

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 1, 2026

Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me,
let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

Mark 8:34

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.

Throughout the season of Lent, we are steadily drawn deeper into the mystery of our redemption. Abraham and his story show us the early work towards that redemption. This redemption is fulfilled in Jesus' death and resurrection which we witness in Holy Week and Easter at the conclusion of this holy season. Each week we take another step in our understanding of the depth of God's love for us as we seek to strengthen our faith so that we may better receive the joy that is to come at Easter.

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

David Hurd, the composer of the Sanctus that we are singing during Lent, has devoted his career to sacred music as a composer, teacher and performer. For 39 years he was Professor of Sacred Music and Director of Chapel Music at General Theological Seminary in New York City. He currently serves as Organist and Director of Music at The Church of St. Mary the Virgin in New York City.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

Readers: James Dorr, Ingrid Stanlis (8:00)

Dan Magee, Walter Rohlin, Julie Gedro (10:15)

Eucharistic Ministers: Suzy Spencer (8:00)

Andrew Ferrante, Melinda Johnston, Nancy Andrus (10:15)

Crucifer: Wayne Least

Healing Prayers: Tim Dewart (8:00); Linday Korth (10:00)

Altar Guild: Judy McGrath, Nancy Reale, Jackie Barnes, Lila Kennedy

Ushers: Doug Kelley, Les Kernan, Margaret Cochran, Philip Bleecker

ASL Interpreter: Luane Haggerty (10:15)

Live-Stream Operator: Sonja Slother (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

What Wondrous Love Is This

American folk hymn
arr. Susan E. Geschke

✠ *indicates to stand as able.*

✠ HYMN 636

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

✠ PENITENTIAL ORDER

Presider Bless the God of our salvation:

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Presider 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 heart, 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.”

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The congregation may kneel or stand. A period of silence is kept.

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,**

And the evil done on our behalf.

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Presider pronounces the Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

✠ TRISAGION: S-102 (said or sung by ALL three times)

Alexander Archangelsky

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

✠ COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



- 1 I lift up my eyes / to the hills; *
from where is my / help to come?
- 2 My help comes / from the Lord, *
the maker of / heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your / foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not / fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch / over Israel *
shall neither / slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches / over you; *
the Lord is your shade at / your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike / you by day, *
nor the / moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you / from all evil; *
it is he who shall / keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your / coming in, *
from this time forth for / evermore.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

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.

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

✠ HYMN 440 (*stz 1-2*) Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word *Liebster, Jesu*

✠ HOLY GOSPEL John 3:1-17

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

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the **Jews**. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

✠ HYMN 440 (*stz 3*)

Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word

Liebster, Jesu

SERMON

The Rev. Jay Burkardt

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 ...we pray to you, O Lord;

People **Kyrie eleison.**

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

✠ 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.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (*said at 8am; sung by all at 10:15am*)

David Hurd

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.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The congregation may remain standing or kneel, as the Presider continues.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and 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 friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

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

The Presider continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Blessed Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

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 ANTHEMS

Sweet Hour of Prayer

William Bradbury
arr. Sandra Eithun

Thou Knowest, Lord

Henry Purcell

*Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers;
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God, most mighty, O holy and most merciful Savior,
thou most worthy judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death, to
fall from thee. Amen.*

✠ 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.**

✠ SOLEMN PRAYER

Presider Bow your hearts before the Lord. Keep this your family, Lord, with
your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your
heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠ HYMN 448

O Love, How Deep,
How Broad, How High

Deus tuorum militum

✠ THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

March in D Major

Franz Joseph Haydn

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: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: St. John's Church, Honeoye Falls

