



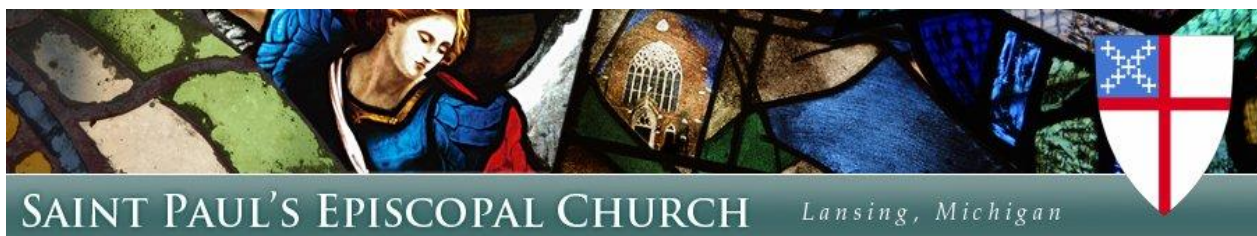
### **"Our Welcome"**

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 Fourth Sunday in Lent --- March 30, 2025**  
**Holy Eucharist 10:00am**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 30, 2025

PRELUDE

*Wondrous Love*

Rebecca Groom Te Velde

SILENT PROCESSION

*Officiant*      Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People*          **His mercy endures for ever.**

*The people assume a prayerful position*

THE DECALOGUE      *The Officiant says*

Hear the commandments of God to his people:  
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*The Officiant then says*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Officiant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept, then the Minister 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 stands and 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.**

*The Trisagion is sung three times*

## TRISAGION

S102

The musical score is set in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first system contains two staves: a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line has lyrics: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,". The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes. The second system also has two staves: a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line has lyrics: "Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes. The score ends with a double bar line.

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

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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.**

*The people are invited to sit*

THE FIRST READING

JOSHUA 5:9-12

*Reader* A reading from Joshua.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 32

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

THE SECOND READING

2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21

*Reader* A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians

We regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*The people stand for the singing of the Gradual Hymn and the reading of The Gospel*

GRADUAL HYMN

*In your mercy, Lord, you called me*

HYMN 706

1 In your mer - cy, Lord, you called me, taught my  
 2 Lord, I did not free - ly choose you till by  
 3 Now my heart sets none a - bove you, for your

sin - filled heart and mind, else this world had  
 grace you set me free; for my heart would  
 grace a - lone I thirst, know - ing well, that

still en - thrall - ed me, and to glo - ry kept me blind.  
 still re - fuse you had your love not cho - sen me.  
 if I love you, you, O Lord, have loved me first.

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 15:1-3, 11b-32

Clergy  
PeopleThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Clergy  
PeopleThe Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

## THE NICENE CREED

*The People stand and say together*

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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

In this holy season of Lent let us turn to God in prayer, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For Sean our presiding bishop, Bonnie our bishop and for all the holy people of God, that we may embrace the folly of the cross and become ministers of reconciliation in a broken world, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this nation and for all nations, that we may work for peace and generously share the produce of the land, both in plenty and in want, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the alienated and rejected of this world; for the refugee and the homeless; for the oppressed and the forgotten, that all may come to know God's welcome to sit down at table, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this community, that we may learn from God to seek the lost and to rejoice when they are found, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For own needs and those of others especially those on our parish prayer list; those who are ill or battling disease, and those we now name either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_, that God may be our hope and consolation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have died that they may be at peace. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**



*The Officiant concludes the prayers saying*

God of mercy and compassion, bring us back to you when we stray, and give us again the joy of proclaiming among the nations your saving deeds. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Officiant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

Georgiann H. Toole

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*What wondrous love is this*

HYMN 439



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that  
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my  
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835. Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; alt. acc. Carlton R. Young, (b. 1926).

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The people standing, the Officiant says*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you

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

*Officiant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Officiant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Officiant continues*

Holy One, in this dry and weary land we give you thanks and praise. You provide for us in our need; you set a table for us in the wilderness. Even when we despair and complain against you, you feed us with bread from heaven. Even when we quarrel and question your grace, you give us water from a stone. How can we keep silent? Even dry bones in the valley of death stand to sing your praise:

*Officiant and People sing together*

SANCTUS

S124

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.

