

The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul

Newton Highlands, Massachusetts

Second Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist

March 1, 2026 at 10:00am



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

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)

Holy Eucharist with Joyful Noise

Prelude

Musicians

Gathering Rites / *BCP* p. 351

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Gathering Hymn

Please rise as you are comfortable.

The Hymnal 1982, #401 – The God of Abraham Praise

The musical score is written for three parts: Soprano (top staff), Alto (middle staff), and Bass (bottom staff). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with line numbers 1 through 5 indicating the beginning of each line of text.

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 God by God's self hath sworn: we on God's oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the One, on high, our God, our Right - eous - ness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels praise,
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Way of Peace;
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - mighty - y Way!
5 "Cre - a - tor Child, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 Most High, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed:
 2 we shall behold God's face, we shall God's power adore,
 3 on Zion's sacred height God's kingdom God maintains,
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ever more shall be:
 5 hail, Abraham's God divine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sacred Name for ever blest.
 and sing the wonders of God's grace for ever more.
 and, glorious with God's saints in light, for ever reigns.
 eternal God, great I AM, we worship thee."
 all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

Section: Praise to God Title: The God of Abraham praise Meter: 66. 84. D Words Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: Leoni, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

The Decalogue / BCP p. 350 (*Please rise or kneel as you are comfortable.*)

Presider Hear the commandments of God to God's people:

I am the Holy One your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

People **Amen. God have mercy.**

Presider You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People **Amen. God have mercy.**

Presider You shall not invoke with malice the name of the Holy One your God.

People **Amen. God have mercy.**
Presider Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
People **Amen. God have mercy.**
Presider Honor your parents.
People **Amen. God have mercy.**
Presider You shall not commit murder.
People **Amen. God have mercy.**
Presider You shall not commit adultery.
People **Amen. God have mercy.**
Presider You shall not steal.
People **Amen. God have mercy.**
Presider You shall not be a false witness.
People **Amen. God have mercy.**
Presider You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
People **Amen. God have mercy.**
Presider Jesus said, “The first commandment is this....”
 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves....
 Since we have a great high priest....

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Presider and People

O God, we bring you our failure, our hunger, our disappointment, our despair, our greed, our arrogance, and our fear. We have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not truly loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are sorry, we are humbled, and we pray that you will strengthen us with your grace. We turn to you, O God. We renounce evil, we claim love, we choose to be made whole. Forgive us and renew us now.

(a long period of silence will be kept)

Presider Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive your every sin through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Sing three times

Enriching Our Music 1, #155

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

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

Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Together let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Child; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated

The First Reading – Scriptures of Israel

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Most High said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Most High had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

We will pray the psalm responsively by whole verse.

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

**My help comes from God,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

God will not let your foot be moved;
the One who watches over you will not fall asleep.

**Behold, the One who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

The Holy One watches over you
and is your shade at your right hand,

**So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

God shall preserve you from all evil
and is the One who shall keep you safe.

**God shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.**

This week's Psalm is from the St. Helena Psalter, used by permission.

The Second Reading – The Epistle

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts the One who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all Abraham's descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the parent of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the parent of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Please rise as you are comfortable.

Hymnal 1982, #147 – Now Let Us All With One Accord



1 Now let us all with one ac - cord, in
2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to
3 Your love, O Christ, our sin - ful race has
4 Re - mem - ber, Christ, though frail we be, in
5 There - fore, we pray you, Christ, for - give; so



1 com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our
2 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -
3 not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au - thor of mer - cy,
4 your own i - mage were we made; help us, lest in anx -
5 when our wan - derings here shall cease, we may with you for



1 heaven - ly God in Christ's temp - ta - tion a - nd fast.
2 am - ple sealed, the God of love, in love sub - lime.
3 turn your face and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.
4 i - e - ty, we cause your Name to be be - trayed.
5 ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

Section: Lent Title: Now let us all with one accord Meter: LM Words: Att. Gregory the Great (540-604); tr. *Praise the Lord*, 1972, alt. Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. Thomas Foster (b. 1938) Copyright: Words: James Quinn, SJ. Printed by permission of Geoffrey Chapman, a division of Cassell Ltd.

