
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*The
Season
of
Lent*



First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

**10 am Liturgy of the Word
Digital Service**

Entrance Hymn *Deep Within*

Refrain **Deep within, I will plant my law, not on stone, but in your heart.**

Follow me; I will bring you back. You will be my own, and I will be your God.

Verse 1 **I will give you a new heart, a new spirit within you, for I will be your strength.**

Verse 2 **Seek my face, and see your God, for I will be your hope.**

Verse 3 **Return to me, with all your heart, and I will bring you back.**

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Penitential Order

Officiant: **Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins,**

People: **God's mercy endures for ever.**

The people kneel as able.

The Officiant reads one of the following sentences:

Lord be gracious to us; we long for you. Be our strength every morning; our salvation in time of distress. *(Isaiah 33:2)*

Rend your hearts and not your garments; turn back to the Lord your God who is gracious and compassionate, long suffering and abounding in love. *(Joel 2:13)*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your hearts, 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 other commandment greater than these. *(Mark 12:29-31)*

Deacon: The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
A broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
And acknowledge our transgression in penitence and faith.

Leader: We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
Fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
Fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: We confess to your our stubbornness and lack of trust:
Fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Officiant: God forgives you. Be at peace.

People: Amen.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Collect

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.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pre-Gospel Hymn *Have Your Way*

Have your way, have your way;

Holy spirit, fill our hearts and have your way;

As we wait, as we pray,

Speak your word into our hearts and have your way.

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Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Post-Gospel Hymn *Have Your Way*

Have your way, have your way;

Holy spirit, fill our hearts and have your way;

As we wait, as we pray,

Speak your word into our hearts and have your way.

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Sermon

The Rev. Annie Mertz

A time of silence for reflection follows 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

Hymn *We Wait*

Verse 1 **We wait. We 're not in a hurry; O, we need you, Lord.
We wait. All our cares and worries we lay aside for you.
O, how we long to see your face. O, how we long for your embrace.**

Verse 2 **We wait. We're not afraid to tarry; we yearn for you, Lord.
We wait. For your mighty wind to carry us into your presence, Lord.
And as we fill this house with praise
let your holy fi-re fill this place as we wait.
We wait. We wait.**

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The Lord's Prayer *(all 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.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. *(Church of England)*

Closing Hymn *Shout to the Lord*

**My Jesus, my savior, Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,
let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.
Power and majesty, praise to the king.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands, forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.**

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Dismissal

The Deacon will dismiss the people.

People: Thanks be to God.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Officiant & Preacher:

The Rev. Annie Mertz

Deacon: The Rev. Beth Gaines

Lector: Jim Wolf

Intercessor: Judy Furlong

Music: Mark Sackett, Carol Hazenfield

Technical Support: Jorge Castaneda

Zoom Management: Betsy Zampa,
Yann Jouvenot Sells

BIRTHDAYS

Don Zampa, Jim Turner, Beckie Pelkey,
Lisa Villareal, Bob Barnard

ANNIVERSARIES

Neal & Deb Mulholand

Jim & Barbara Jewell

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING
IN OUR ARMED FORCES**

PFC Toby Williams, U.S. Army

PVT Andrew Contreras, U.S. Army

Warrant Officer Brandon Niemann,
U.S. Army

AB Andrew Severa, U.S. Air Force

SA Michelle Severa, PA,
Air National Guard

Airman 1st Class Jake Sackett,
U.S. Air Force

Capt. Xacasia Evans-Walp, U.S. Army

***WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH***

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU

The Rev. Annie Mertz, *Rector*

Associate Priests:

The Rev. Canon Mary Goshert

The Rev. Pamela Higgins

The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder

The Rev. Beth Gaines, *Deacon*

VESTRY

Jorge Castaneda, *Senior Warden*

Kim Rodekohr, *Junior Warden*

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Heather Healy, Helen Kennedy-

Lazar, Ann Knight, Ken Nowinski,

Judy White, Giovanna Zampa (Youth
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Glenn Walp, *Traditional Music Director*

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Director*

Jim Brown, *Peddlers' Fair Coordinator*

Tim Markley, *Archivist*

Beckie Pelkey, *Youth & Family
Ministries Coordinator*

Andria Reid, *Godly Play/Nursery
Coordinator*

JoAnn Souza, *Parish Administrator*

Betsy Zampa, *Communications
Coordinator*

Carolyn Conlin, Lily Field,

Emma Gilbert, Nayda Guerin,

Giovanna Zampa, *Nursery Care*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Education Series: Embracing Evangelism

Wednesdays in Lent @ 7 pm Beginning Feb. 24

This year, our annual Lenten Education series will be all about Evangelism in the Episcopal Church. Join us for this six-part digital course exploring our call to seek, name, and celebrate Jesus' loving presence in the stories of all people – and then invite everyone to more. Each session features teachings on Episcopal evangelism, group discussion, and exercises to help Episcopalians understand the ministry and call to evangelism. All are welcome to attend any session!

