

The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul

Newton Highlands, Massachusetts

First Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist

February 22, 2026 at 10:00am



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

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)

Holy Eucharist with Joyful Noise

Prelude

Musicians

GATHERING

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

The procession enters in silence.

The Great Litany / *Enriching Our Worship* 1, p. 46

You are invited to stand or kneel

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hear us, O Christ.

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

Hear us, O Christ.

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

Hear us, O Christ.

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

Hear us, O Christ.

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

Hear us, O Christ.

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

Hear us, O Christ.

Give your wisdom and strength to Donald, the President of the United
States; Maura, the Governor of this state; Marc, the Mayor of this city,
that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the
common good.

Hear us, O Christ.

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

Hear us, O Christ.

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

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

Bless and keep all your people,
Hear us, O Christ.

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.
Hear us, O Christ.

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.
Hear us, O Christ.

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit, especially John; Bernice Cramer and her family; Gabriel and his family; Phil; Julia; Ryan; Nancy Williamson; Jim Nolan; David Murphy; David Tabors; Kristin; Deb; Tom; Sean and Jack; and those we name now aloud or in silence (*the people may add their own names*). And provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.
Hear us, O Christ.

Guard and protect all children who are in danger, and those we name now in silence or aloud (*the people may add their own names*).
Hear us, O Christ.

Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, all who are in trouble, and those we name now in silence or aloud (*the people may add their own names*).
Hear us, O Christ.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.
Hear us, O Christ.

Hear us as we remember those who have died, and those we name now
in silence or aloud (*the people may add their own names*).

Grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

Hear us, O Christ.

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

Sing three times



Section: Missa Oecumenica Title: Holy God: *Trisagion* Music: *Missa Oecumenica*, from the *Trinitas Choral Review*, arr. Richard Proulx, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924) Copyright: Setting: © 1999 Oregon Catholic Press. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Together let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Child was led by the Spirit to be tempted
by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many

temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Child our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

The Most High God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Most High God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Most High God had made. The serpent said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

We will pray the psalm responsively by whole verse

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven
and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom God imputes no guilt
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to God."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time
of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should
go;
I will guide you with my eye.

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."

Great are the tribulations of the wicked,
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Most High.

**Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

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The Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one human, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam and Eve, to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of the first human, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one human's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one human, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one human's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one human's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one human, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one human's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one human's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one human's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one human's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, #148 – Creator of the Earth and Skies



1 Cre - a - tor of the earth and skies, to whom the
2 We have not known you: to the skies our mon - u -
3 We have not loved you: far and wide the wreck - age
4 For this, our fool - ish con - fi - dence, our pride of
5 Teach us to know and love you, Christ, and hum - bly



1 words of life be - long, grant us your truth to make us
2 ments of fol - ly soar, and all our self - wrought mis - er -
3 of our ha - tred spreads, and e - vils wrought by hu - man
4 know-ledge and our sin, we come to you in pen - i -
5 fol - low in your way. Speak to our souls the quick - ening



1 wise; grant us your power to make us strong.
2 ies have made us trust our - selves the more.
3 pride re - coil on un - re - pent - ant heads.
4 tence; in us the work of grace be - gin.
5 word, and turn our dark - ness in - to day.

Section: Lent Title: Creator of the earth and skies Meter: LM Words: David W. Hughes (1911-1967), alt. Music: *Uffingham*, melody and bass Jeremiah Clarke (1670-1707), alt.; harm. *Songs for Liturgy and More Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 1971 Copyright: Words: By permission of J. Donald P. Hughes.

The Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Jesus fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to Jesus, "If you are the Child of

God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But Jesus answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took Jesus to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to Jesus, “If you are the Child of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘God will command God’s angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to the devil, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Most High your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the nations of the world and their splendor; and the devil said to Jesus, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Most High your God,
and serve only this One.’”

Then the devil left Jesus, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

<i>Priest</i>	The Gospel of Christ.
<i>People</i>	Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Priest-in-Charge

The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

Choir

Sicut Servus

*Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.
Sitivit anima mea ad Deum fortem vivum:
quando veniam et apparebo ante faciem Dei?
Fuerunt mihi lacrymae meae panes die ac nocte,
dum dicitur mihi quotidie:
Ubi est Deus tuus?*

*As the hart longs for the water springs,
So longs my soul for thee, O God.
My soul has thirsted for the living God:
When shall I come and appear before the face of my God?
My tears have been my bread by day and by night,
While it is said to me daily:
Where is your God?*

Composer: Giovanni da Palestrina (c.1526-1594)

Doxology

Presider All things come of you, O God.

