

# The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020

10:30am ~ Morning Prayer with Amazing Grace ~



*~From wherever you have come, with whatever you bring, you are welcome here.~*

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## **SERVICE MINISTERS**

Celebrant	The Rev'd. Tamra Tucker
Musician	Ken Brooks

## **SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Happy Birthday to Joan Brandmahl, Jack Sinclair, and Sebastian Coyle!

## **IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:**

**For the Episcopal Church USA:** Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; Alan Gates and Gayle Harris, our Bishops, All Saints Parish, Brookline, Church of Our Saviour, Brookline, St. Paul's Church, Brookline, Episcopal Chaplaincy at Boston University, Brookline, and The Church Home Society.

## **PARISH PRAYER LIST - PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:**

**March 2020:** James Clark, Jeanne Balcom, Casey Nichols, Esther, Susanna and David Lee, Alice Kast, Margaret Lewis, Michelle Zlomek, Albert Mueller, Elise Ware, Lynda Winkowski, Kathy Brothets, Ed Winkowski, Roger Blake, Deane Buckley, Sebastian Coyle, Maureen Bruce, Jim Mahoney, Hanna Johnson, Joan Musial, and Tommy Foley. Please remember Jim Jones, life partner of Toney Hopkins, who died three weeks ago.

## **STAFF**

Parish Administrator  
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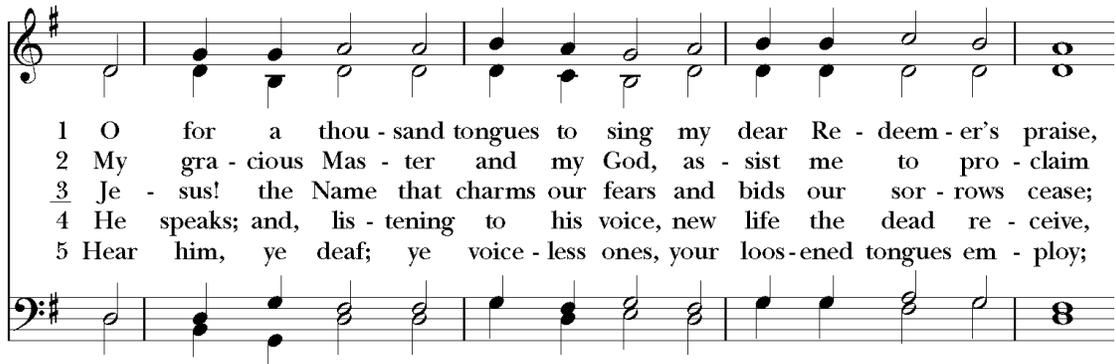
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# 10:30am Sunday Morning Prayer in Lent

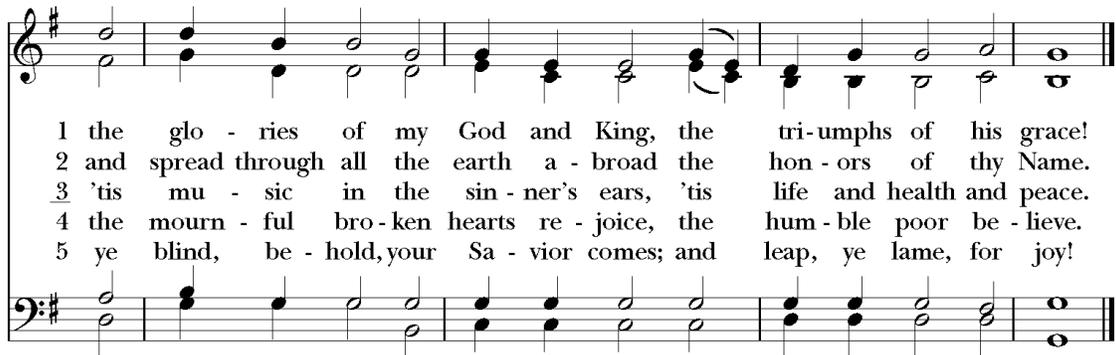
OPENING HYMN *(please stand)*

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

HYMNAL #493



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heayen.

Section: Jesus Christ our Lord. Title: O for a thousand tongues to sing. Meter:CM. Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.  
Music: Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).  
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## OPENING SENTENCE

*Officiant:* The living God, the living, moving Spirit of God has called us together  
in witness, in celebration, in struggle.

Let us reach out toward each other as God reaches out toward us.

*All:* **Thanks be to God!**

## COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*Officiant:* Christ be with you

*All:* **And also with you**

*Officiant:* Let us pray

**Gracious God, whose own flesh and blood came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Give us each day our daily bread, that Christ might live in us and we in Christ; who lives and loves with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION

*Officiant:* Let us confess our sins against God our neighbor and ourselves.

*All:* **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.**

*Officiant:* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE INVITATION

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

*All:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*All:* **Glory to the Creator, Liberator and Sustainer:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Jubilate** (*please be seated*)

**Psalm 100**

**Teachers:** Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before God's presence with a song.

**Healers:** Know this: The Lord alone is God;  
The One who made us, and we are God's;  
we are the people and the sheep of God's pasture.

**Teachers:** Enter the gates with thanksgiving;  
go into God's courts with praise;  
give thanks and call upon God's Name.

**Healers:** For God is good;  
God's mercy is everlasting;  
and God's faithfulness endures from age to age.

**THE PSALM**

**Psalm 23**

1. The Holy One is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
2. You make me lie down in green pastures \*  
and lead me beside still waters.
3. You revive my soul and guide me along right pathways for the sake of your Name. Though I  
walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
4. I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
6. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of God for ever.