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*Then the Officiant continues*

We give you thanks and praise for Jesus, our way in the wilderness, our companion in the desert. He knows our hunger and thirst; he gives us the bread of life to eat and living water to drink. He leads us beside still water and prepares this table for us, even in the presence of our enemies. The cup of blessing overflows!

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

On that same night he took the cup, saying, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

*The people say together*

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

Now pour out your Holy Spirit upon this bread, this cup, this dry and weary land. By the power of your Spirit, breathe life into our dust and hope into our bones.

As we receive this bread and cup, make us one flesh and one blood, one in the body of Christ. Let us live to sing your praise and show your love to all, until our wilderness wandering is over, and we feast with you forever in the land that you have promised.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, O God, now and always. **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.**

### THE FRACTION ANTHEM

S161

*The Officiant breaks the consecrated bread*

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.

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### THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All God's people are cordially invited to God's table, including children. Gluten-free wafers are available: please indicate to the priest that you require this alternative. We will be offering wine from the common cup to those who wish to receive in this manner. The chalice bearer will thoroughly wipe the space from which you drank prior to offering the cup to the next communicant.*

*An alternative to receiving the wine from the common cup is through intinction. The priest will place the wafer in your hand; the chalice bearer will pick up the wafer, dip it into the wine, and replace it on your palm. No one is allowed to intinct with their own hand/fingers. This safeguards all who use the common cup. If you wish to receive communion in only one kind (bread), know that you have received full communion.*

*Those who are not baptized or those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. The ushers will guide you. If you are unable to come forward and wish to receive communion in your pew, please let one of the ushers know.*

*After you have received communion and returned to your seat, you are invited to silently offer the following prayer or another of your choosing to God. Remember that others are still receiving communion and your quietness will assist in this most holy experience.*

*Gracious God, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the body of Christ. We ask this in his name. Amen.*

### COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*  
Hanna Bancroft, soloist

Thomas Keesecker

COMMUNION HYMN

*This is the hour of banquet and of song*

HYMN 316



1 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;  
 2 Too soon we rise; we go our sev - eral ways;  
 3 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,



this is the heaven - ly ta - ble spread for me;  
 the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,  
 yet, pass - ing, points to the glad feast a - bove,



here let me feast, and feast - ing, still pro - long the  
 the Bread and Wine con - sumed: yet all our days thou  
 giv - ing us fore - taste of the fes - tal joy, the



brief, bright hour of fel - low - ship with thee.  
 still art here with us— our Shield and Sun.  
 Lamb's great mar - riage feast of bliss and love.

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*The People say together*

**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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

*Officiant* Bow down before the Lord.

*The people kneel and bow their heads.*

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.**

CLOSING HYMN

*Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us*

HYMN 559

1 Lead us, heaven - ly Fa - ther, lead us o'er the world's tem -  
 2 Sa - vior, breathe for - give - ness o'er us; all our weak - ness  
 3 Spi - rit of our God, de - scend - ing, fill our hearts with

pes - tuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
 thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth be - fore us;  
 heaven - ly joy; love with ev - ery pas - sion blend - ing,

for we have no help but thee, yet pos - ses - sing  
 thou didst feel its keen - est woe; yet un - fear - ing,  
 plea - sure that can nev - er cloy; thus pro - vid - ed,

ev - ery bless - ing, if our God our Fa - ther be.  
 per - se - ver - ing, to thy pas - sion thou didst go.  
 par - doned, guid - ed, noth - ing can our peace des - troy.