People **And of your own have we given you.**

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to God.**

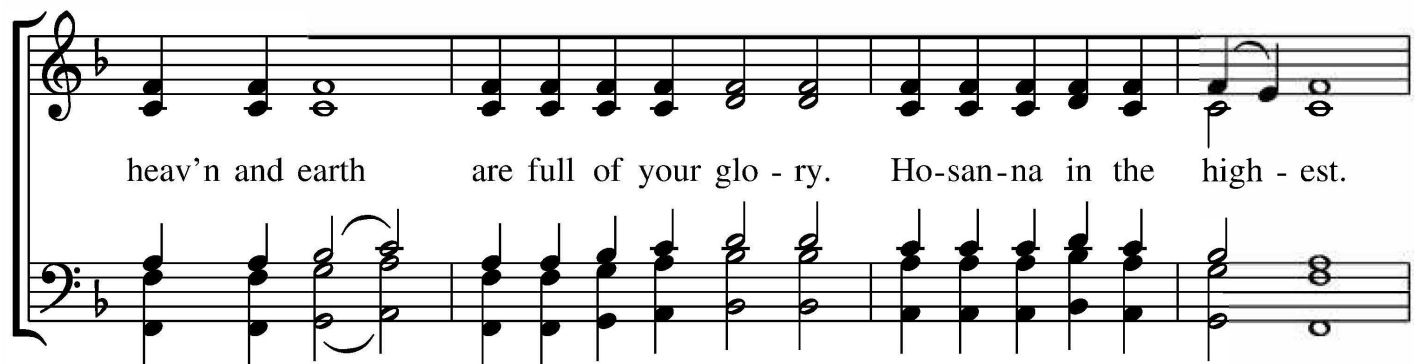
Presider Let us give thanks to God.

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

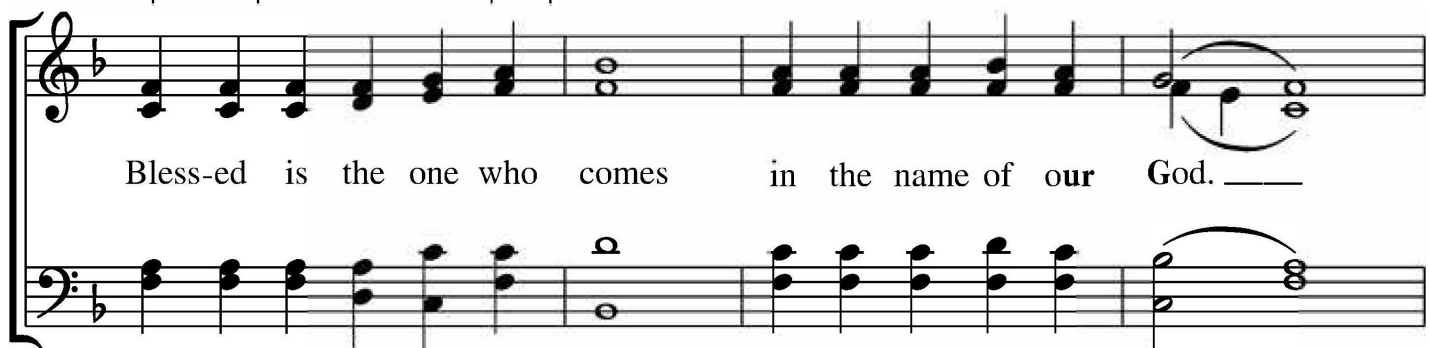
Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Savior, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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:



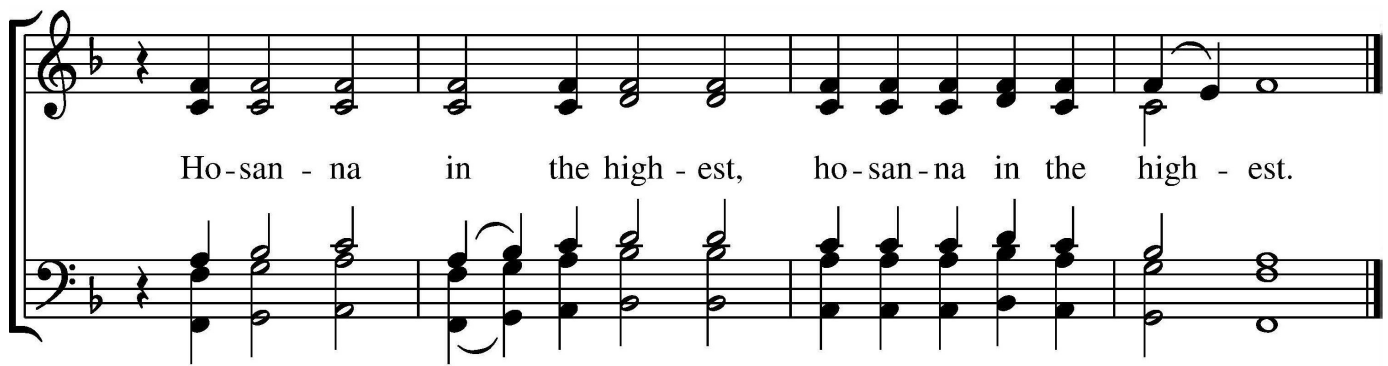
Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One, God of pow'r and might, —



