

*Celebrating Christ's Presence  
In a Changing World*

*St. Paul's Episcopal Church*

FOURTH SUNDAY IN  
LENT



*Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 27, 2022  
10:30 am*

**Prelude** *Bless the Lord, My Soul*  
*Silent Processional*

Jan Bender (1909-1994)

**Opening Hymn**      **The Hymnal 1982 #411**  
*O Bless the Lord, My Soul!*

**Welcome by the Rev. Melissa Congleton**

*The people stand as they are able,*

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

*Celebrant:*

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.**

**KYRIE (all together sing)**

**The Hymnal 1982 #S91**

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.

Setting: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you  
*People*          **And also with you**  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray

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.**

*(The people sit for the readings)*

## First Lesson

**Joshua 5:9-12**

A Reading from the Book of Joshua:

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

*Reader*      Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people  
*People*      **Thanks be to God**

*Remain seated.*

## PSALM 32

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!

- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of  
trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

## **The Epistle**

## **2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians :

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that

way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

*People* **Thanks be to God**

*All stand as they are able.*

**Sequence Hymn      The Hymnal 1982 #489**

*The Great Creator of the Worlds*

## **The Holy Gospel**

*Celebrant*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to **Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that

country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'

*Celebrant*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*                **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*(All stand)*

**Nicene Creed**

*BCP 358*

**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**

*(The people may continue to stand or kneel)*

- Intercessor* Let us pray for the church and the world:
- Intercessor* Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers. We pray for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all the holy people of God. *(Silence is kept...)*
- Intercessor* Wash us through and through,  
*People* **And cleanse us from our sin.**
- Intercessor* We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who govern and judge. *(Silence is kept...)*
- Intercessor* Purge us from our sin,  
*People* **And we shall be pure.**
- Intercessor* We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head. *(Silence is kept...)*
- Intercessor* Make them hear of joy and gladness,  
*People* **that those who are broken may rejoice.**
- Intercessor* We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely, especially... *(Silence is kept...)*
- Intercessor* Give them the joy of your saving help,  
*People* **and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.**
- Intercessor* In this season of Lent we pray for those who prepare for confirmation, and we pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God.  
*(Silence is kept...)*



*Intercessor* Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
*People* **and renew a right spirit within us.**

*Intercessor* We pray for those who have died, who have entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace especially Robert Kobs and Tom Stout.

*(Silence is kept...)*

*Intercessor* Be near to those who mourn for them,  
*People* **and may their memory be a blessing.**

*Concluding prayer led by the Celebrant:*

Lord Jesus, you proclaimed the Good News in Galilee, saying that the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; grant us the strength and wisdom to repent and believe in the Good News, this day and always. Amen.

*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.

**The Peace**

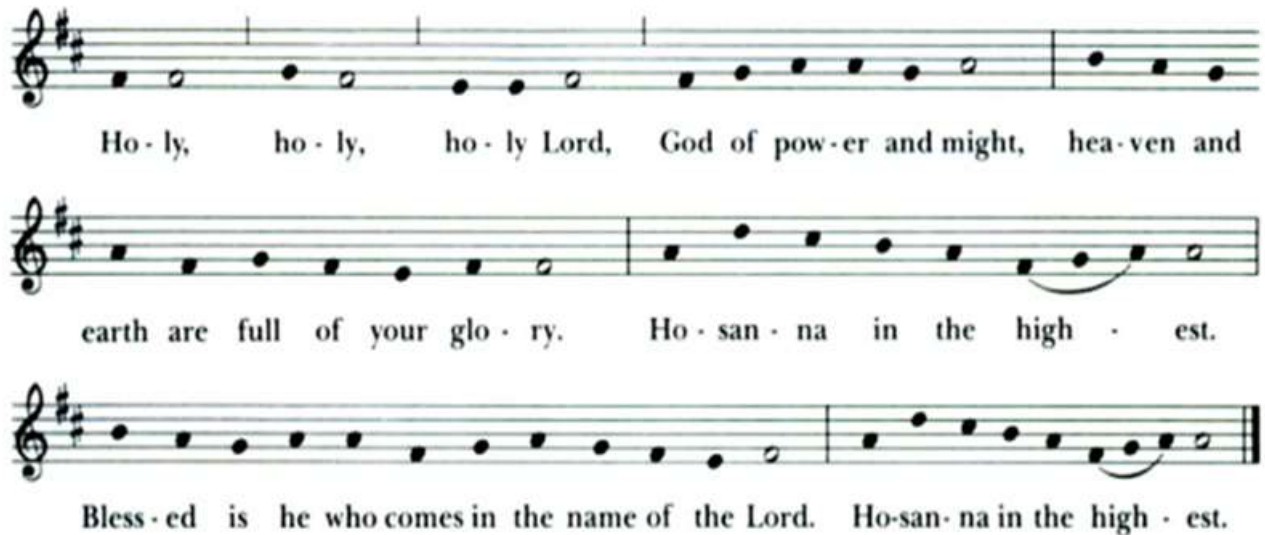
*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.



