

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 8, 2026

I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.
Isaiah 49

WELCOME! St. Paul's Church builds bridges — to God, to one another, to the city and beyond. We are glad you have joined us today.

As we continue through this season after the Epiphany, we continue to be reminded of the theme of the manifestation of Jesus as the Christ. We receive these reminders not just in the words of scripture that are read, but in the very act of gathering together to sing, listen, speak, and celebrate the Eucharist. Each time we gather together, we are both called and revealed to be the Body of Christ in the world.

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 your cell phones.

MUSIC NOTE

This morning we welcome Erik Behr, principal oboist of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra since 2007. His playing has been hailed by critics as "bold and graceful" and we are grateful to him for sharing his musical gifts with us during the opening voluntary and the communion anthem.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

Readers: James Dorr, Doug Kelley (8:00)

Kitty MacDowell, Louise Moore, Pat Moran (10:15)

Eucharistic Ministers: TBA (8:00)

Grace Henshaw, Melinda Johnston (10:15)

Crucifer: Andrew Ferrante

Altar Guild: Linda White, Lindsay Korth, Erin Wright, Kitty MacDowell

Ushers: Al Zenner, Diane Healy, Gretchen Zenner, Jane Newcomb

ASL Interpreter: Luane Haggerty (10:15)

Live-Stream Operator: Anita Chen (10:15)

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Before worship, let God speak to you. During worship, speak to God.

After worship, speak to one another.

VOLUNTARY

Cantilene in F Major

Josef Rheinberger

Cantilene

Lynn Trapp

✠ indicates to stand as able.

✠ HYMN 145

Now Quit Your Care and Anxious Fear

Quittez, Pasteurs

✠ OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider 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.

✠ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

8:00 Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

10:15 WLP 900

John Rutter

✠ COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 112 (*Said responsively at 8:00; Sung by ALL at 10:15*)

Richmond

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they whose joy is God's command;*

 Their children will be always blessed and mighty in the land.

2 Riches and wealth will bless their house, their justice will endure,*

 And they are merciful. Light shines in darkness for the pure.

- 3 In justice do they rule their lives and freely do they lend;*
Unshaken they, their memory is treasured without end.
- 4 Heart firm, they fear no evil news, in God they put their trust;*
Their heart secure, they will not shrink until their foes are crushed.
- 5 The righteous spread their gifts abroad, give freely to the poor;*
With honor will their heads be raised; their justice will endure.
- 6 The wicked will see all these things and rage and pine away;*
Their anger and their base desires will perish in a day.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

✠ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Sung twice before Gospel and once following *Celtic Alleluia*



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Dan Burner

A brief period of quiet reflection follows the sermon.

✠ 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

Prayer is offered for the Church, Nation, world, those who suffer, and for the departed.

Intercessor May you be manifest in us;

People May we bear your light to the world.

Additional prayers may be offered, and the Presider adds a concluding collect.

✠ CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon 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.

The Presider pronounces the Absolution

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.

✠ EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please greet one another in Christ's Name. Words of welcome and announcements are then made.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Deacon says: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due God's Name; bring offerings and come into the courts with praise. (*Psalm 96:8*)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Risen Sun

Craig Phillips

Be still, my soul, and rest upon the Lord in quiet certainty, for he has come to rescue you from doubt. And now you stand in blazing glory of a risen Sun that cannot set. It will forever be exactly as it is. You stand with him within a radiance prepared for you before time was and far beyond its reach. Be still and know, and knowing, be you sure your Lord has come to you. There is no doubt that stands before his countenance, nor can conceal from you what he would have you see. The Sun has risen, he has come at last. Where stands his presence there can be no past. Be still, my soul, and rest upon the Lord who comes to keep the promise of his word.

✠ SAID AT 8:00 All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

✠ SUNG AT 10:15: HYMN 705 (stz 3)

Forest Green

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to thee
to serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity.
O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy Son,
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider 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, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord,

because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

✠ SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

From *A Mass for a Soulful People*

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.

