



SUNDAY NOTES

MARCH 7, 2021

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!

Wherever you are in the world or on your life's journey, we are glad you chose to worship with us today. If you are new to St. Paul's, please [fill out our welcome card](#). A member of the clergy will reach out, and we look forward to getting to know you!

Our prayer list is still active. Call the Parish Office (216) 238-4001 if you have an addition to the list. To view this week's prayer list, [use this link](#).

TODAY

Holy Eucharist

Third Sunday in Lent

Join us for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on the Third Sunday in Lent. The Rev. Jeanne Leinbach.

A River Through the Desert

A Lenten Virtual Pilgrimage

Sundays in Lent, 10 a.m.

In this year's Lent forum offering, we'll travel to Israel and explore the geography of the Holy Land in a virtual pilgrimage from St. George's College Jerusalem. We'll walk where Jesus walked and see the desert, the water well, the mountain, the sea, the road, and, finally, the garden where Jesus prayed. We are seeking the presence of God and hope to meet the Risen Christ. [Register for the series on Zoom](#).

THIS WEEK

An Exploration of the Gospel of Mark

A Lenten Bible Study

Wednesdays in Lent, 7 p.m.

This Lenten Bible Study will explore the Gospel of Mark — the primary source of our Sunday Gospel readings for this year. The sessions will shine a spotlight on Mark's unique approach to telling the "good news of the story of Jesus, the Son of God" and will combine tools of historical, literary, and textual analysis to unearth the riches of this earliest and shortest of the four gospels. No advance preparation is needed, and those interested can join at any point in the series. The sessions will be led by the Rev. Brandon Ashcraft. [Register on Zoom](#).

Contemplative Prayer Group

Fridays, 10 a.m.

The Contemplative Prayer Group meets on Friday mornings at 10 a.m. via Zoom. They begin with a reading and 15 minutes of silent meditation, then discussion for 20 minutes, followed by another 15 minutes of silent meditation. During Lent we will be using Mary Oliver and the Poetry of Lent. Through her poetry, Oliver leads us to see how simple observation of nature can be prayerful. Contact Marge LoPresti with any questions at (216) 702-3098. [Use this link to join](#). Password: **Prayer**

Prayers for Repentance & Reconciliation

Fridays in Lent, 12 p.m.

Pause for a few moments on Fridays in Lent to be nourished by the ancient words of scripture and to pray a special Litany of Repentance. The service will be led by members of St. Paul's Sacred Ground circles, a ministry of the Episcopal Church that fosters racial healing, reconciliation, and justice. By embracing the Lenten call to prayer, self-examination, and repentance, we'll discover the joy of new life in Christ that resides at the heart of this season. [Register to join us on Zoom](#) or [watch on Facebook](#)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE Berceuse

Jehan Alain

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN No. 51 We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting *Decatur Place*

1 We the Lord's peo - ple, heart and voice u - nit - ing, praise him who
2 This is the Lord's house, home of all his peo - ple, school for the
3 This is the Lord's day, day of God's own mak - ing, day of cre-
4 In the Lord's ser - vice bread and wine are of - fered, that Christ may

called us out of sin and dark - ness in - to his own light,
faith - ful, ref - use for the sin - ner, rest for the pil - grim,
a - tion, day of re - sur - rec - tion, day of the Spi - rit,
take them, bless them, break, and give them to all his peo - ple,

that he might a - noint us a roy - al priest-hood.
ha - ven for the wea - ry; all find a wel - come.
sign of hea - ven's ban - quet, day for re - joic - ing.
his own life im - par - ting, food ev - er - last - ing.

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

People **Amen.**

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Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECTS OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Celebrant O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 19

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jeanne Leinbach

THE NICENE CREED

All

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.

 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven

 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Adapted from Prayers of the People by Susan K. Bock*

Leader

We pray for the church.
May she drink deeply from living springs and travel the deserts in trust
and hope.

People

God of mercy, make us new.

Leader

We pray for the world.
May we discover, in this time of great hardship, the will to live as one
human family.

People

God of mercy, make us new.

Leader

We pray for this nation.
May we be healed of the sins of violence, oppression and racism, and
shine like a lamp on a hill.

People

God of mercy, make us new.

Leader

We pray for our community.
May our children be safe, our leaders be wise, and our lives be peaceful
and just.

People

God of mercy, make us new.

Leader We pray for the afflicted, especially for those on our parish prayer lists.
May every sadness find you at its heart, and may there be grace when we suffer.

People **God of mercy, make us new.**

Leader We pray for the departed.
May they ever grow in faith and love, and may we always remember them by name.

People **God of mercy, make us new.**

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

All are invited to make a gift to support the mission and ministry of St. Paul's by texting "StPaulsCle" to 73256 or by visiting our online portal: onrealm.com/StPaulsCle/give/now

ANTHEM Forty days and forty nights

Children's & Youth Choirs

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant 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 bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

People

AMEN.

Celebrant

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

All

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said:

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

The Celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by all.

All **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

HYMN No. 676 There is a balm in Gilead

Balm in Gilead

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to make the wound - ed
whole, there is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to
heal the sin - sick soul. soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, and
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you
think my work's in vain, but Paul, then the Ho - ly
can - not pray like Paul, you can tell the love of

Repeat Refrain

Spi - rit Je - sus, and re - vives my soul a - gain."

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God,**

you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ,

and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage

to love and serve you

with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel.

Celebrant Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN No. 149 Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church

Old 124th

Diocesan Choir

Unison or harmony

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
 so we are dead and live with you in God.
 so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

POSTLUDE Fugue in G Minor

J.S. Bach

Celebrant

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