Words: James Edmeston (1791-1867), alt. Music: *Dulce carmen*, melody from *An Essay on the Church Plain Chant*, 1782; adapt. *Collection of Motets or Antiphons*, ca 1840; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

AT THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.  
 People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

Wayne L. Wold

**Assisting in Today's Service**

Crucifer	<b>Jamal Dillman-Hasso</b>
Subdeacon	<b>Jen Humphries</b>
Lector	<b>Steven Kandow</b>
Prayers of the People	<b>Martha McKee</b>
Chalice Bearers	<b>Jamal Dillman-Hasso, Debbie Parks</b>
Counters	<b>Larry Clark, Leslie Hall</b>
Altar Guild Members for the Week	<b>Nancy Merriman (chair), Jane Bryce, Theresa Milne</b>
Ushers	<b>John Nevin, Jack Baker, Bob Merriman</b>
Coffee Hour	<b>Barb &amp; Libby Ric</b>
Greeters	<b>Barb &amp; Libby Richardson</b>
Blessing Box	<b>Allan &amp; Sally Boron</b>
Recycling Team	<b>Ann &amp; Mike Sanders</b>
Sunday School Mentors	<b>Barb Heany, Justin Alexander</b>
Vestry Person of the Day	<b>Jim Milne</b>

Musical selections licensed through Rite Song.

**Assisting next Sunday, April 6, 2025**

Crucifer	<b>Marti Narezo</b>
Subdeacon	<b>Greg Wortley</b>
Lector	<b>Larry Clark</b>
Prayers of the People	<b>Libby Richardson</b>
Chalice Bearers	<b>Jamal Dillman-Hasso, Leslie Hall</b>
Counters	<b>Katie Alexander, Greg Wortley</b>
Altar Guild Members for the Week	<b>Carrie Freeman, Marti Narezo</b>
Ushers	<b>Justin Alexander, David Parks, Debbie Parks</b>
Coffee Hour	<b>Barb Heany</b>
Greeters	<b>Bob &amp; Nancy Merriman</b>
Blessing Box	<b>Susan Henderson</b>
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**Opportunities for Prayer**  
**March 30, 2025**

**We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers:** Melissa, Tom, Sarah, Heather, Sebastian, Peter, Natalie, Julie, Mark, Chris, Bill, Robin, Samantha, Leigh, Melissa, and Carol.  
*\*Due to privacy concerns, we will now be posting first names only on our prayer list.*

**We pray this week for the following St. Paul's members:** Peter & Anne Kressler, and Susan Le Duc.

**We pray this week for the following community service agency:** Girl Scouts-Heart of Michigan, 13287 Wacousta Rd, Grand Ledge, MI 48837.

**We pray for our downtown church community:** Cathedral Church of St. Mary; Central United Methodist Church; Christ Community Church; and First Presbyterian Church.

**We pray for our worshiping communities:** Grace Church, Southgate; Church of the Resurrection, Clarkston; Church of the Transfiguration, Bani, DR.

**We pray for those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the Anglican Church of the Congo.

**We pray for:** Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York; Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Bonnie A. Perry, our bishop; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A. Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our retired bishop, Wendell Gibbs; Karen C. Lewis, our rector; Donna McNeil, our associate for liturgy and pastoral care; Dick Hamlin and Gail Shafer, our priest associates; our worship ministers, St. Paul's staff and our diocesan household.

**Announcements for the Week**  
**March 30, 2025 - April 6, 2025**

**If Music be the Food Concert at 7:00pm on April 5th.** This is an opportunity to relax and enjoy beautiful music performed by MSU music students while supporting the Food Bank at First Presbyterian.

**Canterbury MSU is hosting dinner again this semester!** Would you like to feed our student leaders on a Thursday evening? We need a main dish that we can reheat in a microwave, slow cooker, or toaster oven plus a salad or side, for 6 - 8 people. Meals can be dropped off at Canterbury (225 MAC) on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons. Contact the Rev. Dr. Donna McNeil at [canterburymSU@gmail.com](mailto:canterburymSU@gmail.com), for all the details, or go to the Sign Up link: <https://bit.ly/FeedCanterburyMSU>

**Lenten Book Study at Coffee Hour Today:** *James* by Percival Everett. Sign up to attend the class at coffee hour and indicate if you wish a copy of the book. The cost is \$18.00. Scholarship money is available to assist with the cost of the book.

