



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons*

**The First Sunday in Lent  
February 21, 2021  
Holy Eucharist, Rite Two**

*The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer. The service is printed here in its entirety.*

**The Opening Hymn**

*Lord, who throughout these forty days*  
Hymnal 142

**The Liturgy of the Word**

*The Celebrant says*    Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People*                    His mercy endures for ever.  
                                  Amen.

**The Decalogue**

BCP 350

*Celebrant*            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.

*People*                    *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

*Celebrant*            You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*People*                    *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

*Celebrant*            You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

*People*                    *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

*Celebrant*            Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

*People*                    *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

*Celebrant*            Honor your father and your mother.

*People*                    *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

*Celebrant*            You shall not commit murder.

*People*                    *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

*Celebrant* You shall not commit adultery.  
*People* Amen. Lord have mercy.

*Celebrant* You shall not steal.  
*People* Amen. Lord have mercy.

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

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

*Celebrant* If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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 Kyrie eleison**

Hymnal S 86

*The Priest stands and says*

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 Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **The First Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17**

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

## **The Psalm: 25:1-9**

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

## **The Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

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

resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**The Sequence Hymn**

*Christ, when for us you were baptized*  
Hymnal 121

**The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9-15**

*Celebrant*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Hazel Smith Glover

*A period of silence is kept.*

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

*All say together*

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.

### **The Prayers of the People — Form V**

*Intercessor* In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

*Intercessor* 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.

*People* Lord, have mercy.

*Intercessor* For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Rob and Don our own Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* Lord, have mercy.

*Intercessor* 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.

*People* Lord, have mercy.

*Intercessor* 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.

*People* Lord, have mercy.

*Intercessor* 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.

*People* Lord, have mercy.

*Intercessor* 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.

*People* Lord, have mercy.

*Intercessor* 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.

*People* Lord, have mercy.

*Intercessor* 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.

*People* Lord, have mercy.

*Intercessor* 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. We pray especially for: Joan.

*People* Lord, have mercy.

*Intercessor* 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

*People* where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

*Intercessor* Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. We pray for those who have been confirmed, especially: Ava, Nicole, Lily, Ramsey. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially: Ava, Zachary, John, Chris, Lucas, Sally, Catherine, Lauren, Adele, Kathy.

*People* To you, O Lord our God.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **The Offertory**

*Hide not thou thy face from us O Lord*  
Richard Farrant

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer B—BCP 367

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

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:

#### **The Sanctus**

Hymnal S 124

*The Celebrant continues*

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*

*The Celebrant then continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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**

*A period of silence is kept.*

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

## **The Agnus Dei**

Hymnal S 161

## **The Communion Anthem**

*Create in me a clean heart, O God*  
Muller

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Closing Hymn**

*Now let us all with one accord*  
Hymnal 147

## **The Solemn Prayer over the People**

*Celebrant* Bow down before the Lord.

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The people leave in silence.*

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### **Parish Notices are sent via email and posted on the church website and Facebook page.**

If you are not receiving emails from the church, please contact Lesley Williams at  
parishadmin@stpaulsnewnan.org.

The church website is [www.stpaulsnewnan.org](http://www.stpaulsnewnan.org).

The Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/StPaulsNewnan](https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsNewnan)

### ***Remember in your prayers:***

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Roxanne Wallis, Malcolm Velasca, Kiran Force, Alice Magnan, Annie Bulford, Margaret Crary, Trina Hall, Tyler Chapman, Anna Endres, Kimberly Leitch, Candy Waldron, Peter Funnell, Kirk Goodell, Bo Warren, Brittany Jones, Ralph Hajosy, Judy Causey, Amanda Howell Eber, Jeff Lawhead, Billy Newman, Phil Watkiss.

We pray for those with timely concerns: Don Doggrell, Brink Howard, Adam Harrison, Linda Waskan, the Ravenell family, Nancy Croy, Jim Sejvar, Joan Kelley.

We pray for those who are sick and those who love them, and for those who have died because of the coronavirus; for those who are oppressed by fear and for those who are losing the income that sustains them. Let us also pray for those in the medical, scientific, research and pharmaceutical communities devoting their time and talent to the cause of global health. And, let us pray for all our elected officials and all those who hold the common trust that their wisdom and compassion for all people will increase.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Jennifer, Nicole, Philip, Frankey, Mark, Geoff, Renee, Heather, Virginia, Jennifer; the Clergy and Staff: Hazel, Mason, Lesley, Dawn, Elisabeth, Mary Margaret, Britney, Mary, Kimberly, Cole.

We pray for members of our armed services and their families: Phil Kearney, Kevin Bradley, Joe Clay, Tom Choate, Linda Boyce, Dariel Johnson, Sean McGraw, Steven Puckett, Bill Tudor, Jr., Scott Woodward, Luke White, Tommy White, Zach Simkins, Jacob Britt, Morgen Davis, Luke Eason, Michael Rafferty, David Norwood, Arron Essex, Adam Harrison, Sam Vermilyea, Charles Mathews, Nick Watts, Cameron Everett, Lanier Sealy, Beau Massenburg.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Ava Beerman, Zachary Reynolds, John Crow, Chris Pape, Lucas Crider, Sally Janas, Catherine Cage, Lauren Gallagher, Adele Bulford, Kathy Ellison.

