

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING



GRACE NOTES

This week at Saint Paul's

Sunday Morning Offerings

- Children's Sunday School on Zoom @ 9:00 a.m. E-mail Linda Willis for Zoom login at lwillis@stpaulsrva.org
- Worship Online @ 10:00 a.m. | Watch on [Website](#) or [Facebook](#)
- Virtual Coffee Hour (following worship) | [Click link here to join](#)

Weekday Worship Offerings

- [Evening Prayer on Facebook Live](#) | Monday through Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m.
- Morning Meditation on Zoom | Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. | [Click Here for Info](#)

Children's Sunday School and Black History Month

| In celebration of Black History Month, the children of St. Paul's have learned about Bishop Barbara Harris, who was African American and the first woman Bishop in the Episcopal Church. They have heard the story of Harriet Tubman in *Before She Was Harriet* by Lesa Cline-Ransome and worked on a Freedom Quilt. On February 21, in addition to music presented by Karen Harris, we will hear the first story in our Godly Play "Faces of Easter" lessons. February 28, we will hear the story of Absalom Jones, who was born into slavery and became the first African American to be ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church. All are invited to join us via Zoom. Contact Linda Willis (lwillis@stpaulsrva.org) for info.

Stone Soup | Today, February 21st at 6:00 p.m. | While you can no longer order soup, raffle tickets are still available for purchase until 5:00 p.m. today. Raffle tickets are 1 ticket for \$5 or 3 tickets for \$10. To purchase your raffle tickets or make only a donation [CLICK HERE](#). Make sure to put in the memo if the purchase is for raffle tickets or just a donation. We look forward to seeing people on Sunday. For Zoom link to join the gathering and details on the raffle basket: stpaulsrva.org/events/stonesoup.

Recitals in Lent | Wednesdays @ 12:00 p.m. on Facebook Live | A live-streamed recital series from St. Paul's and All Saints. This Wednesday, February 24th will feature Dr. Christopher Reynolds on the organ at St. Paul's. [Click here](#) for details.

February Book Club | Monday, February 22nd @ 7:00 p.m. | HRI-Sponsored - *The Emancipation of Evan Wells* by Jeffrey Blount. For more information and to RSVP: stpaulsrva.org/events/februarybookclub

Lenten Speaker Series | Thursdays in Lent starting February 25th @ 7:00 p.m. | The theme of the 2021 series is "Journey Together." This season of pandemic has given birth to a new understanding of what it means to be together. **Our presenters this year are poets and artists from a wide range of backgrounds.** Through their art, they will help us explore the spiritual dimensions of being part of a human family, particularly during these times of social unrest. Through their uniquely personal lenses of poetry and other art forms, they will help us explore what it means (or, does not mean) to be together. Through their journeys, they will help us understand our own journeys. For speaker info and to register: stpaulsrva.org/events/lentenspeakers2021.

Lenten Community Engagement Opportunity | MardiBras RVA 2021 | Did you know that women that are incarcerated need to buy their own underwear, bras, and feminine products? One of our COVID Relief grantees, Into the Neighborhood, is doing its best to help provide these items to incarcerated women in our area. For the months of February and March, we will be helping Into the Neighborhood with their cause. We will collect: new Bras – any size; new underwear – any size; feminine pads and tampons and donations to purchase these items for the women. For more details on how to donate, [CLICK HERE](#).

Lent and Holy Week | Visit www.stpaulsrva.org/lentandholyyweek for a list of worship services, formation offerings and more during the Lent season and Holy Week.

Pass the Plate: Make a Pledge or Make a Donation | Thank you for your ongoing financial support during these times. Make a pledge for 2021 [HERE](#), find the link to donate at stpaulsrva.org/giving or text "stpaulsrva give" to 77977. If you have any questions or issues, please do not hesitate to reach out to Sarah snolan@stpaulsrva.org or Aliasha in the Finance Office – ahart@stpaulsrva.org.

