



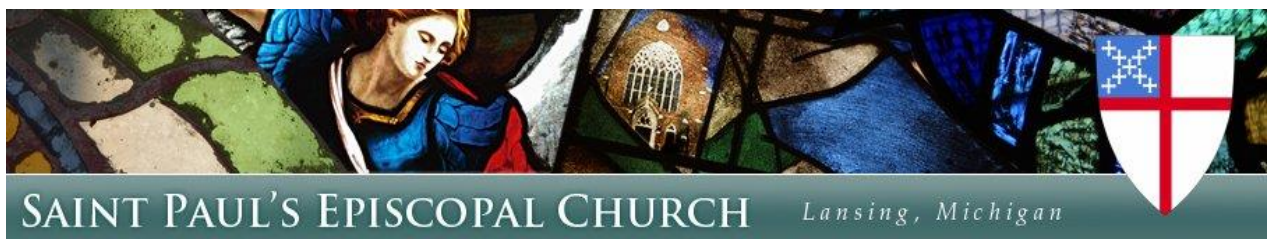
“Our Welcome”

In the light of God’s unconditional love, we respect the dignity of every human being by welcoming and supporting all persons whatever their race, color, gender, age, sexual orientation, health status, marital status or stage of spiritual journeying. We invite you to explore, investigate, and grow in your faith and become a part of our shared journey with God.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT February 21, 2021 – Morning Prayer Rite II

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Please prepare yourself for worship. Find a space where you can be comfortable and undisturbed for awhile. Perhaps have a small cross and/or a candle placed on a small table by you.

Take a moment to be still and think of all those who will be joining you this morning in prayer.

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER

During the time of this pandemic we will continue to offer Morning Prayer Rite II on-line via our Facebook page, web-site and YouTube channel. Prior to the publication of the 1978 *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), Morning Prayer was the worship service we used regularly. Many congregations offered Holy Communion once a month and Morning Prayer on the remaining Sundays. With publication of the 1978 BCP, our pattern of worship moved to Holy Communion every Sunday of the month unless a priest was not present. Thus, Morning Prayer was seldom used and much of its beauty forgotten until now.

MORNING PRAYER RITE II
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 21, 2021

PRELUDE

These Forty Days of Lent, O Lord

David Schelat

The Officiant begins the service inviting everyone to join in a moment of holy silence. Then,

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

The Officiant says

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us bow our heads in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept. Officiant and People say together

**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 Officiant says

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.**

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Then follows an Invitatory Psalm, the Officiant and People saying together

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

Come, let us sing to the Lord,*
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving*
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,*
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,*
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,*
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,*
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.*
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

Then follows the appointed Psalm. The People pray it together

PSALM 25:1-9

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;*
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;*
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord,*
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,*
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,*
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;*
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;*
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right*
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness*
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

At the end of the Psalm is said by all

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 9:8-17

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The following Canticle is said by all

THE SECOND SONG OF ISAIAH

Quaerite Dominum

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found;*
 call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways*
 and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion,*
 and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,*
 nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,*
 so are my ways higher than your ways,
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens*
 and return not again, but water the earth.
Bringing forth life and giving growth,*
 seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth;*
 it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed,*
 and prosper in that for which I sent it.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Reader A reading from the first letter of Peter

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The following Canticle is said by all

A SONG OF PENITENCE *Kyrie Pantokrator*

**O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven,*
 God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
 and of all their righteous offspring:
 You made the heavens and the earth,*
 with all their vast array.
 All things quake with fear at your presence,*
 they tremble because of your power.
 But your merciful promise is beyond all measure,*
 it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.
 O Lord, you are full of compassion,*
 long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.
 You hold back your hand;
 you do not punish as we deserve.
 In your great goodness, Lord,
 you have promised forgiveness to sinners,*
 that they may repent of their sin and be saved.
 And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart,*
 and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.
 I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned,*
 and I know my wickedness only too well.
 Therefore I make this prayer to you:*
 Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.
 Do not let me perish in my sin,*
 nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.
 For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent,*
 and in me you will show forth your goodness.
 Unworthy as I am, you will save me,
 in accordance with your great mercy,*
 and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.
 For all the powers of heaven sing your praises,*
 and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

MARK 1:9-15

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Mark

Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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

REFLECTION

All stand. The following is said by all

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

The people stand or kneel.

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People pray together

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 Suffrages follows

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your Name for ever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR GRACE

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall in sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT LITANY

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy on us.

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice;
and from all evil intent,
Savior deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your
word and your laws,
Savior deliver us.

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil,
Savior deliver us.

