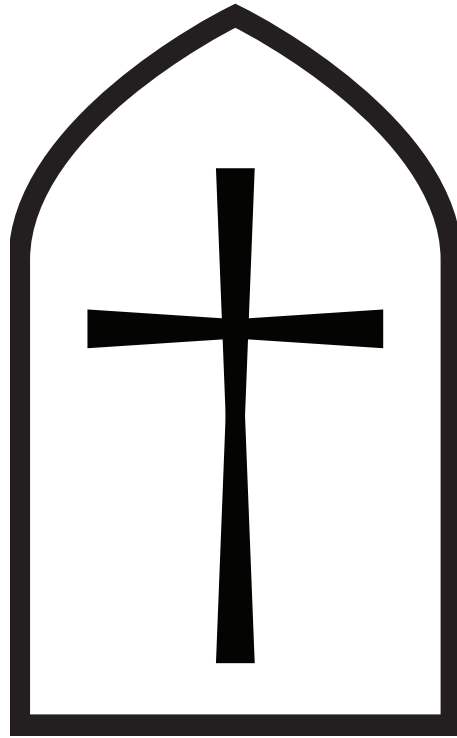


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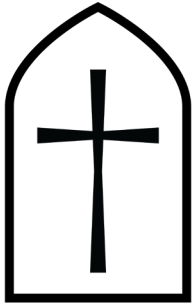


THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 23, 2025

8:00 AM, RITE I

LIVE FAITHFULLY.



The Holy Eucharist

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025 • 8 AM

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Waco, TX

••• Live Faithfully

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

In the Christian tradition, there are a few dates in the liturgical calendar that are especially appropriate for baptism. These days are The Baptism of Our Lord, The Easter Vigil, The Day of Pentecost, and All Saints' Day. If you or a member of your family would like to receive the rite of baptism, please contact the church office.

*The people's responses are in **bold**.*

When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship.

The greenery on the altar today is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the parishioners, visitors, clergy, and staff of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church.

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

The people stand as able.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 319

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;
His mercy endureth for ever.

The people kneel or sit.

THE DECALOGUE

BCP 317

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honor thy father and thy mother.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt do no murder.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not steal.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not covet.

**Lord have mercy upon us,
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 320

Confessing our sins, receiving absolution, and sharing signs of peace with one another prepares us to receive Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A brief silence is kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

The people stand as able.

THE TRISAGION

BCP 324

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

This collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church Year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE WORD OF GOD

The propers of the service are the scriptural texts that change with the liturgical calendar. The collect, lessons, psalm, Gospel, and preface to the communion liturgy are propers. Our lessons come from the Revised Common Lectionary, which is a three year cycle of readings shared by many mainline denominations. Each year we retell the Christian story from Advent through Pentecost.

THE FIRST LESSON • Exodus 3:1-15

Our first lesson is usually from the Old Testament, also known as the Hebrew Scriptures. The exception to this is in the Easter season, when we read lessons from the life of the early church in the Acts of the Apostles.

A Reading from Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE • Psalm 63:1-8

The psalms are sung or spoken prayers that cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. The psalm is a response to hearing the Old Testament lesson and often it relates to the themes read in the lesson.

Read in unison.

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

THE SECOND LESSON • 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

THE GOSPEL • Luke 13:1-9

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON • Hilary Yancey, PhD, Postulant for Holy Orders

The sermon directly follows the Gospel and helps illuminate the scriptural readings and relate them to daily life.

The people stand as able at the invitation of the Celebrant to recite the Nicene Creed.

The word “creed” comes from the Latin word “credo” which means “I believe.” First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed is said at service of Holy Eucharist and reflects the Christian belief in the Holy Trinity and the relationship between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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.

We pray for ourselves and on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church — the Body of Christ. A brief silence is kept between each bidding.

The people kneel or sit.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; to the whole order of the baptized; our lay pastors, musicians, vestry, school board, and all the faculty and staff of Saint Paul's School; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

Bless, O Lord, the milestones of our lives, that, in the course of our mortal pilgrimage, we may know that thou art ever walking beside us. We offer particular thanks for the life and occasion we celebrate with our altar greenery.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those persons who have requested our prayers, those we remember in our hearts, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Drane Haw, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of blessed Paul and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The people stand as able.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and materially in the money we give.

All are invited to support Saint Paul's mission to Live Faithfully as the plate is passed, at saintpaulswaco.org/give, or by scanning the QR code on the card titled "Giving" on the back of the pew in front of you.

If you give online, mail checks, or use other methods to give but still want to participate when the plate is passed, you are welcome to pick up a giving coin at the Welcome Center and place it in the offering plate as it is passed.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High.

The altar is prepared for Holy Communion. The people stand as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING • Eucharistic Prayer I BCP 333

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum Corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel or stand.

