



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

19 MARCH 2023 ✠ 8:00 & 10:15 A.M.

Welcome to St. Paul's Church! We are a community of faith that through Christ strives to be loving, joyous, inclusive, transforming, and filled with God's grace. All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at God's table for communion.

This service booklet, *The Book of Common Prayer* (red), *The Hymnal 1982* (blue), and *Wonder, Love and Praise* ("WLP," green paperbound) provide the resources needed for participation in our worship. Please silence cellular phones.

"The Lord is in the holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him." (*Habakkuk 2:20*)

*Before worship, let God speak to you. During worship, speak to God. After worship, speak to one another.*



VOLUNTARY                      Lamb of God, unblemished (BWV 656)                      J. S. Bach

¶ *Please stand as you are able at the ringing of the tower bell*

HYMN 542                      Christ is the world's true light                      *St. Joan*

## A PENITENTIAL ORDER

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

¶ *The Celebrant reads a sentence of scripture, then the Deacon calls us to confession. Please kneel, if you are able.*

*Deacon* Most merciful God,

*People* **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 Celebrant stands and pronounces the Absolution, to which the people respond, Amen. Then the following is said at 8:00 and sung at 10:15.*

KYRIE ELEISON (Hymnal S 97)                      Richard Felciano

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Lord, have mer - cy.                      Lord, have mer - cy.                      Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy.                      Christ, have mer - cy.                      Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy.                      Lord, have mer - cy.                      Lord, have mer - cy. —

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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.**

¶ *Please be seated.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE LESSON

1 Samuel 16:1–23

**T**he 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### 8:00 PSALM 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; \* therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He shall feed me in a green pasture, \* and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
- 3 He shall convert my soul, \*  
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name’s sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; \*  
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
- 5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me; \*  
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
- 6 But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

¶ *At 8:00, please stand as you are able for the proclamation of the Gospel.*

¶ *At 10:15, please stand as you are able to sing the following metrical paraphrase of today’s Psalm, and remain standing for the proclamation of the Gospel.*

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

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

**A**s 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 again 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.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert Picken

¶ *A period of silence follows the Sermon. Then please stand as you are able for*

## 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.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

¶ *The Deacon calls us to prayer. The Intercessor and People pray responsively.*

*Intercessor* Lord of compassion:

*People* **In your mercy hear us.**

#### EXCHANGE OF PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM (*10:15 only*)

My eyes for beauty pine

Herbert Howells

My eyes for beauty pine, My soul for Goddës grace: No other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face. One splendour thence is shed From all the stars above: 'Tis named when Goddës name is said, 'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love. And every gentle heart, That burns with true desire, Is lit from eyes that mirror part Of that celestial fire.

[Robert Bridges]

¶ *Please stand as you are able for*

#### THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

8:00 **All things come of thee, O Lord;  
and of thine own have we given thee.**

10:15 Hymn 147 (*stz. 4*)

*Bourbon*

**Remember, Lord, though frail we be  
in your own image we were made;  
help us, lest in anxiety  
we cause your Name to be betrayed.**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The Book of Common Prayer, Eucharistic Prayer A*

*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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (Hymnal S 126)

Richard Felciano

*mf*  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
*f*  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please remain standing or kneel.*

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

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread...

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God...

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **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.**

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

¶ *At 10:15 the following is sung*

AGNUS DEI (Hymnal S 162)

Felciano

*mp*  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy —  
— on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

¶ *After the choir has received, the ushers direct the congregation come forward for communion. The Sacrament is given in both kinds: bread and wine. If you are not able to go to any of the stations, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you. Parents may pick up children from the nursery at this time. Gluten-free wafers are available; please let the priest know of your need.*

ANTHEM Thomas Tallis  
I heard the voice of Jesus say  
*\*The text is Hymn 692 in The Hymnal 1982\**

¶ *After all have received, please stand as you are able for*

#### THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**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 PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

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.**

HYMN 671 New Britain  
Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God!**

VOLUNTARY Bach  
Christ, who makes us blessed (BWV 620)



*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
George Juneau*

### SERVING TODAY

*Readers:* John Currie (8:00) Cheri Potter, Joan Flint (10:15)  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Sue Ouellette (8:00); Louise Moore (10:15)  
*Crucifer:* Wayne Least (10:15 only)  
*ASL Interpreter:* Jean Rodman (10:15 only)

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

We entrust into your unfailing care, Merciful God...

Nyaiik, Ginny, Diamond, Andrew, Anthony, Helen, Amelia, Sandy, Kirk, Louis, Scott, David, Ella, Matthew, Larry, Dean, Diane, Bill, and Tim.

*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.*

## NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ **Sunday Forum at 9:00 am:** The “A” Word. Come discuss the rich and vast theology of “the Atonement.” Sundays in Lent: February 26<sup>th</sup> – March 26<sup>th</sup> in the Cadigan Room.
- ❖ **Annual Chili Cook-Off** returns on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Join us for a great night of chili and fellowship! If you want to make chili or bring dessert, be sure to sign up. Contact Maura Surdyka (maura818@yahoo.com or text 585.760.9244)
- ❖ The **Flower Delivery Ministry** needs your vases: Do you have empty, unused vases in the 8” – 9” height you would like to clear off your shelf? If so, please bring them to the Flower Room so our Flower Delivery Ministry can use them for their Sunday deliveries. Thanks!
- ❖ **Altar Flowers:** There are opportunities to donate altar flowers on the Sundays listed below "In memory of" or in "celebration of" an event. Your flowers not only adorn the Chantry or High altar but also become a tax-free donation. The following Sunday is available: March High Altar: 26th Please call Nancy Andrus with your contact information at 406-8545 or email at [nandrus002@rochester.rr.com](mailto:nandrus002@rochester.rr.com).
- ❖ **St. Joe’s House Needs:** Men’s items: Winter coats, hats & gloves, long underwear, socks & underwear. Food & household items: Mac & cheese cups, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce & dish soap. Drop at St. Paul’s on Sunday mornings in the narthex and also on Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:30 am to 2:30 pm.
- ❖ **Live-Stream:** Due to a malfunctioning component in the live-stream system, we will have limited audio/video capabilities. Replacements and upgrades are scheduled for this week. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

### Save the Dates:

- Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Liturgy of Palms and Eucharist at 8:00 & 10:15 am (w/ live stream)
- Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>- Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – Holy Week Noonday Eucharist
- Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> –Maundy Thursday Liturgy at 7:00 pm
- Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday Liturgy at Noon (w/ live stream) & 5:30 pm
- Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – Great Vigil of Easter at 7:00 pm
- Easter Day, April 9<sup>th</sup> – Festival Eucharist at 8:00 & 10:15 am (w/ live stream)

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*“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above...”*

*James 1:17*

# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

## SUNDAYS

8:00 am Holy Communion  
9:00 am Adult Faith Formation  
10:00 am Sunday School  
10:15 am Holy Communion with Music  
*Nursery Care provided. Live-Stream available.*  
11:30 am Choristers (Youth Choir Rm.)

## WEDNESDAYS

12:00 pm Holy Communion (Norton Chapel)  
7:00 pm St. Paul's Choir (St. Peter's Chapel)

## THURSDAYS

8:00 am Morning Prayer (via Zoom)  
7:00 pm Bell Choir (Youth Choir Rm.)

## ST. PAUL'S STAFF

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