The Gospel

John 3:1-17

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

People Glory to you, O Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. Nicodemus came to Jesus by night and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these

signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to Jesus, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to Jesus, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Child of Humanity. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Child of Humanity be lifted up, that whoever believes in this Child may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that God gave God’s only Child, so that everyone who believes in this One may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Child into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through this One.”

Priest The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed is the historic statement of faith of the Church. It helps to knit the Church together across peoples and places, time and space. We pray it together as a single body, a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

1. I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that
 2. I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci -
 3. I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with-

be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and
 died; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied— True Life there had tru - ly
 in One church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from

sea. I be - lieve in God's Child, Je - sus, now for
 died. I be - lieve that on the third day Christ was
 sin; in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the

us Rab - bi and Christ, of the Spir - it and of
 raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed to God's
 break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's ev - er -

Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
 right hand. Christ will come to judge and save.
 last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993). Music: Domhnach Trionoide, Gaelic melody; harm. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

Prayers of the People

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, O God.

Silence

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;

All For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those
 who are alone.

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;

All For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;

All For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
All **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
All **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intercessor For the worldwide Anglican Communion, for the Episcopal Church, for our presiding bishop, Sean, and our diocesan bishop, Julia. We pray for all ministers – lay and ordained – and we pray for our own Parish of St. Paul; St. Andrew’s Chapel, Hyannis Port; Christ Church, Plymouth; St. David’s Church, South Yarmouth; Diocesan Congregational Consultants.

All **For all who serve God in God’s Church.**

Intercessor Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; all those who suffer from addiction, grief, and depression; all those who live in and with fear; and all those who may need encouragement and uplift. And we pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation; and especially 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 peoples and ministries of the Global Village Children's Project, the Centre Street Food Pantry, AA, and NewCity Church. Either silently or aloud, for whom and what else do we pray today? (*The People may add their own petitions.*)

Intercessor Hear us, O God;
All **For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor We thank you, O God, for all the blessings of this life.
Either silently or aloud, for whom and what do we give
thanks today? (*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*)

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God;
All **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in
your eternal kindom. Either silently or aloud, whom do we
name and remember this day? (*The People may add their own
names.*)

Intercessor O God, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
All **Who put their trust in you.**

Prayer for the Social Order (*BCP* p. 823)

Intercessor Together let us pray.
All **Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may
so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of
the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may
crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our
divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silence

Presider offers a collect.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (*Mt. 11:28-30*).

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

(The congregation is invited to exchange signs of peace.)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

Choir

Requiem

Mother Mary, full of grace, awaken

All our homes are gone, our loved ones taken

Taken by the sea

Mother Mary, calm our fears, have mercy

Drowning in a sea of tears, have mercy

Hear our mournful plea

Our world has been shaken

We wander our homelands forsaken

In the dark night of the soul

Bring some comfort to us all

Oh Mother Mary come and carry us in your embrace

That our sorrows may be faced

Mary, fill the glass to overflowing

Illuminate the path where we are going

Have mercy on us all

In funeral fires burning

Each flame to your mystery returning

*In the dark night of the soul
Your shattered dreamers, make them whole
Oh Mother Mary find us where we've fallen out of grace
Lead us to a higher place*

*In the dark night of the soul
Our broken hearts you can make whole
Oh Mother Mary come and carry us in your embrace
Let us see your gentle face, Mary*

Composer: Eliza Gilkyson (b. 1950)
Arr. Craig Hella Johnson (b. 1962)

"Requiem" was originally written by singer/songwriter Eliza Gilkyson in relief of the 2004 tsunami in Indonesia, taking over 260,000 lives.

Please rise as you are comfortable.