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of our God. —



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The Presider continues – you are invited to kneel or stand

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 Creator 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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Jesus' 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 Child, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. 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 your Child Jesus Christ: By whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

You are invited to say whichever version of the Lord's Prayer moves you.

Presider As our savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

**Our God in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei

Enriching Our Music, #57

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.

Section: Missa Oecumenica Title: Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei* Music: *Missa Oecumenica*, from the *Trinitas Choral Review*, arr. Richard Proulx, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924) Copyright: Setting: © 1999 Oregon Catholic Press. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Presider

These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived and loved, died, and rose for you, and feed on Christ in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion

Jesus says, "Come and see."

You are welcome at this Table, exactly as you are, because of who you are. If you feel called to the Table, please come forward to receive Communion.

Gluten-free communion bread is available. Please let the priest know when you come for communion.

If you do not wish to receive the consecrated wine, please know that receiving the consecrated bread alone constitutes a full Communion.

If you do not desire Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire a blessing.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

(The following prayer of Spiritual Communion is said privately and is intended for individuals participating remotely, and for individuals who may not wish to receive Communion or a blessing.)

In union, O God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. And since I cannot receive you today in the sacrament of bread and wine, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, 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.

Postcommunion Hymn

LEVAS, #188 – It Is Well With My Soul

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my
2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should
3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
4. And, Christ, haste the day when the faith shall be

1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;
2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,
3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—
4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
4. The horn shall re - sound and our God shall de -

1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
2. tate, And has shed his own blood for my soul.
3. more, Praise our God, praise our God, O my soul!
4. scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul, with my

— It is well, it is well with my soul.

Section: Assurance Title: It Is Well with My Soul Words: Horatio Spafford (1828-1888) Music: Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876)

Postcommunion Prayer

You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.

People and Presider

Eternal God,

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

**whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,
in the promise of Christ's love, which defeats evil and death,
and grant us strength and courage,
in face of fear and doubt,
through the power of the Holy Spirit,
to be the church, a community of flawed and forgiving disciples,
to love and serve you,
to seek justice and to live in peace,
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Postcommunion Prayer is an adaptation from the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (Expansive Edition) and the Statement of Faith from the Iona Abbey Worship Book (2001).

Blessing

Processional Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, #142 – Christ, Who Throughout These Forty Days

1 Christ, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,
3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious God,
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,
5 A - bid with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bid.
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Section: Lent Title: Lord, who throughout these forty days Meter: CM Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898) Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

Announcements

Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.



TODAY'S LITURGY

Participants

The Rev. Dr. Meghan T. Sweeney – Priest-In-Charge
Mary Lou Pierron – Lector of First Reading and Leader of Psalm
Kathryn Anderson – Lector of Second Reading
Carter Lustig – Acolyte
Margaret Hummel – Lay Eucharistic Minister and Intercessor
Brenda Carter – Pianist
Amy Trueblood and Mary Lou Pierron – Altar Guild
Eliza Blay – Usher
Lee Hatfield and David Montgomery – Counters
Adam Taylor – Tech

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PRAYERS

In Our Diocesan Cycle Of Prayer:

For the Episcopal Church; for Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, and Julia Whitworth, our Diocesan Bishop; all ministers – lay and ordained – and we pray for our own Parish of St Paul; St. Mary's Church, Barnstable; St. Peter's-on-the-Canal, Buzzards Bay; St. Paul's Church, Nantucket; Congregations: Wardens, Treasurers & Clerks.

