



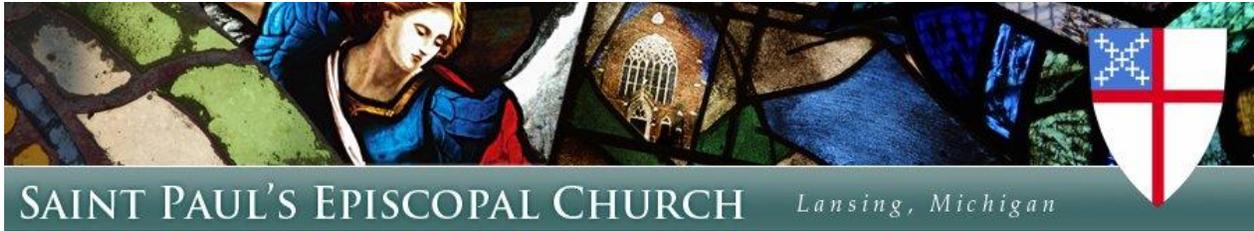
### **"Our Welcome"**

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 15, 2026**  
**Holy Eucharist 10:00 am**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT -- HOLY EUCHARIST  
MARCH 15, 2026

PRELUDE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Creator, you made all people of every land. Today, we honor the ancestral and traditional Lands of the Anishinaabeg, the Three Fires Confederacy of Ojibwe, Odawa and Potawatomi people, whose home this land was for hundreds of years, and who are still here today. As we make this land acknowledgement, we confess to our part in the sin of traumatic, systemic racism and oppression in the history of this nation and in the Church--a history we are only beginning to understand. With humility, we commit ourselves to acknowledging the wrongs of the past and to building relationships with the Anishinaabeg. **Amen.**

SILENT PROCESSION

*The People prepare in silence for the service to begin*

*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.**

TRISAGION *Sung 3 times*

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The musical score is for the Trisagion, a hymn in G minor (one flat). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The vocal line has the lyrics: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,". The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes. The second system also has a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has the 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.

*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

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

*Reader*            A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God**



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness  
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed  
 \* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 \* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear  
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion  
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if  
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant  
 3 Lord, he sought me, and on his shoul-der  
 4 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port  
 6 fail-eth nev-er; Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for-ev-er.  
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-lestial feed-eth.  
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.  
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.  
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!  
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for-ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

## THE SECOND READING

## EPHESIANS 5:8-14

*Reader* A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of the light – for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the singing of the Gradual*



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah  
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence  
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me



is his Name; \_\_\_\_\_ in pas - tures fresh he  
 is my stay; \_\_\_\_\_ one word of thy sup -  
 all my days; \_\_\_\_\_ oh, may thy house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.\_\_\_\_  
 port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.\_\_\_\_  
 mine a - bode and all my work be praise.\_\_\_\_



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -  
 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my  
 There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers



sake his ways, \_\_\_\_\_ and leads me, for his  
 ta - ble spread; \_\_\_\_\_ my cup with bless - ings  
 go and come; \_\_\_\_\_ no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.\_\_\_\_  
 o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.\_\_\_\_  
 or a guest, but like a child at home.\_\_\_\_

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23. Music: *Resignation*, American folk melody, acc. David Hurd (b. 1950).

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 9:1-41

*Clergy*  
*People*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As he walked along, Jesus saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his

parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he? He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

*Clergy*            The Gospel of our Savior.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Dr. Gail Shafer

*After the sermon, all stand*

THE 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,  
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

God has consecrated us in baptism's gracious waters to be a holy people. Let us turn to our God in prayer.

We pray for Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our presiding bishop, Bonnie, our bishop and the church; for an end to division and indignation, for all the people washed and sent by Christ, and for a renewal of God's fulfilling Spirit: God of all gladness, **have mercy upon us.**

We pray for all who are called to govern in justice and peace, for all peoples created in God's image and for a Spirit of wisdom and mercy to rule the nations: God of all gladness, **have mercy upon us.**

We pray for all victims of oppression, racism, and those who are discriminated against due to race, ethnicity, age, wealth, sexual orientation, refugee status, or disability: God of all gladness, **have mercy upon us.**

We pray for the forgotten and abandoned, for all who are in anguish, for the guilt-ridden, for all in need of the Spirit, for the sick especially those on our parish prayer list, and for the dying, that they may experience healing and be uplifted: God of all gladness, **have mercy on us.**

For all brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, spouses and families, friends and companions, that there may be love and mutual reverence: God of all gladness, **have mercy upon us.**

*The Officiant concludes the prayers saying*

We praise you, God of our hope, for all the children of light who have gone before us and now stand in your radiant countenance. Give us the light of Christ, that we may leap up in our darkness and rise from death at the last, into the life of gladness in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The People stand to share the peace*

THE PEACE

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

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

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor unto the Lord.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM     *Who Will Separate Us from the Love of Christ?*        Philip W.J. Stopford

OFFERTORY HYMN                     *I want to walk as a child of the light*                     HYMN 490

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains three verses of lyrics, and the second system contains three verses. The lyrics are: Verse 1: 'I want to walk as a child of the light.' Verse 2: 'I want to see the bright-ness of God.' Verse 3: 'I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.' Verse 4: 'I want to fol-low Je-sus.' Verse 5: 'I want to look at Je-sus.' Verse 6: 'I want to be with Je-sus.'

