



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons*

**The Second Sunday in Lent  
February 28, 2021  
Holy Eucharist, Rite Two**

*The service begins on page 351 of The Book of Common Prayer. The service is printed here in its entirety.*

**The Opening Hymn**

*The God of Abraham praise  
Hymnal 401*

**The Liturgy of the Word**

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

**A Penitential Order: Rite Two**

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*The Celebrant says*

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." (*Mark 12:29-31*)

*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 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.

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 Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

**The Psalm: 22:22-30**

22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; \*

stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;

neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
    he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
    all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
    my descendants shall serve him; \*  
    they shall be known as the Lord'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
    the saving deeds that he has done.

### **The Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25**

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. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

### **The Sequence Hymn**

*Take my life, and let it be said*  
Hymnal 707

### **The Holy Gospel: Mark 8:31-38**

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

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can

they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

*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**

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*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.
- People* Lord, have mercy.
- Intercessor* For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially Cordice Brown and Mary Louise Trahan, 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.
- People* 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 give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially: Carrie, Rachel, Scears, Gail, Frank, Jack, Sophia Grace.
- 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

*I Will Arise*  
Parker/Shaw

### 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**

*Call to Remembrance*  
Richard Farrant

*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**

*Take up your cross, the Savior said*  
Hymnal 675

## **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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### ***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, Cordice Brown.

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: Carrie Wendelburg, Rachel Carter, Scears Lee, Gail Furniss, Frank Marchman, Jack Morin, Sophia Grace Stemberger.

We pray for those who have died: Cordice Brown, father of Danny Brown; Mary Louise Trahan, sister of Caroline Abbey. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.*

## ***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 Brother Massenburg. 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=JjOgcMOXvSc>

**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. 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 host is Frank West.

**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. 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.

**Financial Gifts** -- To 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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