**Lenten Series - *The Invisible Oft-Forgotten Person of the Trinity*:** continues Tuesdays, April 1 and April 8 via Zoom. You will need to sign up to receive the Zoom link for attendance.

**Carmen Piggins - Diocesan Canon for Ministry with Young People here on April 6<sup>th</sup>:** Through Carmen's experience and understanding of childhood spirituality and development and pedagogy, she offers congregational leaders support and resources for Christian Education programming. Carmen supports congregations in deepening their ministries to families and their children by resourcing the adults who work with young people. She is constantly learning from our congregations about what type of support they need to sustain, grow or build their formation programs for children.

Carmen supports programming for children and youth throughout the diocese, training and resourcing for children and youth formation leaders, oversees the Diocesan Youth Council, Safe Church, Safe Communities training, and is a liaison for College Chaplains.

**Mission and Outreach:** Thank you for continuing to support our Samaritas Easter Basket project with all the Easter Basket items. Please keep the toilet paper rolling in for the First Presbyterian Food Pantry. Thank you for the gifts for the Q-Room, which will be open on Easter Sunday.

**Noisy Offering Recipient for April - June is Loaves and Fishes Ministries:** Loaves and Fishes Ministries was established in the spring of 1981 as a short-term overnight homeless shelter. The founding group was guided by the lives and ministries of Mother Teresa, Gandhi and Jesus and their message of demonstrating God's love through service. Today Loaves & Fishes Ministries provides short-term emergency and long-term transitional housing, advocacy and support services for homeless adults and children in a caring Christian environment.

**Altar Guild Breakfast & Palm Crosses:** Altar Guild will gather on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the Merrifield Room for breakfast and to make palm crosses. If you would like to join us, there is a signup sheet in the Merrifield Room. Please contact Bobbi Tisdale at [tisdalezonta@aol.com](mailto:tisdalezonta@aol.com) if you have questions. You don't need to be a member of Altar Guild to join.

**Maundy Thursday Friendship Meal, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm. Service at 7:15pm** followed by the stripping of the altar and procession of the Reserve Sacrament to the Van Atta room for vigil. Sign up for the meal and bring a dessert to pass. Donations accepted for the meal.

**Easter Breakfast on April 20:** Teresa Barcy, our caterer is providing a wonderful breakfast as a gift to the people of St. Paul's from 8:30 - 9:30am. If you wish to join us (bring your family) please sign up so we have a count for food. There will be no coffee hour on Easter morning.

**Bulletin:** Please submit information by noon on Tuesday, in writing or by e-mail, to [office@stpaulslansing.org](mailto:office@stpaulslansing.org) to ensure accuracy.

**Blessing Box:** Sign up in the Merrifield Room to fill the Blessing Box for a week.

**The service of Compline is offered Wednesday evenings at 9 pm** on Zoom with The Very Rev. Gail Shafer, our priest associate. March 5 is Ash Wednesday, and there will be no compline service that evening! Come to church!

**Evening Meeting Times & Parking Ramp Hours:** All evening meetings and classes should begin no earlier than 6:15pm and end by 8:45pm for access to the parking ramp. Regular parking ramp availability M-Th 6:00pm-9:00pm and Saturday & Sunday 7:30am-6:00pm.

**Recycle ink cartridges:** Bring your used ink cartridges into the parish office for recycling and help reduce our paper costs. We get discounts on office supplies and paper through the Staples recycling program.



**Spring Clean Up:** Please join us for a morning of spring clean up in the yards and Memorial Garden of St. Paul's on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am – 12:30pm. Bring your rakes and yard tools and enjoy some donuts and coffee while you're here. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room.

**Reminder:** Please schedule all meetings (in-person and online) with the office in advance. We want to assure you that there is space for you to meet and that someone will be available to open the building. For online meetings, we want meetings to be available to all parishioners. Please notify the office if you have a **cancellation** to ensure building and staff security.

**Coffee Hour sign up:** We need two family units per week to bring treats, serve & provide cleanup for coffee hour following the 10:00am services. There are signup sheets in the Merrifield Room. Sign up with a friend or extended family. If no one signs up, we will not have coffee hour.