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

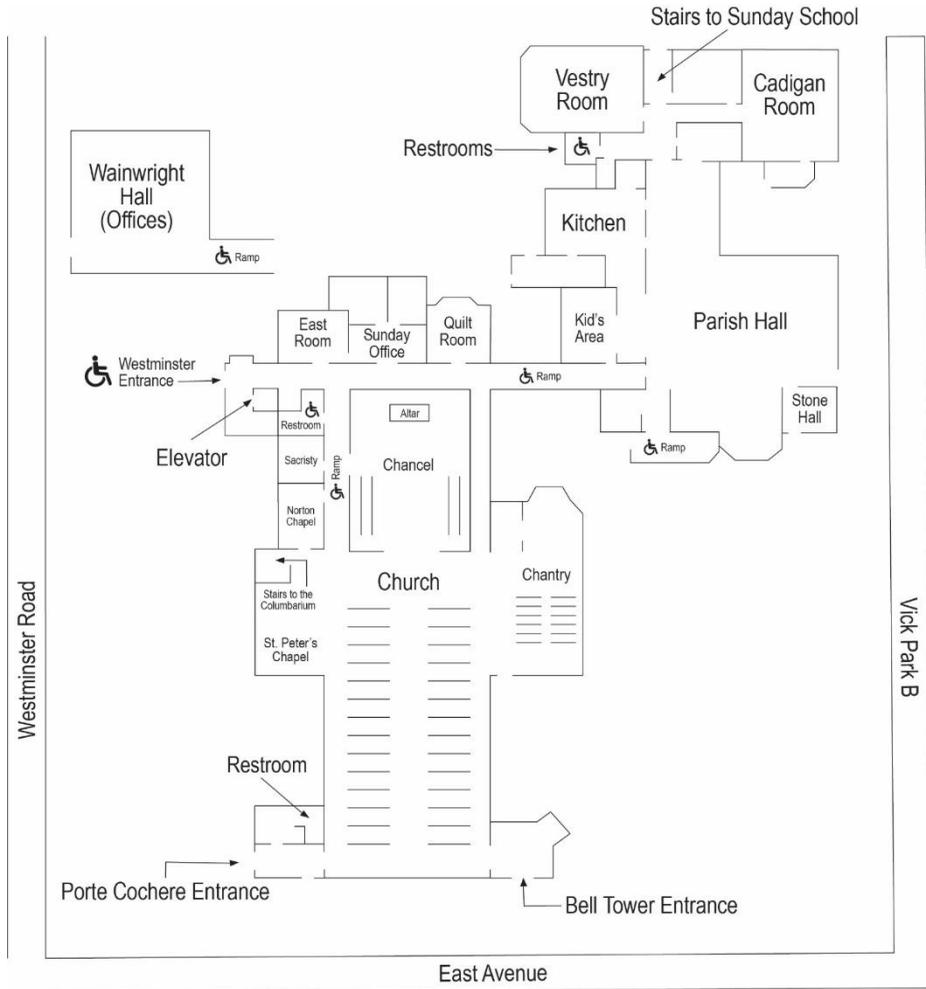
Those who have died: Robert Stockmaster (25 years ago today)

*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 Patricia T. Harris

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)
9:00 am: Search Committee Town Hall (Cadigan Room)
10:00 am: Sunday School
10:15 am: Holy Eucharist (Church)
11:30 am: Fellowship Hour (Parish Hall)
11:30 am: Search Committee Town Hall (Cadigan Room)
11:30 am: Chorister Rehearsal (Church)
1:00 pm: East Avenue Music Festival Committee Meeting (Parlor)

Monday, March 2nd

- 10:00 am: Archives Team (Stone Hall)
7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

Tuesday, March 3rd

- 10:00 am: Hearing Loss Association of America (*HLAA*) (Parish Hall)
6:00 pm: Lenten Soup 'n Study (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, March 4th

- 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, March 5th

- 6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Stone Hall)
8:30 pm: Academy Group AA (Stone Hall)

Saturday, March 7th

- 9:30 am: St. Joe's Sandwich Making (Parish Hall Kitchen)
10:30 am: Debtors' Anonymous (Quilt Room)
8:00 pm: AA Saturday Group (Stone Hall)

NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ The **Search Committee** would like to invite you to the first of a series of town halls to update you on the Committee's progress and to gather input that the Committee will use in compiling a parish profile and proceeding with the search for our next Rector. **The first town halls will take place in the Cadigan Room after both the 8:00 and 10:15 services TODAY.**
- ❖ **Lenten Soup 'n Study:** Tuesdays, March 3rd & 10th, beginning at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Join Revs. Dan Burner and Jay Burkardt for a discussion on the book by Brian McLaren titled: "Finding Our Way Again – The Return of the Ancient Practices." Soup Supper at 6:00 pm, Program begins at 6:30 pm, Complime at 7:15 pm. Sign up in the Parish Hall to bring a soup or side.
- ❖ **Monthly Potluck Supper:** This month's supper will be held in conjunction with our Lenten Soup 'n Study on **Tuesday, March 3rd**. A signup sheet is located in the Parish Hall if you would like to let us know that you plan to bring something.
- ❖ **Altar Flowers:** There are opportunities to donate altar flowers on the Sundays listed below, "In memory of" or in "celebration of" an event. Please call Nancy Andrus at 406-8545 or nancyandrus308@gmail.com. The following Sundays are available for the Chantry Altar: March 8, 15 & 22.
- ❖ **St. Joe's Sandwich Making:** Returns to the first Saturday of the month at 9:30 am, on March 7th, in the Parish Hall Kitchen. For more information, email Meredith Halter at meredith5@myyahoo.com.
- ❖ Remember to **set your clocks ahead by one hour** before bed next Saturday, March 7th, with the time change!
- ❖ **St. Joseph's House:** For March, we will collect men's long underwear, undershirts, men's & women's travel-size deodorant, men's coats, gloves, hats, razors, towels, laundry detergent, coffee & sugar. Please place all donations in the baskets located at the back of the church. Thank you for supporting your Rochester neighbors in need.
- ❖ **Third Sundays @3pm:** The next St. Paul's concert series will be Sunday, March 15th at 3:00 pm with a Lenten Choral Meditation featuring the St. John's Passion by Bob Chilcott sung by the St. Paul's Choir.

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