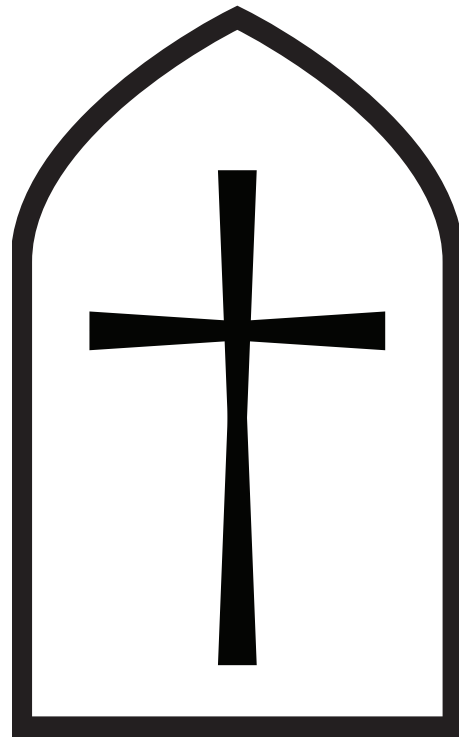


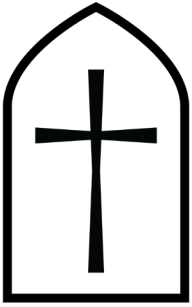
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THE FOURTH SUNDAY
IN LENT

MARCH 30, 2025
10:00 AM, RITE II

LIVE FAITHFULLY.



The Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025 • 10 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 by Tod and Laura Swann to the glory of God and in memory of Thomas Rowland Swann and Frances Dossett Swann, and in thanksgiving for Dossett Troberman, Evans Troberman, and Leni Rose Troberman.

PRELUDE: *Aus der Tiefe*

C. S. Lang
(1891-1971)

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

The people stand as able.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 351

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
His mercy endures for ever.

The people kneel or sit.

THE DECALOGUE

BCP 350

Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your 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 commandment greater than these."

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 352

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 confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A brief silence is kept.

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

THE ABSOLUTION

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

The people stand as able.

THE TRISAGION • S102

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a 2/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily homophonic, consisting of chords and single notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The score concludes with a double bar line.

Music: Ver. *Hymnal* 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924). Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

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 also with you.

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

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 • Joshua 5:9-12

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 Joshua.

The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE • Psalm 32

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 responsively by whole verse.

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

THE SECOND LESSON • 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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 2 Corinthians.

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

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able at the introduction of the Sequence Hymn.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

We invite your child to join our Children's Chapel program this morning! Children ages pre-k through 6th grade are invited to follow our Director of Children's & Family Ministry, Lisa Terry-Ickles, to the Children's Chapel. Chaperoned children younger than pre-k are welcome to join with a parent. After the exchange of the peace, children are directed back to their seats.

The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN • *Come, thou fount of every blessing* • 686



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

THE GOSPEL • Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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 to you, Lord Christ.

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

So Jesus told them this parable:

“There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

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

always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON • The Rev. Samantha R.E. Smith, Rector

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.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of blessed Paul and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The people stand as able.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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 your vows to the Most High.

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts
Henry Purcell

*Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not Thy merciful ear unto our prayer;
but spare us, Lord most holy,
O God most mighty
O holy and most merciful Savior,
Thou most worthy Judge eternal,
suffer us not at our last hour,
for any pains of death,
to fall from thee. Amen.*

THE DOXOLOGY • *From all that dwell below the skies (verse 3)* • 380

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING • Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

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 also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your 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 your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS • S129

The Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.

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._____

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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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 363

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.

AGNUS DEI • S163

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

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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.

COMMUNION HYMN • *We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing* • 433

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing:
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning:
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!
 thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

Words: Anon. 1625; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934). Music: *Kremser*, from *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626; arr. Eduard Kremser (1838-1914).