**St. Paul's Recycling:** Please sign up in the Merrifield Room to take some of the recycling either to your home bin or to a recycling drop off center. We are committed to reduce, reuse, and recycle at St. Paul's. See one of the Milnes or Borons for more information.

**Altar flower requests:** There are openings for the upcoming Sundays for altar flower dedications. Flowers are always given to the glory of God, and then in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a person or occasion. Dedications and \$120 payment must be received in the church office no later than the Monday before the date of the dedication. **More than one dedication can be made if you and a friend want to share the cost of the flowers.** Altar Flower forms available on the signup table, or you can email your dedication to [office@stpaulslansing.org](mailto:office@stpaulslansing.org).

**Please sign up to be a Greeter:** One of the faith outreaches we have at St. Paul's is the Sunday morning greeters. We can extend our faith by welcoming our fellow parishioners and visitors each week. Remember that you are the first face they will see as they enter the church. A welcoming hand and face always lift our spirit, what a way to start a day and you play an important part in that.

- **Signup sheets are in the Merrifield Room** – Need two greeters at the back door.
- Be at the back door 20 minutes before the service.
- Greeters should remind parishioners to pick up their nametags and ask visitors to fill out the guest book located in the cloister outside the chapel and to join the parish after the service for coffee and fellowship in the Merrifield Room.

**Contributions Last Week:** For the week of March 23, 2025, St. Paul's received \$6,620 in contributions as follows:

Pledge Income	\$4,995
Operating Income	\$280
Easter Flowers	\$470
Loose Offering	\$10
Altar Guild Restricted	\$300
Hubbard Restricted	\$65
Mission/Outreach Restricted	\$500

<p><b>This Week at St. Paul's</b>  <b>March 30, 2025 - April 6, 2025</b></p>
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Sunday, 03/30:                      Lent IV  
     9:15am      Choir Rehearsal  
     9:45am      Sunday School  
     10:00am    Worship & Holy Communion  
     11:15am    Coffee Hour  
     11:15am    Lenten Book Study – James by Percival Everett

Monday 03/31:

Tuesday, 04/01:                    9:00am      Dave Kollar tuning pianos  
     7:00pm      Lenten Class – *The Invisible Oft-Forgotten Person of the Trinity* – Zoom

Wednesday, 04/02:                7:00pm      Bible Study – Zoom  
     9:00pm      Compline - Zoom

Thursday, 04/03:                  7:00pm      Choir Rehearsal

Friday, 04/04:                      Office Closed

Saturday, 04/05:                    Roosevelt ramp open to 9:00pm  
     5:00pm      If Music Be the Food Rehearsal – Sanctuary  
     7:00pm      If Music Be the Food Concert - Sanctuary

Sunday, 04/06:                      Lent V  
     Noisy Offering  
     9:15am      Choir Rehearsal  
     9:45am      Sunday School  
     10:00am    Worship & Holy Communion  
     11:15am    Coffee Hour  
     11:15am    Carmen Piggins – Guest Speaker  
     11:15am    Pack lunches for Punks with Lunch

**QR Code for giving. Scan the code with your phone to be taken to options for giving.**



**Holy Week Services**

April 12: 9:30am Altar Guild Breakfast & Palm Crosses

April 13: 10:00am - Palm Sunday

April 17: 6:00pm - Maundy Thursday Friendship Meal - Merrifield Room

April 17: 7:15pm - Maundy Thursday Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar

April 18: 12:00pm - Good Friday Liturgy - Sanctuary

April 18: 7:00pm - Good Friday Service of Readings & Music

April 20: 8:30am - 9:30am - Easter Breakfast by Teresa Barcy - Professional Party Planners

April 20: 10:00am Easter Sunday Worship & Holy Communion



***Easter Flower Fund - Dedication Request***

I would like to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This contribution is from:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication: The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in

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Please make checks payable to St. Paul's Episcopal Church and write "Flower Fund" in the memo line. Checks and this form can be placed in the collection plate or placed in the Parish mailbox outside of the Parish office.

**Deadline: Sunday, April 6, 2025.**

