

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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March 19th, 2023 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Congregational Responses are in bold type

At the Peace, please greet one another with a visible sign of God's peace.

There are 3 Bathrooms located in the hallway between the church and the parish hall.

Organ Prelude: "The Lord's my Shepherd"

C Callahan

10:00 a.m. - Please stand for the opening hymn

Hymn **664** – "My Shepherd will Supply my need"

Isaac Watts

1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me

is his Name; _____ in pas - tures fresh he
is my stay; _____ one word of thy sup -
all my days; _____ oh, may thy house be

makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream. _____
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way. _____
mine a - bode and all my work be praise. _____



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -
 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while o - thers



sake his ways, _____ and leads me, for his
 ta - ble spread; _____ my cup with bless - ings
 go and come; _____ no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. _____
 o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head. _____
 or a guest, but like a child at home. _____

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(We pray the following three times)

Holy God,
 Holy and Mighty,
 Holy Immortal One,
Have Mercy upon us.

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

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

Amen.

The people sit.

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the

spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

Please remain seated for the Psalm. We pray the psalm in unison.

Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you.”

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 9:1-41

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not

know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.” The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Sean, our Bishop, Sarah our priest, Leann, our Deacon, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Joseph our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the town of Clarence, for Western New York, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have been commended to our prayers,

Parishioners

Steve Anderson, Michelle Andolina, Doris Bohn, Adel Borsick, Diane Cuyler, Bill & Lu Ess, Malinda Gay, Marje Hagberg, Barbara Harrison, Art Henning, GG Michaels, Sue Petherick, John Selin, Maryanne Sitek, Toni Spence, Joyce VanTine, Kathy Zigrossi

Family

Leighton, Bruce, Rich, Bret, Catie, Silas, Bert, Donie, Edward, Jessica, Frank, Bob & Mary, Linda, Scott, Sandy, Grace, Leonard, Karen, John, Patty, Patrick, Jamie, Riley, Mary

Military

Matthew, Jimmy, Len, Mary Elise

Friends

Kristan & family, Gladys, Marilyn, Nancy, Jason, the Wafa family, Claire, Christina, the Stewart family, Jennifer, Esther, Maureen, Carl, Debbie, Baby Jordan, Bo

Church-wide Prayer Cycles

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa; St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Grand Island; Trinity, Hamburg; St. John's, Kane

Birthdays

Sharon Greiner, Grace Davide, Malinda Gay, William Wehrich, Kara Ziegler, Ellen Hammond-O'Malley, Jim Zigrossi, Haley Marchewka, Grace Zaccagnino

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. Especially the most Rev. Frank Tracy Griswold III and the Rev. Judy Burrows. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the people in Ukraine, Russia, and neighboring nations. For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace. **Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of Blessed Paul and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Silence.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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 peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also, with you.**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Music: "Liebster Jesu"

J R Ahle

10:00 a.m. - Please stand for the Doxology

Hymn **380, verse 3**

*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system of music has four measures, and the second system has four measures. The lyrics are: "*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye".

heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy sent us to you, the God and Father of all.

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

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

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

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith;

Christ has died.

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

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

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

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

AMEN.

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

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.

*Please come forward to receive communion one pew at a time.
If you need a gluten free wafer, please let the celebrant know.*

Communion Music: "Deck Thyself, My Soul"

J Brahms

Let us pray.

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

The Celebrant blesses the People.

10:00 a.m. - Please stand for the closing hymn

Hymn **645** – "The King of Love My Shepherd is"

Henry Williams Baker

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 *3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 *4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; thy unc - tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good - ness

1 fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 2 soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 4 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port
 6 fail - eth nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I

1 I am his, and he is mine for ev - er.
 2 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 3 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 4 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.
 5 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!
 6 sing thy praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude: "The King of Love"

E Englert

Serving Today

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Sarah M. Rieth

Deacon: The Rev. Leann P. McConchie

Cantor: Kerrykate Abel-Smith (10 am)

Organist: Marilyn Brady (10 am)

Readers: Debbie George (8 am); TBD (10 am)

Counters: Darlene Pazda, Paul Mikulski

Coffee Hour will follow both Services.

**Prayers for healing are offered after services
on the second Sunday of each month.**

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This Week at St. Paul's

Tuesday, March 21st

**NOTE – This week's Bible study is postponed until March 28th.

In the Building This Week

Tuesday, March 14th	8:00 p.m.	NA Meeting
Wednesday, March 15th	8:30 p.m.	Men's AA Meeting
Friday, March 17th	8:00 p.m.	Men's AA Meeting
Saturday, March 18 th	2:00 p.m.	Lego Club
Saturday, March 18 th	3:00 p.m.	Pokemon Club

This week's birthdays: (3/19) Sharon Greiner, (3/20) Grace Davide, (3/20) Malinda Gay, (3/20) William Weihrich, (3/21) Kara Ziegler, (3/22) Ellen Hammond-O'Malley, (3/23) Jim Zigrossi, (3/24) Haley Marchewka, (3/25) Grace Zaccagnino

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Bible Study will not meet on March 21st as it would normally. This week's Bible Study is postponed until March 28th.

BASKET RAFFLE PREP for May 6th

We are starting to collect donations for the Basket Raffle! Courtney and Carol are specifically looking for **Cash Donations or gift certificates of \$25 or more**. Please let them know if you are willing to donate one or if you can get one donated! Courtney (716-438-6247) and Carol (716-462-7649). THANK YOU!

Pastoral Care

If you are interested in assisting with pastoral care, please contact GG Michaels (our senior warden) at (716) 598-5544. Volunteers are needed for all types of care & assistance for our parishioners.

Exciting News!

St. Paul's Volunteers are welcome back to the classrooms of School 6! Our help is needed in K-2nd Grade classrooms, for beginner reading and math activities every other Friday (morning). Occasional help labelling food for distribution afterward. If you are interested, please contact **Tiffany Matthews (tiff.matthews22@gmail.com or 716-697-7319 cell)** who is working out the final details with School 6. Hoping to have a schedule by the end of March!

Holy Week Help

We are looking for some readers and acolytes to help out in Holy Week. If you are available for any of the roles listed below, please write your name on the **signup list in the hallway**, let the office know by **calling (716) 632-8221** or email paulspals@gmail.com. Thank You!

Sunday, April 2 (Palm Sunday)

- 10 am - **14 people** to assist with the reading of the Passion Gospel

Thursday, April 6 (Maundy Thursday)

- 7 pm - 1 acolyte
- 7 pm - 1 reader

Friday, April 7 (Good Friday)

- 12 noon - 1 person to assist with the reading of the Passion Gospel
 - 12 noon - 1 person to read the lessons (can be the same as above)
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Food Pantry

Did you know that 11.4% of people in Erie County are food insecure? Please contribute to our weekly trip to the Trinity Food Pantry in Lancaster by putting a can or two in one of the boxes in the hallway. Helpful items for you to bring would be: Peanut butter, Pasta, sauce, canned tuna, meals that contain protein, Beans

LEARN
PRAY
ACT



“There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest.”

Elie Wiesel

Becoming the Beloved Community

Please detach this page and either put in the collection plate or in the office in-box

Changes to the prayer list

_____ please ___add/retain ___delete from list
(name of person being prayed for)

Category:

_____ parishioner

_____ family

_____ military

_____ friend

(your name)

Address changes/additions

Name

Address

Phone Number

E-mail

Birthday