### ***Lent 2021 Worship, Practices, and Programs***

**Sunday Evenings Virtual Compline** -- Led by parishioners, compline will be held virtually on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. [Click here](#) to launch the Zoom meeting at that time. On February 21, Compline will be led by Lauren Gallagher. If you experience issues accessing the meeting via the hyperlink, open Zoom on your browser or app and enter Meeting ID: 836 0894 1943 / Passcode: 442688 -- The service of Compline may be found beginning on page 127 of the Book of Common Prayer. [Click here](#) for an online version.

**Self-Directed Practice: Exploring the Gospel of Mark** -- Most scholars believe The Gospel According to Mark was the first gospel to have been written. Some date it as early as A.D.55, within twenty five years of Jesus' ministry. Mark acted as Peter's assistant and translator, and on many occasions and would have heard Peter telling the story of Jesus. Peter's first hand accounts were likely the source of Mark's Gospel. We encourage you to watch a theatrical reading of Mark by Max McLean presented in 16 videos. Access all 16 videos [HERE](#). Or watch this full length version by David Suchet at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JjOgcMQXvSc>

**Self-Directed Practice: 40 Days and 40 Miles** -- If you enjoy a morning walk or an evening stroll, this is an offering for you! We invite you to set a goal of walking 40 miles during the 40 days of Lent. This is a spiritual discipline that engages our full body. The 40 days does not include Sundays and concludes on Holy Saturday, the day immediately prior to Easter Sunday. The 40-day time frame represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. You can log your miles via [this form](#), which will

track individual responses and give us a total tally of miles at the conclusion of Lent. You can log daily, weekly, or whatever makes sense to you.

**Wednesday Night Bible Stories for Children--** During Lent, the Children's Ministry will be offering "Wednesday Night Bible Stories" via ZOOM at 6:00 p.m. Come gather around, hear Bible stories, and participate in an optional craft or activity to go along with the story. Craft bags will be distributed at a to-be-determined date, along with the weekly schedule. Offerings will alternate weeks based on Children's ages. Reach out to [Elisabeth Copeland](#) or [Whitney Lowe](#) for more information.

**Lenten Bible Study for Youth --** The youth are invited to participate in a virtual Bible Study for the duration of Lent. The course is six weeks, and focuses on John, chapters 4-6. Through the free app [WordGo](#), you'll spend about 10 minutes of your own time, reading passages, asking questions and taking notes to share with the group each week. Download the app today to get set up and ready to begin on Feb. 22. Email [Mary Margaret Stewart](#) if you have any questions.

**Lent Family Devotional --** During this Lent season, the Children's Ministry is providing a calendar with daily devotionals, readings, and suggested donations and fasts to get children of all ages involved with this holy season. While each day lists a full set of suggestions, families should feel free to mix and match, and should do what works best for their family. Email [Elisabeth Copeland](#) or [Whitney Lowe](#) for more information and for a copy of the calendar.

### *Parish Announcements*

**Virtual Coffee Hour --** Thanks to host volunteers, we have resumed our virtual coffee hours via Zoom, beginning at approximately 11:15 a.m., following the morning service. Simply grab your own coffee and go to <https://tinyurl.com/stpcoffeehour>. We ask you to put yourself on mute when not speaking to help cut down on feedback. If you would like to host a coffee hour, please contact [Lesley Williams](#). This Sunday's Coffee Hour hosts are Whitney and Josh Lowe.

**Godly Play: Sundays at 9:30 a.m. --** Godly Play is a Montessori-based curriculum that includes storytelling, interaction, exploration, and creativity to teach and enliven Bible stories. In Godly Play, for ages 4 through 5th grade, marvelous things happen as children "work, play and wonder together at the awesomeness of God." Email Elisabeth Copeland at [elisabeth@stpaulsnewnan.org](mailto:elisabeth@stpaulsnewnan.org) for the Zoom meeting link.

**Adult Formation: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. --** Please join us for a study of Barbara Brown Taylor's Holy Envy beginning Sunday, 2/21, at 9:00 AM. The book's subtitle is, "Finding God in the Faith of Others," and one of the reviews says it "reminds us that God is bigger than any one religion. Prepare to be surprised and, best of all, to come to know God in a new way." What more could we want?! Even if you don't have the book, we would love to include you in our discussion. Our meeting ID is 837 1763 1107, passcode is 097390. Email Lauren Gallagher at [laurengallagher77@gmail.com](mailto:laurengallagher77@gmail.com) with any questions.

**EYC: Sundays at 5:00 p.m. --** EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) meets online or in person weekly during the school year for fun, fellowship with other youth, and learning more about God's love. Friends from other churches are always welcome! Email Mary Margaret Stewart at [marymargaret@stpaulsnewnan.org](mailto:marymargaret@stpaulsnewnan.org) for the details.

**Virtual Children's Choir: Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.** -- Children in grades 2 and up are invited to join our St. Paul's Virtual Children's Choir for the coming year. There is no upper grade/age limit. To register your child if you have not already done so, email Dawn Harrison at [dawnie.harrison@gmail.com](mailto:dawnie.harrison@gmail.com).

**Prayer Requests** -- Prayer requests for the parish prayer list or the confidential Daughters of the King prayer list may be submitted online at <https://tinyurl.com/stpprayers> or you may also contact Hazel+ directly.

**Other Financial Gifts** -- Many of you have asked how you can continue to give financially to St. Paul's as well as contribute to the rector's discretionary fund or our Peace and Purpose campaign during this time. You may mail a check to the church, set up one-time or regular payments via your bank, or make an online payment via credit card. Please visit <http://www.stpaulsnewnan.org/give/> for detailed instructions.

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