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Ho - ly, ho - ly - , Ho - ly, ho - ly - , Ho - ly Lord God -
of ho - sts Hea - ven and ear - th are - filled with your glo -
ry, Ho - san - na in - the - high - est - Ble - ssed is - He who -
comes in the name - of the Lord - of the Lord -
Ho - san - na - in the high - est, Ho - san - na
in - the - high - est

The congregation may remain standing or kneel, as the Presider 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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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,

We remember Christ's death,

We proclaim Christ's resurrection,

We await Christ's coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 [_____], and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Presider The gifts of God, for the people of God.

All are welcome at God's table.

All are encouraged to come forward for Communion at the direction of the ushers. 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. Gluten-free wafers are available.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Loving Hands

Cary Ratcliff

Loving hands, we all need loving hands, for the sea and the sands cannot hold all the rain, all the tears and the pain. Where is God's loving hand? Loving hands left a sign in the sand; strong his call, Jesus' hands reach to all, reaching out, teaching all, looking up to see God's loving hand, to be God's loving hand. Giving hands, will there be giving hands? Healing hands, when we're hungry or cold, people sick, people old can all hold onto God's loving hand. Come be God's loving hands.

✠ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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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.

✠ HYMN 594

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

✠ BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The children and Presider invoke God's blessing with the people repeating before the dismissal concludes:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

God of Grace and God of Glory

Paul Manz

PRAYER LIST

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

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Kara Wagner Sherer, our Bishop; and, the Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leaders of St. Paul's Church

In Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: St. Mark's Church, Newark

Jack, Mara Hazzard-Wallingford, Eric Beach, Shelia Eiss, Cheri Potter, Jean Rodman, Luke Humphry, Bill & Diane Bailey, Lois, Matthew, Donna Gear, Gwen Cheney, Hans Thurston, Nathan, Noreen, Scott, Bertha Simpkins, Jeff, Tom, Amelia Smith, Ella Richard-Dyson, and Bill Dewart

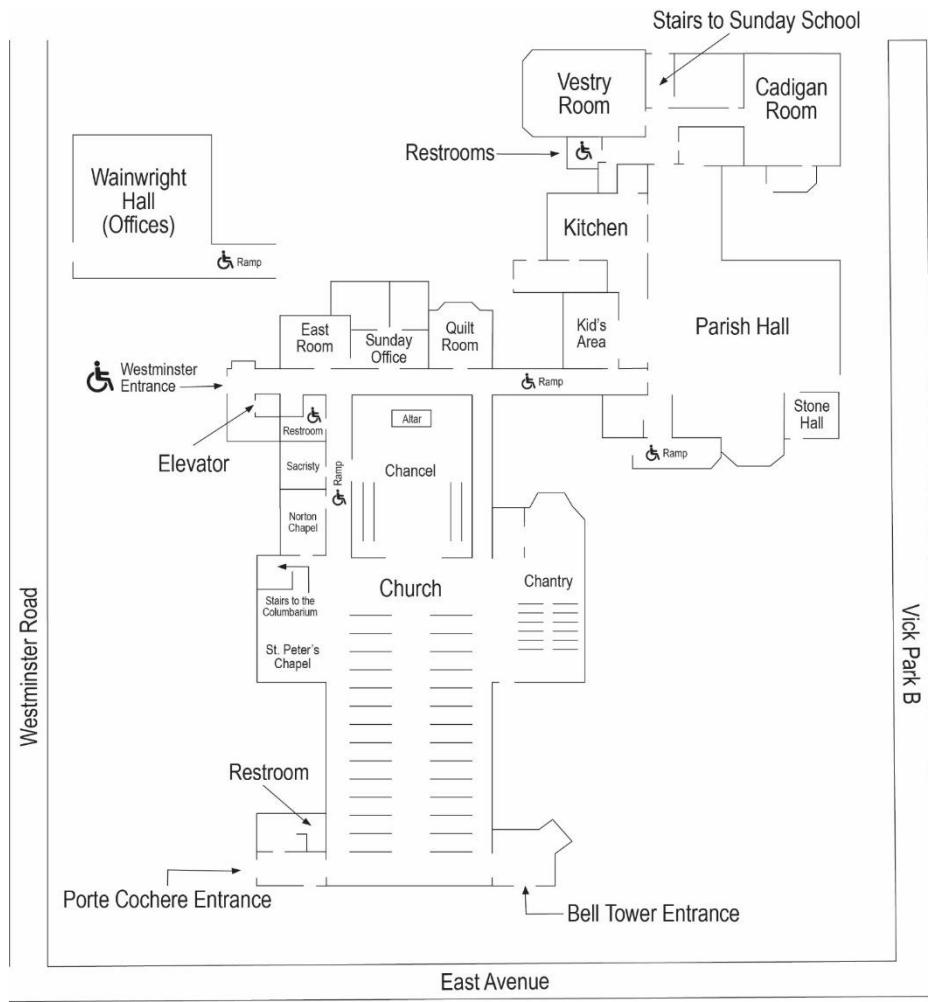
Those who have died.