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and  
 When we have run — with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life — is Je - sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 shall know the joy — of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

*a tempo*

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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## 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*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. When rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family, and established an everlasting covenant with every living creature upon the earth.

When we abandoned your covenant, you led your prophet Elijah to your mountain, where, as he fasted forty days and forty nights, he heard your still small voice. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Officiant and People sing together*

SANCTUS

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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 while the people stand, sit or kneel*

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When you gave him to save us from our sin, your Spirit led him into the wilderness, where he fasted forty days and forty nights in preparation for his ministry. When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to life, presented him alive to the disciples during forty days, and exalted him at your right hand. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Now, when we your people prepare for the Paschal feast of your Son's death and resurrection, you lead us to repentance for our sin and the cleansing of our hearts, that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced to renew the covenant you made with us through Christ.

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

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said; "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."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

THE FRACTION

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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 INVITATION

Officiant        The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Gifts for Holy People

## THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All God's people are 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 it directly from the cup. The chalice bearer will wipe the space from which you drank prior to the next person.*

*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

*When Christ Broke Bread*

Carol Muehlig

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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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 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

How wondrous and great thy works

HYMN 533

1 How won - drous and great thy works, God of praise!  
 2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!  
 their wor - ship and vows shall come to thy throne;

O who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?  
 thy truth and thy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.  
 till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

Words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1759-1858), alt.; para. *The Song of the Redeemed*. Music: Lyons, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806).

AT THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

**Assisting in today's service**

Crucifer	<b>Jamal Dillman-Hasso</b>
Subdeacon	<b>Amy Wortley</b>
Lector	<b>Herb Tanner</b>
Prayers of the People	<b>Margaret Schulte</b>
Chalice Bearers	<b>Amy Wortley, Greg Wortley</b>
Altar Guild Members for the Week	<b>Bobbi Tisdale (chair), Marilyn Earley, Steven Kandow, Maria Wawro</b>
Ushers	<b>John Nevin, Jack Baker, Bob Merriman</b>
Counters	<b>Larry Clark, Leslie Hall</b>
Coffee Hour	<b>Pretzel Bar w/the children</b>
Greeters	<b>Jane Bryce</b>
Blessing Box	<b>Barb Heany</b>
Recycling Team	<b>Steven Kandow</b>
Vestry Person of the Day	<b>Justin Alexander</b>

Musical selections licensed through Rite Song.

**Assisting Next Sunday, March 22, 2026**

Crucifer	<b>Debbie Parks</b>
Subdeacon	<b>Henrie Parks</b>
Lector	<b>Graham Crabtree</b>
Prayers of the People	<b>Amanda Ross</b>
Chalice Bearers	<b>Theresa Milne, Debbie Parks</b>
Altar Guild Members for the Week	<b>Debbie Parks (chair), Katie Alexander, Hillary Walilko</b>
Ushers	<b>Larry Clark, Isaac Francisco, Steven Kandow, Hillary Walilko, Katie Wiley</b>
Counters	<b>Jane Bryce, Isaac Francisco</b>
Coffee Hour	<b>Soup &amp; Bread Lunch w/children</b>
Greeters	<b>Duot Manyang Duot</b>
Blessing Box	<b>Maria Wawro</b>
Recycling Team	<b>Bob Merriman</b>
Sunday School Mentors	<b>Barb Heany, Susan Henderson</b>
Vestry Person of the Day	

**Opportunities for Prayer**  
**March 15, 2026**

**We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers:** Melissa, Julie, Everett, Kris, Pat, Jim, Mike, Peter, Caroline, Jennifer, Howard, Sally, and Jon. *\*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:** Jim & Theresa Milne and Eric & Lily Monaghan.

**We pray this week for the following community service agency:** American Heart Association 2469 Woodlake Circle, Suite 100, Okemos 48864.

**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 worshipping communities:** Christ Church, Pleasant Lake; Church of the Resurrection, Ecorse; Jesus the Pilgrim, Barahona, DR.

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

**We pray for:** Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury; 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; Dick Hamlin and Gail Shafer, our priest associates; our worship ministers, St. Paul's staff and our diocesan household.

**Announcements for The Week**  
**March 15, 2026 – March 22, 2026**

**Parish Office Hours** Monday - Thursday: 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Closed on Fridays.

Phone: 517-482-9454 E-mail: [office@stpaulslansing.org](mailto:office@stpaulslansing.org)

**Visit our website:** [www.stpaulslansing.org](http://www.stpaulslansing.org)

**For Parish activities and information please check the information table in the Merrifield Room.**

**Lenten Sunday Coffee Hour Book Study:** We gather again next Sunday during coffee hour to discuss the book *How We Learn to Be Brave* by Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of Washington. This will be our second of three weeks where we consider the stories and wisdom Bishop Budde has to offer us on how to respond according to our true beliefs and in ways that align with our best selves. Please join us after worship on March 15 and 22<sup>nd</sup> for conversation. The books are available on the signup table in the Merrifield Room.