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,
Savior deliver us.

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of
judgment,
Savior deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your
baptism, fasting and temptation,
Savior deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power, by the preaching of your
reign,
Savior deliver us.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,
Savior deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy
Spirit,
Savior deliver us.

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.
Hear us, O Christ.

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which
is your will.
Hear us, O Christ.

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all nations.
Hear us, O Christ.

Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your world.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.

Hear us, O Christ.

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

Hear us, O Christ.

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

Hear us, O Christ.

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give your wisdom and strength to Joseph Biden, the President of the United States and Gretchen Whitmer, the Governor of this state, that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.

Hear us, O Christ.

Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

Hear us, O Christ.

Bless and keep all your people,

Hear us, O Christ.

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.

Hear us, O Christ.

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.

Hear us, O Christ.

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit especially those on our parish prayer list and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

Hear us, O Christ.

Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

Hear us, O Christ.

Show your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

Hear us, O Christ.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

Hear us, O Christ.

Hear us as we remember those who have died and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy on us.

A General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People say together

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks

for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,

that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,

not only with our lips, but in our lives,

by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you

in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages.

Amen.

Then the Officiant says

Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant concludes with the following

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Aria

Dale Wood

PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between

preserving their health or making their rent

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,
let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbor.

Amen.

Author unknown



**We bless you and we praise you,
Lord Christ, for commanding us
to love one another. Let this mask
be a sign of your love, and let my
behavior be filled with love for
my neighbor. Amen.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER
February 21, 2021

We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers: Margaret (Peggy) Richardson, Mason Hill, Marsha Macholz, Sebastian Cuesta, Clint Hogue, John Hawkins, Julie, Van Anderson, Marian Boulus, Nancy Rudd, Meadow Rawlins, Anna Hayward, Harvey Clark & Mary Armstrong, Michelle Levenick, Norma Lindholm, Audrey & David, Pat Bellinger, Joanne Boulton, Claudia Hamlin, Ronda Peters, Erica, Marta & Venancio, Mike Jacobs, Rick Wendorf, Chris Krupka, Paul Doersam, Jason Thomas, Robert Madrigal, Joy Brewer, William Gabel, Pat Seger-Krawczynski, April Cruz, Karlene Bach, Sally Boron, Pam & John Irwin, Kate Johnson, Doug, Jeff Waters, David Hemingway, Max Pierce, Michael Crouch, Terry Bryce, Sherry Sutton, Danielle Laurion, Michael O'Toole, Penny, Peggy, Karen Clarke, Eric, Amy Crabtree, Judy Manson, Patricia McMartin, Doug Boor, Craig, Odie, Leonard, Sarah, Larry Gut, Delaine Counsellor, Ellie Doersam, Gail & Bill Kendall, Lynn Dayton, Herb Tanner & Stacey O'Toole, Brian Baker, Margo Rudd, Barb Webb, Carol Wilson, Barb Heany, Jim Ewing, Jerry Simpson, and Jane Bryce.

We pray and remember those in the Military, and those who are serving in dangerous areas: Brendan Moody, Zachariah Reeves, Zachary Bellinger, Conrad Laurion, Alex Van Koevering, Tyson Carter, Amy Peryea, Suzette Bauman, John Bellinger, Doug Laurion, Erika Harkness Wilson, McKenzie Counsellor, and Josh Cramer.

We pray this week for the following St. Paul's members & family: Randy & P.K. Van Voorhees; A.J., Hillary, & Violet Walilko; Greg & Cynthia Ward; and Ray & Maria Wawro.

We pray this week for the following community service agency: Care Free Medical, 5135 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Lansing 48911.

We pray for our worshipping communities: St John the Baptist, Bonao, DR; St. Elizabeth's; Redford; and Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills.

We pray for those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

We pray for: Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church; Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Bonnie A. Perry, our bishop; Karen C. Lewis, our rector; our worship ministers, and staff at St. Paul's.

<p style="text-align: center;">THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S February 21, 2021 – February 28, 2021</p>

Sunday, 2/21:	8:00am 11:30am	Morning Prayer – Online Coffee Hour – Zoom
Monday, 2/22:		
Tuesday, 2/23:		
Wednesday, 2/24:	12:00pm 7:00pm	Noon Book Study – Zoom Wednesday Bible Study – Zoom
Thursday, 2/25:	1:30pm 7:00pm	Those Living Alone – Zoom Choir Meeting – Zoom
Friday, 2/26:		Office Closed
Saturday, 2/27:		
Sunday, 2/28:	8:00am 11:30am	Morning Prayer – Online Coffee Hour – Zoom