

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Second Sunday of Lent - Sunday, February 28, 2021 • 10:45am

*Celebrating & Preaching: The Rev. Noah H. Evans*

**Know that God loves you, no exceptions.**

**You are always welcome at God's table at St. Paul's.**

St Paul's is a spiritual home and welcoming community to people of all ages, generations, educational backgrounds, financial means, abilities and disabilities, races, ethnicities and nationalities, without regard to sexual orientation, gender, gender identity/expression, with many different family and religious backgrounds. Some of us are lifelong Episcopalians; some were raised in other Protestant denominations or in the Roman Catholic Church; some are new to the Christian faith; some are not quite sure what they believe. There is a place here for you.

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## WELCOME!

**Prelude: Settings of *Herr Gott, Dich Loben Alle Wir* (Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow)**

**The Old Hundredth**

**Trio, Chorale Tune in Pedal**

**Two Voluntaries on Old Hundredth**

**The Old Hundredth**

**Johann Gottfried Walther (1664-1748)**

**Johann Pachelbel (1653-1705)**

**Henry Purcell (1659-1695)**

**Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)**

## Welcome and Greetings

**Lighting a Candle for this time of Prayer**

*(Lawson Family)*

**Opening Hymn: 401, The God of Abraham praise**

*Celebrant* Blessed be the God of our salvation:  
*People* Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your 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 commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

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.

*Celebrant* 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.*

**Song of Praise: Hymn 380, "From all that dwell below the skies" vv. 1 & 3**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* 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 First Lesson**

**Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16** (*read by Lisa Brown*)

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."

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 22: "My God, My God, O Why Have You Abandoned Me"** setting, Marty Haugen b. 1950  
Sung by Janet Littrell

**Sequence Music: Agnus Dei, from Mass**

**Tommy Starr b. 1995**

**The Gospel**

**Mark 8:31-38** (*read by The Reverend Jean Chess*)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

*The Reverend Noah H. Evans*

**The 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**

*The Prayers of the People are written by Nikki Starr (Read by: Nikki Starr)*

*After each petition, the people respond with: Hear our prayer.*

### **The Peace**

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

*People* And also with you.

### **Announcements**

#### **Moment for Mission: Karen Viggiano, St. Patrick's Day Friend-raiser Event**

*If you would like to make an announcement, or have something announced, please contact Noah by the Thursday before the announcement.*

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Music: Variations on "Doxology" (Old Hundredth)**  
**Doug Starr, Piano**

**James Boeringer (1930-2014)**

### **The Great Thanksgiving,**

*The people may stand or kneel.*

*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.

### *Celebrant*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

### *Celebrant and 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.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Mary, the Mother of our Lord and St. Paul the Apostle and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. 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,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*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 Breaking of the Bread**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the people of God.

*A Prayer for a Person Unable to Take the Eucharist*

*My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you.*

*Amen. (Written St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

**Communion Hymn 707 Take my life and let it be**

**Christin Cooper, voice and piano**

**Post Communion Prayer**—*said together*

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Blessing**

**Dismissal**

*(read by the Reverend Jean Chess)*

The worship is ended, the service begins. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Postlude: Herr Gott, Dich Loben Alle Wir**

**Johann Gottfried Walther**

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### **Music Notes:**

Among a multitude of hymns that we sing in worship, one is most likely transmitted from generation to generation. We teach it to our children in Sunday School and they sing it as a blessing over meals. In the past it was commonly sung by choir and congregation, concluding the offertory. The text and associated music functions in times good and bad so today we sing this hymn at the Song of Praise and all organ works are based upon it- "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow." It is a hymn of the Protestant tradition, a German chorale text entitled, *Herr Gott, Dich Loben Alle Wir*, and most often sung to the Genevan Psalm tune, *The Old Hundredth* (Psalm 100) composed by Louis Bourgeois. Today's organ settings include German composers, Pachelbel and Walther, and British composers, Purcell and Barnby. One of our children who sang this hymn in church and Canterbury Choir is my son, Tommy Starr whose setting we hear at the Sequence, a transcription of a movement from his Mass that makes use of the hymn tune. We love this hymn, not just for its inherent glory of text and music, but, because it refreshes so many equally glorious memories both in church and at home. Share those memories with one another on this Second Sunday of Lent.

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### **Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church! Ministers, The Entire Congregation**

The Rev. Noah H. Evans, Rector  
The Rev. Laura Di Panfilo, Assistant Rector  
The Rev. Jean Chess, Deacon  
Douglas Starr, Director of Music and Arts  
Christin Cooper, Music Assistant for Children  
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The Rev. Ted Babcock, Priest Associate  
The Rev. Charles L. Fischer III, Priest Associate  
The Rev. Catherine A. Munz, Priest Associate

### **Vestry**

Ginny Barnicoat, *Senior Warden*  
Geoff Hurd, *Junior Warden*  
Jan Toth, *Treasurer*  
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