**Altar Guild Breakfast & Palm Crosses:** Altar Guild will gather on Saturday, March 28th 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 Debbie Parks at [debbie.henrie@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.henrie@gmail.com) if you have questions. You don't need to be a member of Altar Guild to join.

**Family in need:** Our sexton, D'Kwon Guerrero, has family members in Jackson who lost their home in a fire in January. D'Kwon's cousins Candyce and Andy Curl and their children, Eli (10), Cooper (15), and Melina (19), lost everything except for the clothes they were wearing. We have been collecting kitchen items and will present our gifts to the family today after church.

**Faith & Film is Friday, March 27th at 6pm:** *Amish Grace*, based on a true story, is moving testament to the power of forgiveness. When a tragedy ends the life of five Amish schoolgirls, the mother of one of the girls faces a profound test of faith. She begins to feel like an outsider and must decide whether to stay with her community -- and her beloved husband. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room.

**Maundy Thursday Friendship Meal, April 2nd at 6:15pm. Service at 7:15pm** followed by worship and the stripping of the altar. Sign up for the meal and bring a dessert to pass. Donations accepted for the meal.

**Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 5th:** 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.

**Sleep in Heavenly Peace:** We will be building beds on Saturday, April 11, 2026. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room today and then register by going to <https://shpbeds.org/chapter/mi-lansing/>. Don't miss the chance to make a difference in local children's lives and to have great fun. If you have questions or need help registering, see Nancy or Mark Rudd or Justin Alexander.

**Anniversary Luncheon with John David & Christi Hawkins on Sunday, April 26th:** The Hawkins' will be holding a celebratory luncheon in lieu of coffee hour following the worship service. All are invited. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room so they have a count for the caterers.

**Deanery Confirmation at St. Paul's on Saturday, May 9th:** Bishop Perry will be at St. Paul's for Deanery confirmation. Anyone who would like to be baptized at that time, confirmed, or would like to reaffirm your faith, please let Karen+ know so she can put a class schedule together.

**Recycle ink cartridges & batteries:** Bring your used ink cartridges and single use batteries 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.

**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.

**Baby formula for Advent House:** We continue to collect baby formula and baby food for Advent House for their baby/family pantry. Your help could make a difference in the lives of young working families trying to make ends meet. Please place items in the shopping cart by the back door if you would like to help with this ministry. If you have questions, please see Katie Alexander [johns21k@gmail.com](mailto:johns21k@gmail.com).

**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.

**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.

**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.

**The service of Compline is offered Wednesday evenings at 9 pm** on Zoom with The Very Rev. Dr. Gail Shafer, our priest associate. The current liturgy is from the Book of Common Prayer. A recording of the service will be posted to St. Paul's Facebook page. Please feel free to either join the Zoom meeting, or the service posted on Facebook. The Zoom link will be listed in the weekly email.

**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.

**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 8, 2026, St. Paul's received **\$9,086** in contributions as follows:

Pledge Income	<b>\$7,610</b>
NonPledge Income	<b>\$1,436</b>
Loose Offering	<b>\$ 40</b>

<b>This Week at St. Paul's</b> <b>March 15, 2026 - March 22, 2026</b>
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Sunday, 3/15:		Lent IV
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00am	Children's Chapel w/the Rev. Lewis - Chapel
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion
	11:15am	Coffee Hour - Pretzel Bar w/children
	11:15am	Lenten Coffee Hour Book Study
	12:00pm	Drumming Session - Sanctuary
	12:15pm	Kitchen Shower for the Curl Family
Monday 3/16:	6:15pm	Vestry Dinner - Meeting @ 6:30pm - Merrifield Room
Tuesday, 3/17:	7:00pm	Bible Study - Zoom
Wednesday, 3/18:	8am-4pm	End Gun Violence Lobby Day
	9:00pm	Compline - Zoom
Thursday, 3/19:	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 3/20:		Office Closed
Saturday, 3/21:		D'Kwon Guerrero Away
Sunday, 3/22:		Lent V
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion
	11:15am	Coffee Hour - Soup & Bread Lunch w/children
	11:15am	Lenten Coffee Hour Book Study
	11:15am	Pack lunches for Punks With Lunch
	6:30pm	Jamal Dillman-Hasso CDC - VanAtta Room

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



**Holy Week Services**

March 28: 9:30am Altar Guild Breakfast & Palm Crosses

March 29: 10:00am - Palm Sunday

April 2: 6:15pm - Maundy Thursday Friendship Meal - Merrifield Room

April 2: 7:15pm - Maundy Thursday Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar

April 3: 12:00pm - Good Friday Liturgy - Sanctuary

April 3: 7:00pm - Good Friday Service of Readings & Music

April 5: 8:30am - 9:30am - Easter Breakfast by Teresa Barcy - Professional Party Planners

April 5: 10:00am Easter Sunday Worship & Holy Communion/Baptism



***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, March 29, 2026.**