**All: Glory to God, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

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:* Hear What the Spirit is saying to God's people

**All: Thanks be to God**

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Tis a Gift to Be Simple'. It consists of seven staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of music is: 'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be, and when we find our - selves in the place just right, 'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light. The second line of music is: When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained to bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

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Section: Christian Vocation and Pilgrimage. Title: 'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free. Meter: Irr. with Refrain.  
Words: Shaker song, 18th cent. Music: Simple Gifts, Joseph Brackett (1797-1822); acc. Margaret W. Mealy (b. 1922)  
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**THE EPISTLE**

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of 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:* Hear What the Spirit is saying to God’s people

**All:** Thanks be to God

**HYMN** (*please stand*)

*There is a Balm in Gilead*

HYMNAL #676

*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 then the Ho - ly  
 can - not pray like Paul, you can tell the love of  
 Spi - rit re - lives my soul a - gain.  
 Je - sus, and say, "He died for all."

*Repeat Refrain*

Section: The Christian Life . Title: Sometimes I feel discouraged. Meter: Irr. with Refrain Words African-American spiritual.  
Music: *Balm in Gilead*, Afro-American spiritual; acc. David Hurd (b. 1950). Reprinted under onelicense.net. #A-714071.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Officiant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

*All: Glory to you, O Christ*

### The Holy Gospel According to John 9:1-41

As he walked along, he 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 neighbours 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.' The parents answered this way because they were afraid of the Temple authorities, who had already agreed among themselves that anyone who acknowledged Jesus as 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 sins, 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 worshipped him. Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement 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.

*Officiant:* The Gospel of our Christ

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

**REFLECTIONS** *(please be seated)*

The Rev'd. Tamra Tucker

**STATEMENT OF FAITH** *(please stand)*

**All: We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,  
Whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,  
whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all,  
and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.  
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,  
we put our trust in God;  
and in the name of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves,  
in the service of others,  
to seek justice, and to live in peace;  
to care for the earth, and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness;  
to live in the freedom of forgiveness, and the power of the Spirit of love.  
And in the company of the faithful we will be the church,  
a community of flawed and forgiving disciples,  
for the glory of God alone.  
Amen.**

*Statement of Faith adapted from the Iona Community © 2001*

**THE PEACE**

*Officiant:* May the Peace of Christ be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(please stand)*

*From the New Zealand Prayer Book*

*Officiant:* God be with you.

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

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope  
and come on earth!  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trial too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.  
Amen.**

**SUFFRAGE**

*Officiant:* Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*All:* **And grant us your salvation.**  
*Officiant:* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*All:* **Let your people sing with joy.**  
*Officiant:* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*All:* **For only in you can we live in safety.**  
*Officiant:* Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
*All:* **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
*Officiant:* Let your way be known upon earth;  
*All:* **Your saving health among all nations.**  
*Officiant:* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*All:* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
*Officiant:* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*All:* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## A COLLECT FOR PEACE

*Officiant:* God be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray together.

**O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all adversities; that we, surely trusting in you, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the promise of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*All Sing:* *Here we stand; opening our hearts to you;  
Hear our prayer, and keep us close.*

*Officiant:* O Wisdom, from the mouth of Pure Love, you created all things, and you cherish your creation to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to reflect your image etched upon our hearts.

*People:* **We pray in the name of the risen Christ.**

*Officiant:* O Keeper of Your Promises, you marked your covenant with all of creation in the rainbow: come with grace to help us to trust your promises, to let go of our own purposes and to give ourselves fully to your will and your way.

*People:* **We pray in the name of the risen Christ.**

*Officiant:* O Provider of All Life, you chose your children, Abraham and Hagar and Sarah to seed the nations in your name, to connect children of all nations and faiths: come, help us to live into your peace.

*People:* **We pray in the name of the risen Christ.**

*Officiant:* O Inspiration of All Goodness, you went to Mary, the most humble of them all to bear your life on earth: come and lift us too, every one of us that we too might be courageous agents of transformation in your world.

*People:* **We pray in the name of the risen Christ.**

*Officiant:* O Author of Peace, you alone can humble our weary world: come and lead us to compassion and love.

*People:* **We pray in the name of the risen Christ.**

*Officiant:* O Morning Star, splendor of the light eternal and bright Sun of all that lights our way: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

*People:* **We pray in the name of the risen Christ.**

*Officiant:* O Redeemer of the World, you walked in love, all the way to the cross where you were executed for your radical hospitality and commitment to justice and peace: come and grant us the courage to walk in your way

*People:* **We pray in the name of the risen Christ.**

*Officiant:* O Hope for all of Creation, you have risen out of death to new life: help us to see you in every face and facet of your world.

*People:* **We pray in the name of the risen Christ.**

*Officiant:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit is with us all.

*All Sing:*                    *Here we stand; opening our hearts to you;  
Hear our prayer, and keep us close.*

### THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*All:* Almighty God, Creator of all mercies,  
we give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
and for your presence in our Savior Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

*Officiant:* Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.  
**Amen.**

<sup>1</sup>**THE BLESSING**

*All:*           **Tender God, touch us.  
Be touched by us;  
Make us lovers of humanity,  
Compassionate friends of all creation.  
Gracious God, hear us into speech;  
Speak us into acting;  
And through us, recreate the world.  
Amen.**



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 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der  
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my  
 5 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-les-tial 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.

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**DISMISSAL**

*Officiant:* Go forth in peace and joy to love and serve God!  
*All:* Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**