Visit <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/embracing-evangelism/> to learn more and watch a 2 1/2 minute preview video.

Date	Topic
February 24	Introduction to Embracing Evangelism
March 3	Seek, Name, Celebrate
March 10	The Great Story and Your Story
March 17	The Stories of Others
March 24	Invite Everyone to More
March 31	Go! Discernment and What's Next

Zoom Connection Information:

Topic: Lenten Series: Embracing Evangelism

Time: 7PM Every week on Wed, 6 occurrence(s)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87971415498?pwd=V25mNS83akdDVVJLTXJaeDFoOVk2dz09>

Meeting ID: 879 7141 5498

Passcode: 375046

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JOIN US ONLINE FOR



Zoom Coffee Hour on Sundays

Join us online at 11 am for our Sunday virtual coffee hour.

Topic: Zoom Coffee Hour

Time: Feb 14, 2021 11 AM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/439774574?pwd=SXJzcVI5d0k2RnVjc21WRFR0YTFJdz09>

Meeting ID: 439 774 574

Passcode: Fellowship

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Episcopal Relief and Development Lenten Meditations

You are invited to meditate on these reflections daily. Many of the authors share deeply personal and painful experiences related to a variety of issues including disease, violence, racial injustice and poverty. You are invited to come to these meditations with an open heart. What you read may challenge you and give rise to unexpected or uncomfortable feelings. Here is the link to the Lenten Meditations booklet:

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:83526ea0-425b-4fa0-b4ea-923ed4b0117c>

Church Member Directory Available

The parish directory is updated regularly. To get your latest copy, contact JoAnn in the church office at admin@stpaulsbenicia.org and she will email you a PDF of the directory.

2021 Flower Dedications

The 2021 Flower Dedication sign-up sheet is available online. Here is the link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ltgsjw274Phs3ZsSrDNsOMS5kQEQXM77LneszYBc0V8/edit?usp=sharing>

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weekday worship
MORNING PRAYER

Weekday Morning Prayer Online

This half-hour service of scripture reading and prayers will start your day off on the right foot.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8739753361>

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Wk of 1 Lent	Day	Psalm	OT	Canticle	NT	Canticle	Suffrages
22 Feb.	Monday	41, 52	Deut 8:11-20	9	John 2:1-12	19	A
23 Feb.	Tuesday	45	Deut 9:4-12	13	John 2:13-22	18	B
24 Feb.	St . Matthias (ember day)	80	1 Samuel 16:1-13	16	1 John 2:18-25	21	A
25 Feb.	Thursday	50	Deut 9:23-10:5	8	John 3:16-21	19	B
26 Feb.	Friday (ember day)	95* & 40, 54	Deut 10:12-22	14	John 3:22-36	18	A

Wednesday Bible Study Online

Join us online on Wednesdays at 11 am as we dive into next Sunday's readings while enjoying fellowship, deep conversation, and entertaining tangents. You can always call into the meeting by phone.



Smartphone, Tablet, or Computer:

Click here to be taken directly to the meeting room

<https://zoom.us/j/194285844?pwd=bW9CbWZXYWVMcllyWkdLMS9sci9vdz09>

Or, visit <http://zoom.us> And enter the following:

Meeting ID: 194 285 844

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This Week @ St. Paul's

CONNECT WITH US ON ZOOM

Monday, 2/22/2021

9 am +Morning Prayer
4:30 pm Community Meal Take Out
7 pm Sacred Ground Class

Tuesday, 2/23/2021

9 am +Morning Prayer

Wednesday, 2/24/2021

9 am +Morning Prayer
11 am Bible Study
4:30 pm Community Meal Take Out
7 pm Lenten Class

Thursday, 2/25/2021

9 am +Morning Prayer

Friday, 2/26/2021

9 am +Morning Prayer

Saturday, 2/27/2021

Second Sunday in Lent, 2/28/21

10 am +Liturgy of the Word
11 am Coffee Hour

Serving This Week

Altar Guild

Victoria Brown, Donna Patey,
Robin Silver

Flower Guild

Carol Smiglewski, Virginia Vater

Vergers

Jim Peterson

**The deadline for submitting
announcements is
Wednesday at noon.**

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