MORNING PRAYER, RITE II

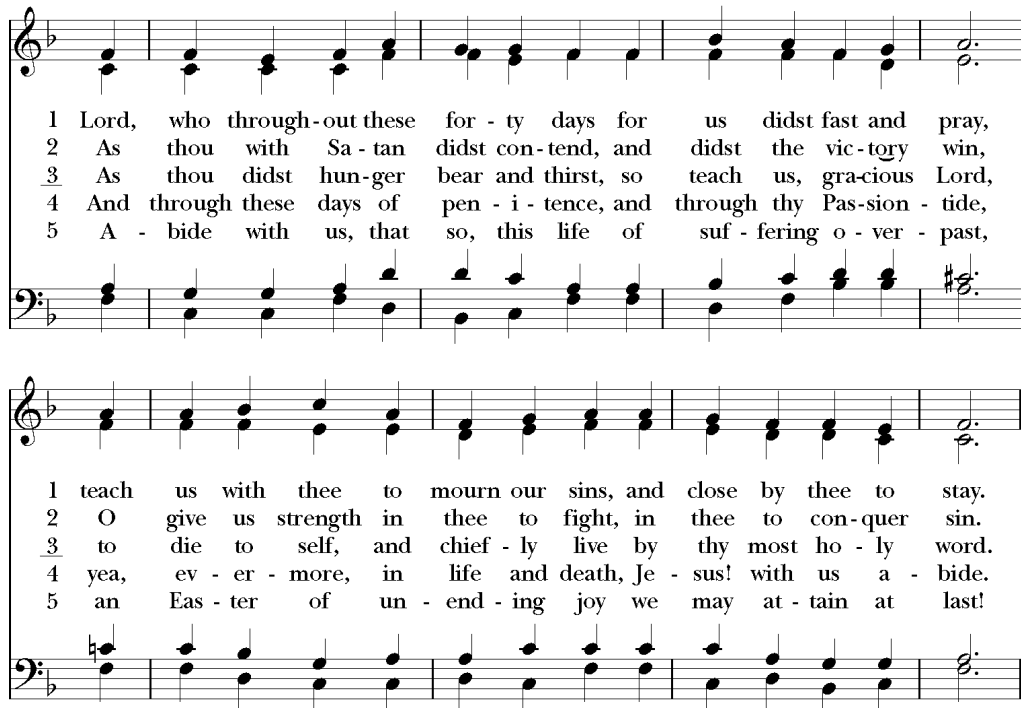
ORGAN VOLUNTARY

O Mensch, beweine dein Sünde gross, BWV 622

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME

HYMN



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con-tend, and didst the vic-tory win,
3 As thou didst hun-ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra-cious Lord,
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas-sion - tide,
5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con-quer sin.
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

music: St. Flavian, melody from Day's Psalter, 1562; adapt, and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)
text: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898)

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

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

Presider Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,
People **Have mercy on us.**

Presider Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,
People **Have mercy on us.**

Presider Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,
People **Have mercy on us.**

Presider Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity One God,
People **Have mercy on us.**

A LITANY

Presider Jesus Christ, your life is the pattern and power for our lives:
Draw us closer to your heart that we may know your presence in our journeys.
By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience;
by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

People **Savior deliver us.**

Presider By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power;
by the teaching of your reign of love,

People **Savior deliver us.**

Presider By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion;
by your precious death and burial,

People **Savior deliver us.**

Presider By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension;
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

People **Savior deliver us.**

Presider We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

People **Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider May Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE TRISAGION

Sung three times.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly Migh - ty,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

music: Znamenny Chant (Russia), harm. Boris Ledkovsky (1894-1975)

text: Greek

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE READING

Genesis 9:8-17

GOD SAID TO NOAH AND TO HIS SONS WITH HIM, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

A period of silence is kept.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL: PSALM 25:1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

TO YOU, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

HYMN



1 As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, so my soul long-eth af-ter
2 You're my friend and You are my broth-er, e-ven though you— are a
3 I want You more than gold or sil-ver, on-ly You can— sa-tis-



1 Thee. You a-lone are my heart's de-sire,— and I
2 King. I love You more than an-y oth-er, so much
3 fy. You a-lone are the real joy giv-er and the



1 long to wor-ship Thee. }
2 more than an-y-thing. } **You a-lone are my strength, my shield: To**
3 ap-ple of my eye. }



You a-lone may my spir-it yield. You a-lone are my



heart's de-sire,— and I long to wor-ship Thee.

music: Martin J. Nystrom (b. 1956)

text: Psalm 42:1, adapt. Martin J. Nystrom

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

IN THOSE DAYS JESUS CAME FROM NAZARETH OF GALILEE and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

A period of silence is kept.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor As we begin our Lenten journey, let us bring before God the concerns of our hearts, as we say, Merciful God, hear our prayer.

We pray for the world, weary with war and violence, struggling against a pandemic. Sustain us as we continue our journey. Merciful God,

People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for the Church, for faithful people and clergy and all who courageously help to build a beloved community. Merciful God,

People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for our country, for elected and appointed officials, for those who make and enforce the laws, for all who keep us safe, fed, and healthy, and for all who strengthen our common life. Merciful God,

People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for those who suffer from violence, loss, and diseases of body and mind, especially those infected with the corona virus, those who minister to their needs, and those we name now. Merciful God,

People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ and those whose faith is known to God alone, and especially for those we name now. Merciful God,

People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We offer the prayers of our own hearts. Merciful God,

People **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor and People

GOD OF COMPASSION, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

music: attrib. Richard Farrant (1530-1580)
text: *Lidley's Prayers*, 1566

LORD, FOR THY TENDER MERCY'S SAKE,
lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee,
now and evermore. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.

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.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, - ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry, Ho -

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san - na in the high - est. Ho san - na in the
high - est. Bles - sed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

text: Mass Ordinary, Fifth century

music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

The Presider continues

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:

Presider and People

CHRISt HAS DIED.
CHRISt is risen.
CHRISt will come again.

The Presider continues

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 Paul, and 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,

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 Presider breaks the bread followed by silence. Then saying together

LAMB OF GOD, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

FAITHFUL GOD, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though we cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine together, we thank you that we have received Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion and resurrection. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we embody your love, be renewed for your service, and be reflections of the awakened and risen Lord. Amen.

The Presider receives communion on behalf of the community.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

Be still, be still, be still and know, be still and know, be still and know I am God.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef and a bass clef, both in 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The second system also has a treble clef and a bass clef, both in 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#).

music: Charles T. Dupree (b. 1969)

text: Psalm 46:10

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people say together

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.

THE BLESSING

HYMN

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full
*5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to

1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold

1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

The hymn is written in a single system of music with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef. The lyrics are arranged in five verses, with the first verse starting with a '1' and the fifth with a '*5'. The music is in 4/4 time.

music: *Erhalt uns, Herr*, melody from *Geistliche Leiden*, 1543; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

text: Latin, 6th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell (1862-1947), alt.

THE DISMISSAL

The Officiant gives the dismissal.

People **Thanks be to God!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten, BWV 642

J. S. Bach

—————PARTICIPANTS—————

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The Reverend Dr. Charles T. Dupree, *Rector*
The Reverend Rainey G. Dankel, *Associate Rector for Parish Life*
The Reverend Gwynn Crichton, *Associate Rector for Pastoral Care*

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