

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Blended Holy Eucharist Service 10:00 a.m.

The First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

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Welcome to All

St. Paul's is a theologically diverse community seeking to embrace their diversity in order to live through the Gospel of Jesus Christ and be a place of learning and belonging for all people.

The Rt. Rev. Elizabeth Gardner
Bishop of Nevada

Kid's Area

Located on the south side of the church is a special area where there are some coloring materials which can be used there or at other places in the church. Please return these supplies to their baskets following worship.

Daughters of the King invite you to join in the following:

During Lent the National Episcopal Church Women promotes "Thursdays in Black". The World Council of Churches is promoting support of the global movement resisting attitudes and practices that permit rape and violence against women particularly women of color and indigenous women. Show your respect for women who are resilient in the face of injustice and violence by wearing black on Thursday during the season of Lent.

Episcopal Women of Nevada Spring Tea

May 3 at St. Paul's in Sparks beginning at noon. The cost of the tea is \$20. There will be fun activities, a hat contest and prettiest table contest. We will be serving sandwiches, scones with lemon curd and desserts as well as tea! Reservations may be made by emailing Margaret Bouzek at margaret.bouzek@gmail.com

Wine, Grape Juice, and Gluten Free

We offer both wine and grape juice during Communion as well as a gluten free wafer option. The chalice with the grape juice will be identified.

All chalices are intinction only.

If you are in need of a gluten free Communion wafer, there is a small basket as you enter the north side of the worship space. In it you will find a stone. When it is time for you to receive Communion, hold the stone in the palm of your hand and the clergy will exchange it with a gluten free wafer.

Prayers for Healing and Laying on of Hands

On Sundays when a Healing Minister is present, they will offer special prayers for healing immediately after receiving Communion. They will be located at the stools on the south wall in the back of the church. All prayers are kept confidential.

Guests and Visitors

We are especially pleased to have you here with us today. Please take the time to sign the guest book located on the Welcome Wagon near the south entrance.

If you have any questions about St. Paul's or the Episcopal Church, please don't hesitate to visit with one of our clergy, either today or during the week.

Helpful Hints for Receiving Holy Communion

- Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. Everyone!
- The usher will let you know when it is time for your row to go up.
- Watch the people in front of you to get the flow of things.
- To receive the bread and if you want to Intinct ("dipping" the wafer into the cup of wine/grape juice) the minister will place the wafer between your thumb & pointer fingers (pinch it) then you can Intinct (dip) the wafer into the chalice.
- Please do not drink from the cup. Intinction only.
- There is a designated chalice on the north side, that has **grape juice**.
- If you would like a **gluten free** wafer, either say gluten free to the clergy distributing the bread, or you can get a small black stone from the basket in the back of the worship space on the north side. Present it in the palm of your hand to the clergy and they will exchange it for a gluten free wafer.
- If you desire Holy Communion but are unable to walk up to receive it, please notify an usher. They will inform the clergy of your request, and the clergy will gladly bring Holy Communion to you in your seat.

PRELUDE:

“10,000 Reasons”

Praise Team

All stand in body or spirit

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

“Forty days and forty nights ”

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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.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Bless the lord who forgives all our sins.

People: God’s mercy endures forever.

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Presider: 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 CONFESSION OF SIN

Presider: Sins are things that fracture our relationships with God, each other, and all of creation. Let us own when we fall short and confess our sins.

Silent Reflection

Presider: Most merciful God,

Presider and People:

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 ABSOLUTION

Presider: 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.**

SONG OF PRAISE :

“Trisagion”

#S-102 (Repeat 3 times)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider: 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 FIRST LESSON *Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

Lector: 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16

Lector: We will now read a portion of Psalm 91 responsively by whole verse.

Lector: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

People: **He shall say to the Lord,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."**

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,

**There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.

**They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent
under your feet.

**Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.**

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.

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

THE SECOND LESSON *Romans 10:8b-13*

Lector: A reading from the Letter of Paul 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."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL SONG: "Sanctuary"

THE GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 4:1-13*

Deacon: 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.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Rick Millsap, Priest

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

All stand in body or spirit

THE NICENE CREED *(All in unison)*

Presider: Let us stand in body or spirit and affirm our faith in God.

People and Presider:

**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.**

SPECIAL PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Form IV*

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Pause

Leader: We pray for Our Mission District Deans and Conveners, The Anglican Church of Canada, and His Light Christian Fellowship, Sparks. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Pause

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for Donald, our President; Joe, our Governor; Hillary and Ed, our Mayors; Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Pause

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Pause

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Pause

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially those we now name. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Pause

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Pause

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs
and those of others.

Blessing of the Quilts (*If there are Quilts to bless, they are done at this time.*)

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Presider: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offer on another some sign of Christ's peace.

THE OFFERING

During this time we make an offering to the church for its mission and it is also a time in which we fully offer ourselves to be Christ in the world around us.

If mailing in an offering, please remit to:

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

P.O. Box 737, Sparks, NV 89432

Or online at www.StPaulssparks.org:



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to give secure and "contact free" donations**

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Choir

All stand in body or spirit

THE PRESENTATION SONG: "Step by Step"

THE PRESENTATION

Presider: All things come of thee O Lord.

People: And of thine own are we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Prayer B

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 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:

THE SANCTUS:

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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. _____

Presider: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

THE GREAT AMEN #S-146



A - men. A - men. A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us,
we now pray,

People and Presider:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

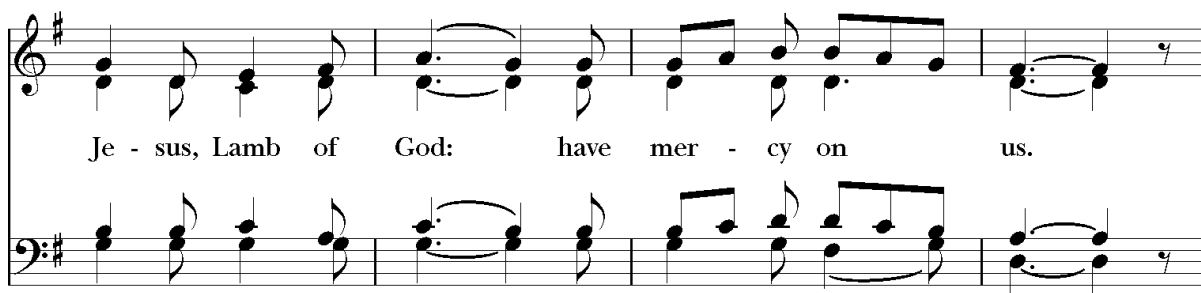
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

**as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM: S-164



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.

THE INVITATION

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION SONG: “All My Trails” & “Always”

COMMUNION TO THE PEOPLE

If you are new to receiving Holy Communion, there are some helpful hints on the front page.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

People and Presider:

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.

THE BLESSING

The Presider adds a final blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
 keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and

love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
 and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
 the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

RECESSIONAL SONG: “Shine Jesus Shine”

THE DISMISSAL

The Minister or Presider offers this or some other dismissal.

Minister: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.



POSTLUDE: “I Have Decided”

A contribution to the
Ambry Light
 &
Bread and Wine
 is given to the glory of God
 in celebration of Richard’s birthday
 by
 Kathie Dixon