COMMUNION HYMN • Bread of heaven, on thee we feed • 323

1 Bread of heaven, on thee we feed, for thy Flesh is
 2 Vine of heaven, thy Blood sup-plies this blest cup of

meat in-deed; ev-er may our souls be fed
 sac-ri-fice; Lord, thy wounds our heal-ing give,

with this true and liv-ing Bread; day by day with
 to thy cross we look and live: Je-sus, may we

strength sup-plied, through the life of him who died.
 ev-er be graft-ed, root-ed, built in thee.

Words: Josiah Conder (1789-1855), alt. Music: *Jesu, Jesu, du mein Hirt*, melody Paul Heinlein (1626-1686); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

The people kneel or sit.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bow down before the Lord.

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people stand as able.

CLOSING HYMN • *Amazing grace! how sweet the sound* • 671

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 *5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus. Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony* 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919). Harmonization Copyright © 1974 by Abingdon Press.

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 bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Christus, er ist mein Leben*

Johann Walther
(1684-1748)

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Celebrant	The Rev. Gavin E. Tomlin, Associate Rector
Preacher	The Rev. Samantha R.E. Smith, Rector
Assisting Clergy	The Rev. Preston Yancey, Interim Associate Rector
Choir Director	Dr. Will McLean
Pianist	Dr. Jeffrey Peterson
Vestry Hosts	Pieter Sigtenhorst and Kristi Carlile
Lector & Intercessor	Michael and Suzanne Alexander
Usher	Cliff and Cyndie Burgess
Oblationer	Dianne Yount
Altar Guild	Team V: Sandra Callan, Kristi Carlile, Susan Duncan, Amy Grigsby, Carol Horner, Karen Johnson, Jenny Peel, Austin Smith, Carolyn Turner, Carl Ballew

THE PRAYER LIST • March 30-April 5

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

Brad Keele, Pat Waterman, James Wright, Marin Dizdar, Graham Gardner, Mabel Wright, Melissa Johnson, Charles Guy

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

Dolores and David Haferkamp

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

Carter McBurnett; Bill & Nancy McGovern; George, Catherine, and Donald McLaughlin; Charlotte McNamara; Johnny & Beverly McNamara; Nancy McNamara-Groover; Andy & Chris McSwain; The Rev. Al & Carol Melis; Douglas & Jill Michaels; Jeff & Ruth Miller

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

Scott Steinbach, Mary Anne Bashara, Donald Bailey, Reese Beatty, Cindy SoRelle, Alex Sigthenhorst, 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, Laurretta Buchanan, Merilyn 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.

MASTER PLANNING SURVEY

As part of our Master Planning process, our architects will be sending out a survey next week. The survey is completed online. We want as many parishioners as possible to participate so your voice and desires for our future can be heard. If you are unable to fill out forms online, need assistance, or know someone who will be in need of it, please contact the church office and we will be happy to make arrangements to help.

APRIL 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. We will meet at the Mouth of the Bosque (same location as last month) to hike the River Trail, Drain Pipe, Erect, Kite, and Johnnie Loop.

DINNER EUCHARIST

Join us this evening for 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 30 will be enchilada casserole. 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.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

The next Ladies Night Out will be on Tuesday, April 1 at 5:30 PM. We will meet at Saltgrass Steakhouse.

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.

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.

ROBERT AND BETTY YOUNG SACRED ARTS SERIES

Join us on April 18 at 7 PM for a Good Friday performance of Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater*, a poignant musical depiction of Mary's sorrow at the Cross. Part of the Robert and Betty Young Sacred Arts Series, this intimate performance will be held in the Chapel of the Four Sisters and will feature soprano Alissa Ruth Suver and alto Jenna McLean, accompanied by strings and continuo group featuring Dr. Jens Korndörfer on keyboard. Given the small capacity of the chapel, tickets will be required to attend. Admission is free; \$20 donations to the continuation of this series are appreciated. Please visit our events page to get tickets.

EASTER EGG BASKET REMINDER

As we're approaching Easter Sunday, we want to remind those planning to participate in the annual Easter Egg Hunt at 11 AM to bring an Easter Egg basket with them on Sunday, April 20.

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.

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.

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.

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 in the Chapel

tickets available at saintpaulswaco.org/events

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

**indicates livestreamed service*

†childcare available

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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