

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT ST. PAUL'S
The Second Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2026



Jesus and Nicodemus, (engraving) perhaps 19th century, provenance unknown.

Welcome to St. Paul's!

Whether you come from far or near, we greet you in the name of Jesus Christ! We invite people of all denominations and none to join in our worship together.

Worshipping With Us: *Our worship follows the Book of Common Prayer in the pew racks (BCP) and authorized supplements, The People's responses are in bold. Our music comes from The Hymnal unless noted. "H-" is the Hymnal, and "L-" is the black-and-red Lift Every Voice and Sing. Explanations of each section are marked with ¶.*

Restrooms are located downstairs; please ask for directions.

Please ensure devices are off or set to vibrate. Thank you.

The Word of God

Opening Hymn

We Walk by Faith

L-206

*1 We walk by faith, and not by sight;
No gracious words we hear
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke;
But we believe Him near.*

*2 We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice,
And cry, "My Lord and God!"*

*3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound,
To call on you when you are near,
And seek where you are found.*

*4 That, when our life of faith is done;
In realms of clearer light,
We may behold you as you are,
With full and endless sight.*

In the season of Lent, we begin the Holy Eucharist by admitting our shortcomings and failings at the beginning of the service rather than just before the Holy Communion, to help set the tone for the entire liturgy which follows. All preludes and postludes are omitted in Lent.

The Acclamation

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Presider: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Decalogue (Ten Commandments)

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The Penitential Order

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Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. —

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff begins with a dynamic marking 'p'. Each staff contains three measures of music, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy.', 'Christ, have mer - cy.', and 'Lord, have mer - cy.' repeated across the staves.

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The Collect (Prayer) of the Day

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The 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.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Genesis is the 1st book in the Bible, recounts the sacred stories of the origins of the universe, humanity, and the people of Israel.

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 121

Levavi oculos

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(¶Prayed by all, alternating by half verse.)

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *

from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the LORD, *

the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved *

and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *

shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The LORD himself watches over you; *

the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *

nor the moon by night.

The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *

it is he who shall keep you safe.

The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *

from this time forth for evermore.

The Psalms and Canticles are songs from the Hebrew Scriptures that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Anglicans pray the Psalms daily at Morning and Evening Prayer and at nearly all public services.x

The New Testament Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

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

This letter was written by St. Paul to the Christians in Rome, where he hoped to visit (and eventually did).

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say?

“Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law

but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

I was Sinking Deep in Sin

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*1 I was sinking deep in sin,
Far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within,
Sinking to rise no more;
But the master of the sea
Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me
Now safe am I. [Refrain]*

*2 All my heart to Him I give,
Ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live,
Ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true
Merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service, too,
To Him belongs. [Refrain]*

Refrain:

*Love lifted even me,
Love lifted even me,
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me.
Love lifted even me,
Love lifted even me,
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me.*

The Gospel

John 3.1-17

Presider: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

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.

It is the most important reading of the day and so receives special emphasis in the liturgy.

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

3 Souls in danger, look above,
Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love
Out of the angry waves.
He's the master of the sea,
Billows His will obey;
He your savior wants to be,
Be saved today. [Refrain]

Refrain:
Love lifted even me,
Love lifted even me,
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me.
Love lifted even me,
Love lifted even me,
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me.;

Sermon

Fr. Bob

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

As Announced

Intercessor: Let us pray for those who have asked for our prayers.

We pray for Sue Ferguson, **Heather** Durdil, **Jeanne** Burgess, **Laura** Booker Caviello, **Dave** Frederick, **Zach** Mitchell, **Michele** Johnston, **Smith** Solon, **Kelly** White, **Jenny** Fuchs, **Keith** Cultice, and any others whom we now name, aloud or in our hearts....

We pray for all who have died, in war and gun violence, and those we remember now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts....

We pray for a just ending to war and unrest throughout the world, and especially in Ukraine, Gaza, Iran, and in our own nation as well.

We give thanks for all your blessings that you have given us, and especially those we name, aloud or in our hearts....

"Intercede" means "go between" from Latin. We now name - go between - the needs of the world to God, who bears all prayer.

We pray for **the members and guests of this parish and the Food Pantry, for our Vestry, for Bob our rector, and for our sister churches of Our Lady Star of the Sea Pelee Island, St Paul's Duluth, St. Paul's Elkins Park, Mother of Sorrows Put-in-Bay, St. Michael's Kelleys Island, and Zion Methodist Kelleys Island.**

In our Diocese of Ohio, we pray for: **Anne our Bishop, and for St. Mark's Church, Canton; St. Paul's Church, Canton; St. Martin's Church, Chagrin Falls, and their**

surrounding communities.

And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for: **Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and for the people and clergy of: The Anglican Church of Japan, the Diocese of Toamasina (Indian Ocean), the Diocese of Tohoku (Japan), the Diocese of Tokyo (Japan), the**

Diocese of Toliara (Indian Ocean); **the Diocese of Tonj** (S. Sudan); and **the Diocese of Torit** (S. Sudan).

And we pray for ourselves and for our own needs, naming them to God in the silence of our hearts or aloud....

For whom else and what else shall we pray today?

The Presider will add a concluding prayer.