We recall God's acts of salvation history. The presider says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper. At the Memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age. During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

THE GREAT AMEN

The Great Amen is when the congregation with a unified great voice concurs with all that the presider has prayed. It is the only "Amen" in all capitals found in The Book of Common Prayer, signifying the greatness of the congregation's response.

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 336

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 337

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion will be distributed at the altar rail. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion at the acolyte's direction. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. If you would prefer to receive communion from your pew, you may remain seated during altar rail distribution. A priest will come to the congregation for anyone wishing to remain in the pew. You may raise your hand to get their attention.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 339

The people kneel or sit.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

BOS 13

Bow down before the Lord.

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

The dismissal signals the end of worship but the beginning of our service. Now that we have been renewed at Christ's altar, we are sent into the world to continue spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. In seasons of festive celebration, like the great 50 days of Easter, we add "Alleluia, Alleluia" to our dismissal.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Celebrant	The Rev. Gavin E. Tomlin, Associate Rector
Preacher	Hilary Yancey, PhD, Postulant for Holy Orders
Vestry Hosts	Curtis Cleveland and Andy McSwain
Lector & Intercessor	Alison Fung
Altar Guild	Team IV: Retha Tucker, Anne Barrett, Cyndie Burgess, JoAn Wade, Lea Ann Locke, Nancy McGovern, Donna Miller, Pati Milligan, Toni Riley, Ginger Strickland, Renee Yawn, Carl Ballew

THE PRAYER LIST • March 23-29

At Saint Paul's, prayer is an important part of our vision to Live Faithfully. Every week, we pray for upcoming birthdays and anniversaries, ten of our families, and the ill and infirm. If your birthday or anniversary is in the next week, you are welcome to join us at the front for a prayer following the announcements.

BIRTHDAYS

Pam Briggs, Ann Smith, Cindy Dietz, Bill Dietz, Compton Grigsby

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES

Patricia and Stephen Scott, Alethea and Piers Bateman

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

MEMBERS CYCLE

Jim Marcum; Meredith Marcum; Sarah Marcum; Ray and Michelle Marquez; Yancey Marteney; Micky, Lisa, and Sawyer Martin; Frankie Matustik; Elise and Zachary Mauzey; Beth Mayfield; John Miller Mayfield

ILL & INFIRM

Whether you are here for the first time or have been a member your whole life, we would love to pray for you. To send in a prayer request, you may call the church office at 254-753-4501 or email contactus@saintpaulswaco.org. You may also fill out the card titled "Prayer" on the back of the pew in front of you. If you are requesting prayer for someone else, please ensure you have their permission or the permission of an immediate family member before putting them on the public prayer list. We are happy to pray privately for those who do not wish to publish their names.

Do you see someone on this list who is doing better? Please let us know! We would love to celebrate with them.

THIS WEEK

Mary Anne Bashara, James A. Nettles, Donald Bailey, Reese Beatty, Cindy SoRelle, Alex Sigtenhorst, Betty Young, Julia Burgess, Sharon Marrow, Lisa Moon, Doris Strain, Peter Dailey, Jessica Attas, Roger Yount, Brad Canon, Gail Wade, James Rowe, Laura McNutt, Amanda Horner, Warner Barnes, Dorothy Fisher, Lily Williams, Lorri Khoury, Rollin Khoury, Anna Kessler

ONGOING

Carolyn Berry, Laretta Buchanan, Marilyn Carden, Erin Clark, Jack Compton, Sue Davis, Glenda Goehrs, Lezlie Hall, Ben Hambleton, Nancy Hightower, Eva Jackson, Barbara Jensen, Hannah Lessenger, Foris Louvier, Richard Mills III, Shannon O'Brien, Dennis Ramsey, Adam Sattler III, Jan Sattler, Carolyn Sneed, Wes Stafford, Eric Stromme, Beverly Terrell, Suzie Wright, Rob Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS



For more information on our events, our calendar, and to submit RSVPs, please visit our events page on our website saintpaulswaco.org/events.

PARISH GATHERING

You're invited to join the parish on April 6 at 11 AM for a time of fellowship and service by helping us stuff eggs for our upcoming egg hunt. Light refreshments will be provided. Participants are welcome to bring bags of candy. Candy can also be dropped off in the narthex leading up to this event. Saint Paul's will provide the eggs.

DINNER EUCHARIST

Join us this evening for the first Dinner Eucharist at 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall. We will share a meal during the service and have a conversation about the readings. The main dish for March 23 will be chicken pot pie. Please let us know if you are planning to attend and if you will be able to bring a side. Visit our events page to RSVP.

SPIRITUS GLADIUS



The Spring Edition of Saint Paul's magazine, Spiritus Gladius, is here! Spiritus Gladius is an online publication with a limited print run. Scan the QR code to read about how one of our new committees, Parish Care, is already doing amazing work for our church! Print copies are available in the narthex.

