



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024
10:30 am

Welcome to St. Paul's! *We are so happy you are here. If you are new or visiting, please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate so we can welcome you personally.*

Prelude

🔔 *After the bell rings, the People stand to sing,*

Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #350

The Summons

1 "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where
you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

2 "Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me?

3 "Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

4 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love
and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant, 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 commandment greater than these."
Mark 12:29-31

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence is kept.

All **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.**

Celebrant 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.

Kyrie

The Hymnal 1982 #S -91

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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit for the readings.

First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah:

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:9-16

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The Cantor and Choir sing,

- 9 How shall young ones cleanse their ways?
By keeping to your words.
- 10 With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not stray from your commandments.
- 11 I treasure your promise in my heart,
that I may not sin against you.
- 12 Blest are you, O God;
instruct me in your statutes.
- 13 With my lips will I recite
all the judgments of your mouth.
- 14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees
than in all manner of riches.
- 15 I will meditate on your commandments
and give attention to your ways.
- 16 My delight is in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.

The Epistle

Hebrews 5:5-10

A Reading from The Letter to the Hebrews:

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand and sing,

Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #344

1 I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus
—no turning back, no turning back.

2 The world behind me,
the cross before me,
the world behind me,
the cross before me,
the world behind me,
the cross before me—
no turning back, no turning back.

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

3 Though none go with me,
I still will follow,
though none go with me,
I still will follow,
though none go with me,
I still will follow—
no turning back, no turning back.

4 Will you decide now
to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now
to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now
to follow Jesus?
—no turning back, no turning back.

The Holy Gospel

John 12:20-33

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ
according to John.

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Jadon Hartsuff

All stand as they are able and say,

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Let us now turn to God in prayer.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Bonnie, for this gathering, and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

In the silence after each intercession, the People add their own specific prayers silently or aloud.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

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.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of the divine. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for all who have died, especially those we name now silently or aloud. (*the People name those they wish to remember*)...

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for [those parishioners on our prayer list] and all those who we name now silently or aloud. (*the People name their own petitions*)...

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.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

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

The People exchange greetings of peace with one another and are then invited to sit.

Announcements

The Offertory

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A musical meditation is offered as the altar is prepared. After the offerings have been collected, all stand & sing,

The Hymnal 1982 #707

Take My Life and Let It Be

1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

2 Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

The Holy Communion

Sursum corda, The Hymnal 1982 # S-120

The Celebrant invites the people to stand as able and then sings,

The musical notation is arranged in four horizontal staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notation is divided into two parts: the first two staves are for the Celebrant and the People, and the last two staves are for the Celebrant and the People. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant,

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:



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. —

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. 🛎

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." 🛎🛎🛎

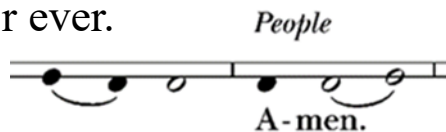
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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.



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

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Bread is broken in silence; all then sing,

Agnus dei, The Hymnal 1982 #S -164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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

Everyone is invited to Holy Communion. Gluten free bread is available. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of bread and wine, please cross your hands over your chest.

After the distribution, the Celebrant prays,

O Lord Jesus Christ, in this wonderful Sacrament you have given us a memorial of your Passion: be with those who are worshipping with us online, that as they meditate upon the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood they may perceive within themselves the fruit of your redemption and be nourished by your holy presence in their lives. **Amen.**

The Post Communion Prayer

Standing as able, the Celebrant and People pray,

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.

If Lay Eucharistic Visitors are being sent,

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Celebrant blesses the People saying,

May the One who calls you to take up your cross give you strength to bear your own and one another's burdens; and the blessing God's Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #502

Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art--
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

3 High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Celebrant
People

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

Postlude

If you depart during the postlude, please do so quietly so others may listen or pray.

Dedications

❖ THE AUMBRY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK TO THE GLORY of
GOD and IN LOVING MEMORY OF Eston Dawson-Baglien by St. Paul's
Episcopal Church.

Worship Ministers

The Rev. Jadon Hartsuff, Celebrant

Timothy Wilson, Organist; Jeff Wilkinson, Choir Director

Barney Rudolph, 1st Reader; Pat Reynolds, 2nd Reader

Eric Magnusson, Intercessor; Sandra Kilian & Dennis Marsh, LEMs & Acolytes

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Announcements

- **Sunday Help Wanted!** Our Sunday worship doesn't happen on its own. The more folks we have involved in the various teams that support our worship, the lighter the load is for everyone. **We are recruiting new ushers, acolytes, tech operators, and altar guild members.** If you would like to learn more about any of these opportunities to serve, please plan to come to an **informational meeting on April 7**, immediately after both services. If you are curious but not available that day, please let Fr. Jadon know.
- **Mission & Outreach is partnering with Mama Tutu to make Easter baskets for children in our neighborhood.** We need donations of baskets, eggs, individually wrapped candies & small toys or faith based items. See the list on the bulletin board for more info and drop off your items in the box in the glass narthex.
- **You are invited to make a special gift this Easter to honor or thank or memorialize someone special.** Names will be printed on the inside cover of the Easter Sunday leaflets, and the special contributions will be used to help with the additional costs for flowers and special musicians for Easter morning. For many this is a meaningful way to both honor loved ones and help make our Easter morning worship extra special. Please return the forms in this week's leaflet, with your special contribution marked "Easter Memorials," **no later than March 24th**, by mail or in the collection plate.
- **Easter Brunch:** All are invited to a celebratory brunch on Sunday, March 31st, immediately after the 10:30 am service. Please sign up on the bulletin board with the number in your family (so we have a head count for Chef Jeremiah). If you can help with the prep and decorating on Saturday, March 30th there is a sign-up sheet for that also.

PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 24

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM - WITH PALMS AND THE PASSION READING

HOLY WEEK

MARCH 27 - 12:15 PM CHAPEL EUCHARIST

MARCH 28 - 7:00 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY EUCHARIST

MARCH 29 - 12:15 PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

6:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 31

8:00 AM SERVICE OF LIGHT AND FIRST EUCHARIST

10:30 AM FESTIVAL EUCHARIST - SPECIAL MUSIC, CHOIR, & INCENSE