¶ *In Lent, the Peace is exchanged just before receiving the Holy Communion, to emphasize the communion we share by the Body and Blood of Christ. After a verse of scripture appropriate for the day, An offering is then taken up at this time.*

The Holy Communion

Having confessed our sins, listened to the Word of God, prayed for the Church and the world, we are prepared for the sacrifice and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offering, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, in the money we give, and symbolically in the bread and wine.

At the Offering

Instrumental

It requires nearly \$130,000 a year, or about \$330 a day to keep our church and food pantry open every day. Please support the ministry of St. Paul's with your tithes and offerings. To give securely online, scan this QR code:



At the Presentation

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

H-380, vs 3

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

The Eucharistic Prayer:

Prayer A

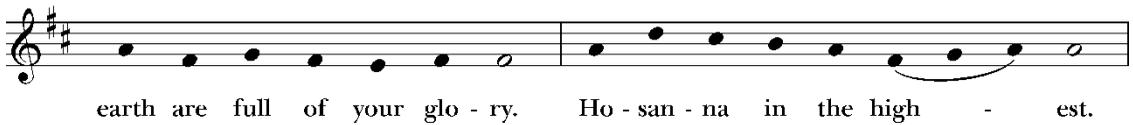
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The Angelic Hymn

Holy Holy Holy

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The Lord's Prayer (*traditional*)

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At the Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Greeting

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

People **And also with you.**

¶ *The People may greet those near them at this time.*

The Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

For those who do not receive the Sacrament today,

*you may wish to pray this prayer while
Communion is being distributed:*

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you with my own faith community, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart.

Strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you live in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Reception of Communion

¶ *All who are baptized and permitted to receive Communion in their own traditions are welcome at the Lord's Supper. We offer both wheat and gluten-free bread, and both wine and grape juice. Come up to the Altar Rail and stand or kneel. Receive the Bread or gluten-free Host in your hand - ask the Presider if you require gluten-free. Then either consume the Bread and drink from the Chalice, or dip the Host into the Chalice when it comes to you, again asking the minister if you desire the Juice. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please simply cross your hands over your chest.*

2. *So daily dying to the way of self,
so daily living to your way of love,
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
so we are dead and live with you in God.*

3. *If dead in you, so in you we arise,
you the first-born of all the faithful dead;
and as though stony ground the green shoots break,
glorious in spring time dress of leaf and flower,
so in the Father's glory shall we wake*

Prayer After Communion

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Announcements and Blessings

The Prayer Over the People

Closing Hymn

Baptized in Water, Sealed by the Spirit

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1 *Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
Faithfully now God's praise we sing.*

2 *Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
One with his rising, freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God's praise we sing.*

3 *Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:
Born of one Father, we are his children,
Joyfully now God's praise we sing.*

]/Dismissal: Let us Go forth to love and serve Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God!**



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News and Announcements

- Please return your 2026 Pledge to us as soon as you can, as it helps us plan our budget for the year.
- If you wish to be on our weekly email/text blast, please contact Fr. Bob. We will need an email address or a phone number that can receive texts.
- If you wish to make a dedication of Easter Flowers, please use the enclosed form or call the office. We must have all dedications by Wednesday, April 1
- The Wednesday noon service continues his week at 12 noon.

Holy Week and Easter Week:

Sunday, March 29 at 1030 AM: The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Monday of Holy Week: The Holy Eucharist at 12 noon

Tuesday of Holy Week: The Holy Eucharist at 12 noon

Wednesday of Holy Week: The Holy Eucharist at 12 noon

Thursday, April 2 at 6 pm: Maundy Thursday, with Footwashing

Friday April 3 at 12 noon: Good Friday, the Day of the Passion of Our Lord

Saturday April 4 at 10 AM: Holy Saturday

Sunday, April 5 at 1030 AM: Easter Day, the Day of Resurrection

Monday of Easter Week: The Holy Eucharist at 12 noon

Tuesday of Easter Week: The Holy Eucharist at 12 noon

Wednesday of Easter Week: The Holy Eucharist at 12 noon

Thursday of Easter Week: The Holy Eucharist at 12 noon

Friday of Easter Week: The Holy Eucharist at 12 noon

Saturday of Easter Week: The Holy Eucharist at 12 noon

Sunday, April 12: at 1030 AM: The Second Sunday of Easter



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This Week at St. Paul's

The Church remains open daily for prayer and meditation.

Worship:

Sunday 9 AM: Christian Formation in the Parish Hall

Sunday 10:30 AM: Holy Eucharist with hymns

Wednesday 12 noon: Scripture, Prayer, and the Holy Communion

Winter Office Hours: By appt. – call Fr Bob to arrange a time.

12-Step Groups, in the Parish Hall: Monday 8 AM – AA,
Tuesday 7:30 PM – Al-Anon, Thursday 7 PM – AA; Saturday 8 AM – AA

Service Schedule

Altar Guild
Accompanist
Reader TBA
Intercessor
Eucharistic Minister

This Sunday March 1

Ruth Scarpelli
Mary Steunenberg
Joey Chung
Sarah Toole
Bob White

Next Sunday March 8

Ruth Scarpelli
Mary Steunenberg
Bob White
Kira Hubner
Joey Chung

Contact Val Chornyak or Fr Bob if interested in a service ministry