



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 14, 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

Jerusalem, my happy home
Hymnal 620

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.

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 First Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The Psalm: 107:1-3, 17-22

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.

22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

The Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Sequence Hymn

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness
Hymnal 339

The Holy Gospel: John 3:14-21

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

Jesus said, "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. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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.

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. We pray for those on our prayer list, especially: Mary.

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 Evva R. Holloway, 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 We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially: Wendy, Charlie, Austin, Jason, Melissa, Camden, Linda, Kay, Zachary.

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

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

God so loved the world
John Stainer

The Great Thanksgiving

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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

Lenten Love Song
Helen Kamp (Sung by the St. Cecilia Choir)

*Now Jesus went into the garden, the garden of Gethsemane.
He went there sad and very weary to be alone to pray
“Dear God, I am so sorrowful is there no other way?
Dear God, if it is possible, let this cup pass away.”
Now Jesus went into the garden, the garden of Gethsemane.
The olive tree bent over him, and heard him sadly pray:
“Dear God, your Son is sorrowful but knows your way is best,
Let love take hold of me! Help me to be bold and free to do your will and rest.”
Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est.*

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 Solemn Prayer over the People

Celebrant 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 leave in silence.

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: Joan Kelley, Susan Bridges, Mary Tatnall.

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: Wendy LeVan, Charlie Neely, Austin Polley, Jason Snyder, Melissa Eelman, Camden Trammell, Linda Ramsey, Kay Lewis, Zachary Herman.

We pray for those who have died: Evva R. Holloway, grandmother of Amanda Hand. *Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her. Amen.*

Lent 2021 Worship, Practices, and Programs

Sunday Evenings Virtual Compline -- Led by parishioners, compline is held virtually on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. [Click here](#) to launch the Zoom meeting at that time. On March 14, Compline will be led by Bill Harrison. 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 is 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. 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 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](#) with 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.

Holy Week and Easter Services

We are excited to share with you that new diocesan protocols have been announced, which allow us to gather and worship indoors. Read Bishop Wright's letter [here](#). We know that many are eager to gather in our nave and return to corporate worship. We also realize that many are not yet

comfortable with gathering indoors. Rest assured that our services will continue to be live streamed online.

Holy Week and Easter indoor services will be held with COVID-19 restrictions in place, such as the requirement of masks, no congregational singing, and communion in one kind only. In addition, the number of people in the congregation will be limited and preregistration will be required.

Register for the following services by clicking on each service:

[Palm Sunday, March 28 at 10:30 a.m.](#)

[Easter Day, April 4 at 8:30 a.m.](#)

[Easter Day, April 4 at 10:30 a.m.](#)

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will remain online only. They will be live streamed on our Facebook page and website at 7:00 p.m. on April 1st and 2nd, respectively. All live streamed services are recorded and available for viewing after the initial broadcast.

Parish Announcements

Easter Day Bulletin Dedications -- Easter brings members and friends of St. Paul's the opportunity to thank God for the blessings and special people in their lives and to remember loved ones at this holy time of year, by making a special donation to the Music and Flower ministries. A dedication from the donor will be included in the Easter Day bulletins. To submit a donation and dedication, please email Lesley Williams at lesley@stpaulsnewnan.org by March 28.

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. 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 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. 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." 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 with any questions.

EYC-- 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! This afternoon we will be going on a "field trip" to downtown Newnan! Email Mary Margaret Stewart at 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.

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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