ALTAR GUILD LUNCHEON

The Altar Guild will gather to create palm crosses from 9 AM to noon in the Parish Hall on Thursday, April 10. Lunch will follow.

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

Everyone is invited to participate in our annual tradition of Flowering the Cross. The cross will be placed in the Courtyard at the sunrise service and remain there until the 10 AM service. Please bring single-stem flowers to place on the cross and transform the cross into a beautiful piece of art!

BAPTISM DATES

In the Christian tradition, there are a few days in the liturgical calendar that are especially appropriate for baptism. The next two dates for baptism are the Easter Vigil (April 19) and Pentecost (June 8). If you or a member of your family is interested in receiving the rite of baptism, contact the church office.

SPES BINGO NIGHT



Come support a technology update for Saint Paul's Episcopal School and win BIG. Saint Paul's Parents and Friends have a fun and casual bingo night planned on April 4 in the Parish Hall from 6 PM to 9 PM. We have great prizes such as a skeet shooting membership, car detailing, facials, and a family photo session. All prizes range from \$400 - \$500 in value! Come out and support the school and have fun! Scan the QR code for tickets.

GRANDE FAMILY REUNION

Bishop Doyle invites you to the annual Grande Family Reunion May 2-4 at Camp Allen! Join your Episcopal Diocese of Texas family for a weekend full of fellowship, play, live music, and worship. This weekend retreat is designed for all ages with a casual schedule to allow plenty of time for respite and connection. Visit campallen.org to register.

DISCIPLE CAMP

Registration is now open for Disciple Camp 2025! Join us June 23 to 27 9 AM to noon for an adventure with Knights of the North Castle! Visit our events page to register under the month of June.

ALTAR FLOWERS

We have several open Altar Flower dates. If you would like to provide flowers for June 22 or July 13, please contact brandi@saintpaulswaco.org. If you already have an Altar Flowers date, please be sure to confirm with Brandi soon.

HOLY HIKES

Join us for Holy Hikes on Saturday, April 12, at 9 AM! Holy Hikes involves an easy-to-moderate hike with a service of Holy Eucharist celebrated in stations along the trail. Our April location will be announced soon.

CAMP ALLEN STARRY NIGHTS

You're invited to Camp Allen's Starry Nights Under the Neon Moon on Thursday, May 1 at 6:30 PM! This event will honor former Saint Paul's Rector, the Rev. Chuck Treadwell. Visit campallen.org/starrynights for more information and to get tickets.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY • April 13

8 AM Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10 AM Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II
5:30 PM Dinner Eucharist

MAUNDY THURSDAY • April 17

6 PM Agape Meal
7 PM Service of Holy Eucharist
with foot washing and stripping of the altar

GOOD FRIDAY • April 18

12 PM Good Friday Liturgy
7 PM Robert and Betty Young Sacred Arts
Series Concert

HOLY SATURDAY • April 19

10 AM Holy Saturday Service
in the courtyard
7 PM Easter Vigil
Feast of Milk & Honey

EASTER SUNDAY • April 20

6:45 AM Sunrise Service of Holy Eucharist
in the courtyard
8 AM Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10 AM Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11 AM Easter Egg Hunt

SUNDAY FORMATION

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

Join the Rev. Preston Yancey in the Parish Hall at 9 AM each Sunday for an Adult Formation class covering How to Read the Bible. Visit our events page to learn more and read the class schedule.

YOUTH FORMATION

The middle and high schoolers gather in the Parlor the third Sunday of each month for breakfast tacos, a lesson from the Gospel, and great conversation. We hope your youth will join us! On all other Sundays, youth are encouraged to join the adult Sunday School class in Parish Hall.

CHILDREN'S FORMATION

Children 5 through 10 will experience the joy and wonder of God in Sunday School through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. With parables, we plan to experience the value and worth of God's Kingdom. Please join us in the Children's Chapel beginning at 9 AM through 9:50 AM.

WEEKLY FORMATION



BENEDICTINE STUDY GROUP

Benedictine Study Group meets on first and third Tuesdays at 12 PM in the church office library. Scan the QR code to visit their website. All are welcome to join.

CENTERING PRAYER

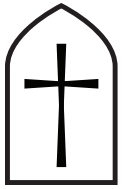
Centering Prayer meets on Thursdays at noon in the chapel. All are welcome, and attendance is not limited to Saint Paul's parishioners. For further information, please email EbsSmith@yahoo.com.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Men's Prayer Breakfast meets weekly on Wednesday mornings in the Parish Hall. Breakfast begins at 6:30 AM and study begins at 7 AM.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible study group meets on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM in the office library. For Lent, our group is studying "Seven Ways of Christian Formation Inspired by the Jewishness of Jesus" with Lauren F. Winner. This study is meant to challenge you to encounter the Jewish context of Jesus, explore spiritual practices, and use these lessons to deepen your faith. All are welcome, please join us!



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WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 AM Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

10:00 AM Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite I

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M-F 9 AM-4 PM

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