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:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord*

*Sanctus S124*



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.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

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:

*(all)*

**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 forever. **AMEN**

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

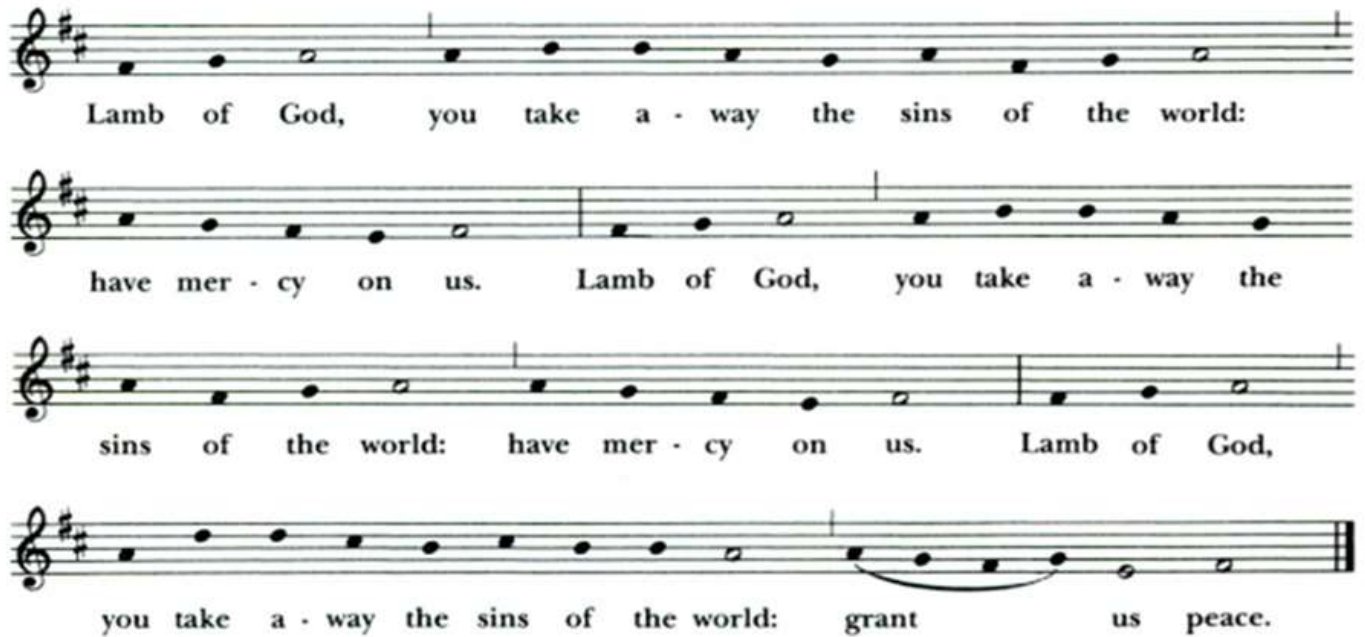
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**



# The Breaking of the Bread

*(A period of Silence is kept)*

## Hymn S161



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

*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.

## WE SHARE THE GIFTS

*All who seek Christ are welcome to share with us in this holy meal.*

*Gluten-free elements are available, if requested.*

*If you would like to receive a prayer of blessing instead, you may also come forward.*

*Please indicate this preference by crossing your arms over your chest.*

## Communion Hymn:

*(The Congregation is welcome to sing the hymn during communion)*

## The Hymnal 1982 #301 (2x)

*Bread of the World, In Mercy Broken*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says,*

Let us pray.

