

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The  
Season  
of  
Lent



## Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

### 10 am Liturgy of the Word

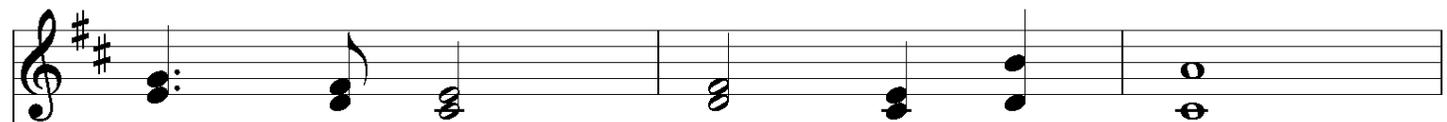
### Digital Service

#### Opening Hymn *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

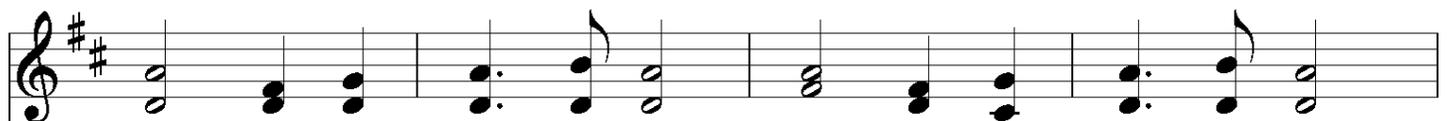
LEVAS 88



1. My faith looks up to thee, Thou lamb of  
2. May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my  
3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a -  
4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold,



1. Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine!  
2. faint - ing heart, My zeal in - spire;  
3. round me spread, Be thou my guide;  
4. sul - len stream Shall o'er me roll;



1. Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt a - way;  
2. As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee  
3. Bid dark - ness turn to - day, Wipe sor - row's tears a - way;  
4. Blest Sav - ior, then in love, Fear and dis - trust re - move,



1. O let me from this day Be whol - ly thine.  
2. Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire.  
3. Not let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.  
4. O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul.

## 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.**

# Trisagion

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Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.  
Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.  
Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

## Collect

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.**

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## First Reading

**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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## 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.

## 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.

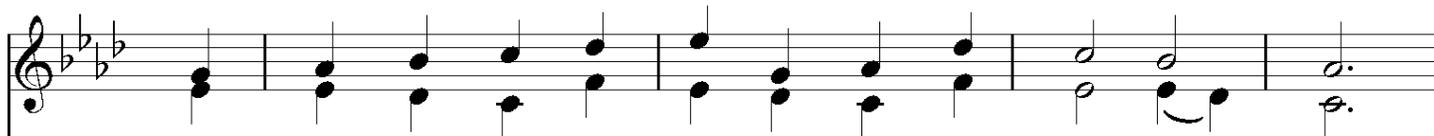
No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

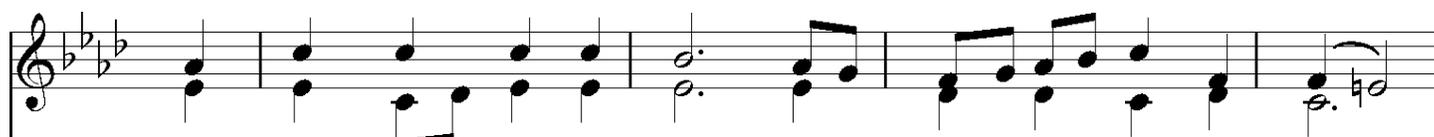
**People: Thanks be to God.**



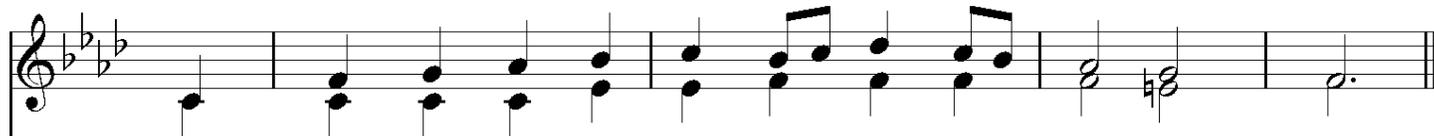
1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:  
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,



we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

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

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

# Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Post-Gospel Hymn *The God of Abraham Praise* vs. 4-5

Hymnal 401

4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: Leoni, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

*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 *Take My Life and Let It Be*

Hymnal 707

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

## **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)*



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal  
 2 (O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous) Love, we read thee  
 3 (We read thee best in him who) came to bear for  
 4 (We read thy power to bless and) save e'en in the



and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -  
 in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -  
 us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on  
 dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion



bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all  
 low, in seas that swell and streams that  
 high, our life to live, our death to  
 light we read the full - ness of thy



thought. 2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous  
 flow. 3 We read thee best in him who  
 die. 4 We read thy power to bless and  
 might.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

