay for meditation and healing prayer. We will honor Gregory the Great.

Haven Ministries Dinner

Coming down to the end for this season! We still need someone to provide dinner for Monday, April 14. Please check your calendar and sign up either on the bulletin board or in Donaldson Hall. When providing a dinner, it can be meat and vegetables, or a main

dish casserole and salad, and bread. Dessert is optional. Drop off is at 6:30 pm at Kent Island Methodist Church. I will let you know how many guests they are serving closer to the date. Please contact me with any questions at barbackermann@gmail.com or 443-797-4569. Thank you! Barb Ackermann

Next Week Readings:

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35
Psalm 27

Attendance:

This week's attendance was; 106, 65 at the 10:00am service, 18 viewed online, there was 23 at the Ash Wednesday service.

IT'S A GOOD WEEK TO HAVE A GREAT WEEK!



Gregory the Great (c. 540-Mar. 12, 604)

Sixth-century Pope and Doctor of the Church. He was born in Rome. After serving as prefect of Rome, c. 572-574, Gregory entered the monastery of St. Andrew on the Caelian Hill around 575. He was consecrated Bishop of Rome on Sept. 3, 590, and served until his death.

He was very successful in the struggle against the Lombards in Italy and in the administration of the church and its benevolent activities. He was also very active in extending papal authority. Gregory is remembered for sending Augustine to Canterbury in 597 to do missionary work among the Anglo-Saxons. Gregory's book, *Pastoral Care* (c. 591), is one of the classics of pastoral theology and sets out his view of the bishop as the shepherd of souls.

He described himself as "servant of God's servants." Gregory is one of only two popes to be given the title, "the Great," and is one of the four great Doctors of the Western Church. He died in Rome. Gregory is commemorated in the Episcopal calendar of the church year on March 12.
<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/gregory-the-great/>

What effect did Pope Gregory the Great have on Christianity?

St. Gregory the Great - Pope, Doctor, Writings.

Gregory's moral theology shaped medieval spirituality and in his writings offered a practical wisdom for the Christians of his day. Several of his works, including the *Moralia on Job* (579-596) and his handbook for rulers, *Pastoral Rule* (591), were extremely popular

Why is pope St Gregory called the Great?

His epithet "the Great" reflects his status as a writer as well as a ruler. As the fourth and final of the traditional Latin Fathers of the Church, Gregory was the first exponent of a truly medieval, sacramental spirituality

May All Voices Be Heard

St. Paul's Transition and Search Committee

Our parish is beginning a new journey of faith and hope. In the coming months, we will engage our St. Paul's community in Holy Conversations and prayers, inspired by Christ and by one another, as we seek a new Rector.

This effort must truly "hear all the voices" of St. Paul's. Therefore, before each Sunday Service, a parish member—from the Vestry, the Search Committee, or the congregation-at-large—will offer a short prayer or reflection about our parish transition. These messages will be forward looking and personal, full of joy, and hope for our community of faith.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER: Ann Grace



Mark Your Calendar



St. Paul's Presents

Stefan Scaggiari

Piano Concert

April 27, 2025 at 4:00pm

Freewill offering will be collected



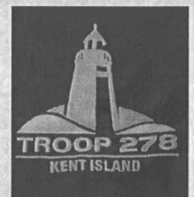
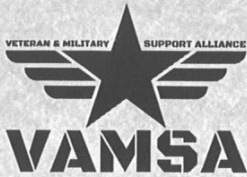
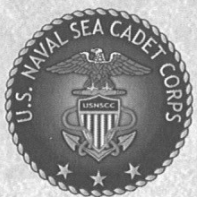
NATIONAL VIETNAM VETERANS DAY COMMEMORATION

Saturday March 29, 2025 | 2:00-4:00pm
QACHS Auditorium | Centreville, MD



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The Breakfast Club

A gathering for survivors, thrivers and women in treatment



A welcoming space for women and their circle of support at every stage of the cancer journey. Bimonthly Saturday gatherings.

March 1st, 15th & 29th, 2025 | 10am - Noon

March 1st meeting focus: Nutrition & Cancer Wellness

Support & Connection with others who understand the cancer journey
Special Enrichment Sessions with wellness offerings, self-care activities, special guest speakers, and a free new wig, if needed
A Warm Drink & Tasty Bite to nourish your body & soul

"Hope, Healing & Transformation Happen in Community"



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Spaces Limited! RSVP for Upcoming Sessions at:
<https://ebeauty.com/events/>

Bring a friend, spouse, or loved one for support.
You are never alone here.

Easter Lilies

Please send the memorial names of your loved ones to be remembered or your thanksgivings to be celebrated at the Easter Services no later than March 23, 2025.

Suggested contribution \$25.00.

Names to be Remembered:

Thanksgivings:

Thank you very much!

Please return to:

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 Diane Freestate, *Treasurer*
 Carolyn Carney, *Registrar*

The Vestry

2026

Wendy Emerson
 Judy Webster
 Bob Ozinga

2027

Peggy Andrews
 Patricia Jamison
 Sherri Ward

2028

Debra Donnelly-Barton
 David Larrabee
 Tad Stewart

*Today we remember
 Bill Prendergast*



*The mission of St. Paul's
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 a strong and caring commu-
 nity of faith, rooted in
 Christ, welcoming, serving,
 and loving all.*

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<i>Ministry</i>	<i>3/9 10:00am</i>	<i>3/16 10:00am</i>
<i>Lector-Lessons</i>	Jack Shaum	Mark Freestate
<i>Lector - Prayers</i>	Ned Aull	Dan Rugg
<i>LEM</i>	Gary Anderson	Chris Pupke
<i>LEM</i>	Eleanor Strietman	Bob Ozinga
<i>Ushers</i>	Mark Freestate David Cooper Sally Cooper	Mike Grace Kim Hazuda Stoney Duffey
<i>Acolytes</i>		
<i>Server</i>	Eleanor Strietman	Bob Ozinga
<i>Crucifer</i>	Jimmy Miller	Mark Freestate
<i>Acolyte</i>		
<i>Vestry Rep</i>	Wendy Emerson	Carolyn Carney
<i>Counters</i>	Char McClatchy	Byron Luna
<i>Tuesdays</i>	Susan Johnson	Diane Freestate
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sally Cooper Diane Freestate Ann Grace	Laura Kaufmann Haley Melton Barb Ackermann