*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.*

FLOWER MEMORIALS

The flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and
in loving memory of Pamela Brock

When immigrants live in your land with you, you must not cheat them.
Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your
citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants
in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.
Leviticus 19:33-34 (CEB)



All are invited to make a gift to support our mission:
As the plate is passed. • By scanning the QR code at the left. • Online at stpaulsec.org/donate. • By texting PAUL to 73256 and following the prompts.
Thank you for your generosity!

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S

8:00 am: Holy Eucharist (Chantry)

10:00 am: Sunday School

10:15 am: Holy Eucharist (Church)

11:30 am: Fellowship Hour (Parish Hall)

11:30 am: Chorister Rehearsal (Church)

11:30 am: Property Committee (Vestry Room)

11:30 am Search Committee (Cadigan Room)

Monday, February 9th

7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

Wednesday, February 11th

9:00 am: Wednesday Women AA (Stone Hall)

Noon: Holy Eucharist (St. Peter's Chapel)

8:15 pm: Young & Restless AA (Stone Hall)

6:00 pm: Handbell Rehearsal (Church)

7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Thursday, February 12th

6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Stone Hall)

8:30 pm: Academy Group AA (Stone Hall)

Saturday, February 14th

9:30 am: St. Joe's Sandwich Making (Parish Kitchen)

10:00 am: St. Paul's Needle Arts (Wainwright Parlor)

10:30 am: Debtors' Anonymous (Quilt Room)

8:00 pm: AA Saturday Group (Stone Hall)

NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ **St. Joe's Sandwich Making** - Due to St. Joseph's House of Hospitality's February schedule, St. Joe's Sandwich Making will be held on the second Saturday in February at 9:30 am in the Parish Kitchen. Starting in March, it will resume on the first Saturday of the month. For more information, please contact Meredith Halter at meredith5@mymail.yahoo.com.
- ❖ **Live Stream Ministry:** Our Live Stream Ministry is currently in need of additional live stream members to operate our user-friendly livestream equipment. Once trained, your commitment would involve dedicating one Sunday morning per month. *Our youth 14+ are encouraged to apply, also!* Please reach out to Sonja at sonja@stpaulsec.org.
- ❖ **Altar Flowers:** There are opportunities to donate altar flowers on the Sundays listed below. Please call Nancy Andrus at 406-8545 or nancyandrus308@gmail.com. The following Sundays are available for the **Chantry Altar: Feb. 15, High Altar on Feb. 22nd.**
- ❖ **Third Sundays @3pm*:** The next St. Paul's concert series will be on February 15th at 3:00 pm with Afro-Cuban soprano, Isabel Randall, in collaboration with the Rochester Oratorio Society, Arts Connexions.
**Tickets will be available at the door; \$30 general admission; \$25 students and seniors.*
- ❖ **Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras Meal on February 17th at 6:00 pm.** In addition to pancakes and sausage, we have sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall if you would like to bring something. Whether you bring something or not, come to the meal for a great time!

LENT at ST. PAUL'S

Ash Wednesday, February 18th: 7:30 am, Noon (w/ hymns), 5:30 pm (w/ hymns)

Soup 'n Study: Tuesdays, Feb. 24, March 3, & 10 at 6:00 pm (Parish Hall)

Third Sundays @3pm: Lenten Choral Meditation on March 15th

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