

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 18th, 2024 at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

PRELUDE (10:00)

The Shepherd's Complaint

F. MENDELSSOHN

OPENING HYMN #142 (10:00) *Lord, who throughout these forty days*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER P. 355

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

His mercy endures for ever.

THE GREAT LITANY

BCP P. 148

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us, for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States (*or of this nation*), and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord. (over)

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger,
necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins,
negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to
amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to
turn their hearts,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the
weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our
feet,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of St. Paul all the saints, we
may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant us thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

KYRIE Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

KYRIE (10:00)

HYMN S-91

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.** Let us pray: *(A moment of silence.)* 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 HEBREW TESTAMENT: A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS 9:8-17

Our lesson tells us of God's promise to Noah and to future generations never again to flood all the earth. God establishes this covenant with a sign – the rainbow that is seen in the storm clouds. This covenant is made with the whole creation. It signifies God's purpose to preserve and save the world, not to destroy it.

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."

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

PSALM 25:1-9

A prayer for forgiveness and guidance and an expression of trust in the Lord.

1 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.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.

4 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.

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

6 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.

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

THE EPISTLE: A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER 3:18-22

This morning's reading speaks of the significance of Christ's death and resurrection. In the story of Noah's salvation, a prefigurement of our own salvation through the water of baptism is perceived. Portions of this letter are thought to have been originally composed for use in a service of baptism and Eucharist on the eve of Easter. Such a purpose would explain the association of the themes of Christ's death, baptism and his triumphal resurrection.

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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SEQUENCE HYMN

The glory of these forty days

Hymn 143, v. 1-2

THE HOLY GOSPEL (*Please stand.*)

MARK 1:9-15

The Gospel is the story of Jesus' baptism followed by his temptation in the wilderness by Satan. As Jesus comes up from the water, the Holy Spirit descends like a dove and a voice from heaven tells him that he is the beloved Son. The Spirit then guides him out into the wilderness where ancient Israel also met its temptations. Here Jesus has his first encounter with Satan.

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

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."

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

The glory of these forty days

Hymn 143, v. 3-4

THE SERMON

Linda Douglas, Licensed Lay Preacher

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY (10:00)

Lamb of God

T. PARIS

DOXOLOGY (10:00)

Hymn 380 v.3

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

All things come from You, O Lord,
And of Your own have we given to You.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

BCP P. 367

SANCTUS

HYMNAL S-130

(The people stand, sit, or kneel as able).

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP P. 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI

HYMNAL 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.

THE INVITATION

All who yearn to be transformed and fed by God are welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ at the Lord's Table. Come forward to the altar rail, hold out your hands, and the priest will offer you the host, then the Eucharistic Minister will offer you the cup, take the rim of the cup and drink from it. Please do not intinct (dunk) the host. If you choose not to drink from the cup, please cross your arms and please allow the Eucharistic Minister to say the words: "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation." Then return to your seat. Please let us know if you require a consecrated gluten-free wafer.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION (10:00)

*Now let us all with one accord
Ave Verum Corpus*

**FREEMAN
W.A. MOZART**

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING (*The people may stand or kneel.*) Let us pray. **Almighty God, grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart; that so desiring we may seek and find you; and so finding, may love you; and so loving, may hate those sins from which you have delivered us; may our eating of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ enable us to go forth in the power of your Holy Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

A LENTEN BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN #559 (10:00) *Lead us heavenly Father, lead us*

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE (10:00) *Courante from Suite in A Major* **G.P. TELEMANN**

An altar flower donation has been made in memory of Adam Peters Sr. and Muffett Peters by the Waples Family.

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We are all (including you!) called to be ministers to one another and to those around us by participating in God's work in the world.

Ministers serving at this weekend's service

Clergy	Fr. Jean C. Beniste
Licensed Lay Preacher	Linda Douglas
Piano and Organist	Catharine Dornin, R.P. Hale
Choir Director	John Spring
Altar Guild	Ginnie Schartner, Mary Farrell
Lector (4:30)	Tamar Roberts
Vestry on Duty (4:30)	Leslie Farmer
Lectors & Chalice (8:00)	Jim Milliken, Sarah Nyhan
Acolyte (8:00)	Davis Richmond
Ushers (8:00)	David Levesque, Jack Nelson
Video (8:00)	Tamar Roberts
Vestry on Duty (8:00)	Kristin Dunklee
Lectors (10:00)	Bob Samson, Paul Smith, Jim Milliken

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Paul Smith Jim Milliken
Tamar Roberts, Solange Beniste
Kerry Purse, Harriet Degreenia
Jim Webber
Rita Morrison

This Week at St. Paul's

Tuesday & Thursdays

7:30 am: Online Morning Prayer. The link is in the Friday Update and on the website.

12:10 pm: Lunchtime Service of Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Wednesdays

6:00 pm: Lenten mediation and soup

Saturday, February 24

4:30 pm: Simple, spoken service of Holy Eucharist

Sunday, February 25

8:00 am: Service of Holy Eucharist

10:00 am: Service of Holy Eucharist, with music

Announcements

Thank you to all who made the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and jazz entertainment a great success!

Sunday, February 18 at 9:00 between services, usher training.

Monday, February 19 the Office, Food Pantry, and Chapter Two Thrift Store are CLOSED.

Beginning Wednesday, February 21 through March 20, come for a weekly quiet Lenten program at 6:00 pm in the Upper Parish Hall. We are asking people who plan to attend to bring in soup each week. A sign up sheet will be available at the first session.

Have Your Say Youth Retreat for current middle and high school youth from the Episcopal dioceses of Maine and New Hampshire are invited to a retreat, March 8-10 (Friday night to Sunday after lunch) at Barbara Harris Camp and Conference Center in New Hampshire. Participants will welcome prayer, community building, fun, and discernment about how youth experience God at work in the world right now, and what they want their church to do about it. Assistance in finding carpools is

available. Go to <https://episcopalmaine.org/event/have-your-say-youth-retreat/> to learn more.

Chapter Two is accepting spring/summer clothing donations. The shop will be open with a special sale on Sunday, March 3 from 9:00-11:30 am.

The Emergency Preparedness Committee is looking for new members. Please let the [office](#) know if this is something that interests you. Also, we are planning to have some upcoming trainings in first aid and CPR which are part of the FEMA grant that we have received. If you are interested in participating in this training (times to be determined), please let us know. This is especially helpful for ushers, kitchen workers, outreach volunteers, etc., but is always a good idea for everyone.

Hours

Office: Monday through Thursday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, Friday 8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Food Pantry: Mon, Tues, Thurs, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm & Wed. Noon-2:00pm

Chapter Two Thrift Shop: Monday – Thursday, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm and
First Sunday of the month from 9:00 – 11:30 am

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