We pray with those worshipping with us online and here with us:

*Celebrant and People,*

**Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*The Celebrant blesses the people, saying,*

Life is short, and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind....

and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen**

**Closing Hymn:      The Hymnal 1982 #693**

*Just as I am*

*Silent Recessional*

Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**    *Just As I Am*

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

## Announcements

- The next meeting of the Women of St. Paul's ECW will be Saturday, April 2 at the SOAR house (corner of Brown St and W. Washington.) Social time begins at 10:30 AM and the presentation and tour begins at 11 AM. \$5 donation for food. Please sign-up on the bulletin board.
- Parish Secretary Alice will be out of the office on vacation beginning Monday, March 28th and will return on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Pastor Sarah or Pastor Melissa if you have an urgent matter.
- We need volunteers to read the Passion Gospel on Palm Sunday, please sign up on the bulletin board or contact the office if you can help.
- Please consider donating small items for the Easter Egg Hunt this year. Small toys and candy are needed.



### Worship Ministers:

*The Rev. Sarah Hurlbert; The Rev. Melissa Congleton;*

*Julie Baglien, Organist; ; John Alipit, vocalist;*

*Tom Holsinger-Friesen, 1st Reader & LEM;*

*Leah Holsinger-Friesen, 2<sup>nd</sup> reader & Acolyte;*

*Samuel Holsinger-Friesen, Intercessor, & Acolyte*

*Usher Team: Barney Rudolph & Debbie Batchelder, Ushers*

*And special thanks as always, to our tech team - for their faithfulness & expertise!*

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1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!  
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!  
 3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;  
 4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;  
 5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!  
 2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.  
 3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.  
 4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.  
 5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,  
 whose grace hath made thee whole,  
 whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:  
 O bless the Lord, my soul!

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103:1-5

Music: *St. Thomas* (Williams), melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)





1 The great Cre - a - tor of the worlds, the sov - ereign God of heaven,  
 2 He sent no an - gel of his host to bear this might - y word,  
 3 He sent him not in wrath and power, but grace and peace to bring;  
 4 He sent him down as send - ing God; in flesh to us he came;  
 5 He came as Sa - vior to his own, the way of love he trod;

1 his ho - ly and im - mor - tal truth to all on earth hath given.  
 2 but him through whom the worlds were made, the ev - er - last - ing Lord.  
 3 in kind - ness, as a king might send his son, him - self a king.  
 4 as one with us he dwelt with us, and bore a hu - man name.  
 5 he came to win us by good will, for force is not of God.

6 Not to oppress, but summon all  
 their truest life to find,  
 in love God sent his Son to save,  
 not to condemn mankind.

Words: *Epistle to Diognetus*, ca. 150; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. All rights reserved. Used with permission.  
 Music: *Tallis' Ordinal*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585)

Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro - ken, Wine of the  
soul, in mer - cy shed, by whom the words of life were  
spo - ken, and in whose death our sins are dead:  
look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken, look on the  
tears by sin - ners shed; and be thy feast to us the  
to - ken that by thy grace our souls are fed.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826). Music: *Rendez à Dieu*, melody att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?); harm. Claude Goudimel (1514-1572), alt.



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya  
 \* 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,  
 4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,  
 5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken

1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me  
 2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with -  
 3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in  
 4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise  
 5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love  
 the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
 here for a season, then above:  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliot (1789-1871) Music: *Woodworth*, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868)

# St. Paul's Weekly Calendar

## 3/27/2022 – 4/3/2022

Day	Activity	Time	Location
SUNDAY	Holy Eucharist Adult Forum Church School Holy Eucharist/ Coffee Hour	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Sm. Dining Room Upstairs Classrooms Sanctuary Holy Spirit Hall
MONDAY			
TUESDAY	Clergy Meeting Toastmasters	4:30 pm 6:00 pm	Library
WEDNESDAY	Bible Study Holy Eucharist FB Compline Service	10:30 am 12:15 pm 8:00 pm	Sm. Dining Room Chapel Facebook Live
THURSDAY			
FRIDAY			
SATURDAY	ECW	10:00 am	<b>At SOAR House</b>
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