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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:*** Kim Rodekohr

***Intercessor:*** Steve Rodekohr

***Music:*** Glenn Walp

***Technical Support:*** Jorge Castaneda

***Zoom Management:*** Betsy Zampa,  
Yann Jouvenot Sells

**BIRTHDAYS**

Holly Boman, Paul Fulton, Ryan Morris,  
Wendy Peterson, Mara Guerin,  
Jeaniesue Pelkey

**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*

Betsy Zampa, *Clerk*

Cathy Cellini, Ginny Green,

Heather Healy, Helen Kennedy-

Lazar, Ann Knight, Ken Nowinski,  
Judy White, Giovanna Zampa (Youth  
Advisor)

**STAFF**

Glenn Walp, *Traditional Music Director*

Mark Sackett, *Contemporary Music  
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

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

### Join Zoom Meeting

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Passcode: 375046

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **Meet Your New Vestry Member Ann Knight**

I was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, and moved to Benicia (after a brief stay in Wheeling, West Virginia) in 2001. Our family came to Benicia for my husband Dave's job. We have two adult daughters, Emily and Alex. I first became involved with St. Paul's through the Traditional Choir. I was invited to participate during the Christmas season and I never really left! I also volunteer with the Community Meal.

I am happy to have found a church home that wants to reflect Jesus' love to all and help make the world in His image, just, loving and equitable for all people. I am enthusiastic to be part of the Vestry and to assist in the work of St. Paul's.

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## **Monthly Eucharist Scheduled**

We will be having a Eucharist Service the first Sunday at 10 am monthly. Hosts will be blessed at a 10 am outdoor Eucharist Service the Wednesday before, which is open to all. Communion hosts will be available for pickup the Saturday before the Sunday service from 10 am -12 pm in front of the parish office. After that the hosts will be available in a basket in Robin Silver's front yard all Saturday afternoon (1390 West K St, Benicia).

### Upcoming dates for calendar:

Outdoor Eucharist @ 10 am - March 3, March 31, April 28

Saturday pickup @ 10-12 - March 6, April 3, May 1

Sunday Eucharist @ 10 am (Facebook) - March 7, April 4 (Easter), May 2

This is subject to change depending on improving COVID restrictions.

—Robin Silver, Altar Guild Coordinator

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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### **Dial by your location**

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Meeting ID: 439 774 574

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## **Emergency Financial Assistance Available for Solano County Seniors and Benicia Residents**

If you or someone you know is struggling to make ends meet because of COVID-19, there are funds available to help. Contact the Benicia Family Resource Center at (707) 746-4352 or Email Kendall Lara at [Klara@ci.benicia.ca.us](mailto:Klara@ci.benicia.ca.us)

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## **Church Fundraisers - Start Dreaming!**

Although we're not yet ready for indoor gatherings, there is hope on the horizon! Now is a great time to start thinking about parties or other social fundraisers you could host. You could even partner up with a good buddy to make it happen. Short on ideas? You can always pitch in on the fundraisers the Vestry is cooking up. Contact the church office to volunteer. [admin@stpaulsbenicia.org](mailto:admin@stpaulsbenicia.org) or (707) 745-0307.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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>

Meeting ID: 873 975 3361

### **One tap mobile**

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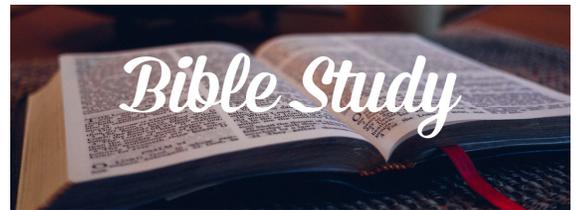
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## **Wednesday Bible Study Online**

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=bW9CbWZXYWVMcillyWkdLMS9sci9vdz09>

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

Meeting ID: 194 285 844

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### **Telephone**

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Enter the Meeting ID: 194 285 844

This Week @ St. Paul's

CONNECT WITH US ON ZOOM

Monday, 3/1/2021

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

Tuesday, 3/2/2021

- 9 am +Morning Prayer

Wednesday, 3/3/2021

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

Thursday, 3/4/2021

- 9 am +Morning Prayer

Friday, 3/5/2021

- 9 am +Morning Prayer

Saturday, 3/6/2021

- 10 am-12 pm Pick up DIY Communion

Third Sunday in Lent, 3/7/21

- 10 am +Liturgy of the Word with Communion
- 11 am Coffee Hour

Serving This Week

**Altar Guild**

Kim Rodekohr, Steve Rodekohr

**Flower Guild**

Catherine Harrod

**Vergers**

Leo Harrod

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

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St. Paul's February 28th  
Flower Dedication

Mary Frances Kelly-Poh

In Loving Memory of  
Hoe Poh  
One Year Gone