Parish Prayer List – Prayers are Requested for:

John, Bernice Cramer and her family; Gabriel and his family; Phil; Julia; Ryan; Nancy Williamson; Jim Nolan; David Murphy; David Tabors; Kristin; Deb; Tom; Sean and Jack; and for the Global Village Children's Project, the Centre Street Food Pantry, AA, and NewCity Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Episcopal 101 -- Mondays in Lent on Zoom -- Starting February 23

Our friends at Grace Church, Newton Corner and St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls are offering an "Episcopal 101" course on Mondays in Lent. POSP parishioners are welcome and invited to participate. See below for blurb and to register:

Are you new(er) to The Episcopal Church and want to learn more about its history and traditions? Are you a curious Episcopalian with lingering questions? Have you been considering baptism or confirmation but never knew how to take the next step? Then you're in luck! **At 7:00pm on Monday nights in Lent, starting on Monday, February 23, log on to Zoom for Episcopal 101!** We'll have discussions, videos, mini-lectures, prayer, and more. Let us know you're interested in participating or receiving more information by signing up using the QR code:



Contacts and Questions: Rev. Ann Bonner-Stewart (ann@st-marys-episcopal.org) & Rev. Tammy Hobbs Miracky (pastor@gracenewton.org)

Building Connections: Effective Tools for Community Conversations

The Newton Human Rights Commission along with seven neighboring HRCs (or equivalents) is organizing the workshop, Building Connections: Effective Tools for Community Conversations on March 1st and 8th from 3-4:30pm led by Essential Partners. We hope to attract Newton community members with a range of perspectives to further constructive conversations across differences. Registration closes February 17th. Register here:



2026 Lenten Meditations with a TikTok Star!

Episcopal Relief and Development is offering Lenten meditations this year written by Sister Monica Clare, an Episcopal nun, author, and unlikely TikTok star! Sr. Monica Clare's meditations offer an invitation to rediscover—or deepen—holy habits of prayer, worship, and engagement with Scripture. These "holy habits" provide a path to a life that is given shape, meaning, and direction by being rooted in a deeper relationship with God. Use the QR code to learn more and to subscribe:



“Blessed are the Pure in Heart, for They Shall See God”: *Contemplative Witness in a Broken World* – A Lenten Quiet Day for the Charles River Deanery offered by Br. Keith Nelson, SSJE

March 7, 2026 9am – 3pm

Bring Your Own Brown Bag Lunch!

Hosted by St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Brookline

The way of Christ is a way of the heart. It is also, inevitably, a way of the cross: a path of suffering and self-giving love, for the sake of a broken world. The closer we pay attention to the world’s suffering, the more unbearable that pain can often feel.

As followers of Jesus, how can we recognize and feel this pain without falling apart or going insane?

The Christian contemplative tradition embraces the darkness and crisis of the cross as the very means by which we “lose our life to find it.” By following its disciplines we are given a new heart, and darkness becomes light.

In this day-long program, we’ll slow down, breathe deep, and return to God in body, mind, and spirit. In contemplative prayer we’ll honor our pain for a world that is unraveling before our eyes without leaping to diagnose, repair, or solve anything. And we’ll return to the daily renewed and ready to serve as conduits of a Presence “greater than we could ask for or imagine.”

Morning Prayer on Thursdays at Grace Church, Newton Corner

Grace Church, Newton Corner offers Morning Prayer on Thursday mornings at 8am in the chapel. POSP parishioners are invited to attend.

Prayer List

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please email Lise in the parish office or use this QR code.



Altar Flowers

If you would like to contribute altar flowers for a thanksgiving or memorial, please be in contact with Lise in the parish office.

Pastoral Care

If you desire pastoral care for a particular need, please be in contact with Rev. Meghan. It could be as simple as a private prayer request emailed to her, or an in-person conversation about something of concern. Rev. Meghan or our pastoral care intern, Jason von Ehrenkrook, are available to meet with you.

Can Redemption Volunteers

Volunteers sought to assist with can redemption for the Plenty ministry. Please connect with Christopher Gruener or speak with Rev. Meghan if you can assist.

Receive the Parish Newsletter!

The newsletter is sent about once per week (occasionally more often if there is a pressing notice, for example, of snow cancellation, etc.). **The newsletter contains reflections from parishioners and *lots* of information and announcements about our diocese, the greater church, and other goings-on in and around town and in the world, that are not printed in this bulletin.**

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Episcopal Leadership

The Rt. Rev. Julia E. Whitworth – Bishop Diocesan, The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts (diomass.org)

The Most Rev. Sean Rowe – Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church (episcopalchurch.org)

Staff and Office Hours at the Parish of St. Paul

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Dr. Meghan T. Sweeney – meghan@parishofstpaul.org. Office Hours: In-Person, usually on Wednesday, 9am -1pm and by appointment (please email Rev. Meghan directly if you would like to make an appointment).

Parish Administrator: Lise Brody – office@parishofstpaul.org. Office Hours (may vary): Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-1pm

Vestry at the Parish of St. Paul

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to be in touch with your vestry. The next Vestry Meeting is on March 18.

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Elected Parish Leaders at St. Paul's

Delegates to the Charles River Deanery: Eliza Blay, Kim Koger, David Montgomery, and Mary Lou Pierron

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