Presentation Hymn

Grant, O thou bless - ed Trin - i - ty; grant, O un -
chang - ing Un - i - ty; that this our fast of
for - ty days may work our pro - fit and thy praise!

You are invited to rise, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.

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 Christ's grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for Christ 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:

Sanctus

Enriching Our Music, #56

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.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and moving lines. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first system ends with a long horizontal line under the word 'might'. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

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

Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

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The Presider continues – you are invited to rise, sit, or kneel as you are comfortable.
 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 Child, 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 Jesus 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, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All **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 Loving God in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kindom 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 kindom, 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

You are invited to stand, sit, or kneel as you are comfortable.

As the Wind Song Through the Trees

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand. The first system (measures 1-5) includes a repeat sign after measure 3. The second system (measures 6-10) continues the melody and accompaniment. The third system (measures 11-14) concludes the piece. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line: G, C/G, G, C, G, C/G, G, Em, Bm, Am, D, Em, Em/D.

1 As the wind song through the
2 As the rain-bow af - ter

6 trees, as the stir - ring of the breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of
rain, as the hope that's born a - gain, so it is with the Spir - it of

11 God, as the heart made strangely warm, as the
God, as the green in the spring, as a

15

C G/B Am' D G

voice within the storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
 kite on a string, so it is with the Spir - it of God,

20

Em Bm C

Nev-er seen, ev - er known where this wind has
 making worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come

24

G Em Bm Am

blown bringing life, bringing power to the world,
 true, bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,

28

D Em Em/D C

as the danc-ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de-
 as the ris-ing of the yeast, as the wine at the

32

G/B Am⁷ D G C/G G

sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
 feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

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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).

Lenten Prayer over the People for the Second Sunday in Lent (*The Book of Occasional Services* 2018)

In the season of Lent, in place of a seasonal blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used. The Deacon or, in the absence of a deacon, the Presider bids the prayer by saying, "Bow down before your God." The people may either kneel, or stand and bow their heads.

Presider

Keep this your family, O Most High, with your never-failing mercy,
that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be
upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 1982, #449 – O Love, How Deep, How Broad



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
2 For us bap - tized, for us Christ bore Christ's ho - ly
3 For us Christ prayed; for us Christ taught; for us his
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
5 For us Christ rose from death a - gain; and for us
6 All glo - ry to our God the Way for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Child of
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, Christ bore the shame - ful
5 went on high to reign; for us Christ sent Christ's
6 deep, so high, ar - rayed; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
2 sharp Christ knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Section: Jesus Christ our Lord Title: O love, how deep, how broad, how high Meter: LM Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: *Deo gracias*, English ballad melody, Trinity College MS., 15th cent. Copyright: Music: By permission of Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All Rights Reserved.

Announcements

Dismissal

You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.

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
Kathryn Anderson – Lector of First Reading and Leader of Psalm
Jack Blay – Lector of Second Reading
Carter Lustig – Acolyte
David Montgomery – Lay Eucharistic Minister and Intercessor
Brenda Carter – Pianist
Margaret Hummel and Jack Blay – Altar Guild
Kim Koger – Usher
Lee Hatfield and Chris Gruener – 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. Andrew's Chapel, Hyannis Port; Christ Church, Plymouth; St. David's Church, South Yarmouth; Diocesan Congregational Consultants

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.

SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday Rev. Meghan (March 7)!

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EPISCOPAL CITY MISSION

Meet Our Speakers for Lessons of Liberation 2026

Registration Now Open

[Register now for Lessons of Liberation 2026: Freedom Is a Constant Struggle](#)—a multi-week learning series rooted in the book *Freedom Is a Constant Struggle* by Angela Davis and guided by conversation with grassroots organizers, faith-rooted leaders, and movement educators connected to Episcopal City Mission.

Gather with us every Monday from **March 2–April 6** for facilitated discussion of selected chapters and dialogue with multiple guest speakers, including:

- Rev. Dr. Nikia Smith, [Abolitionist Sanctuary](#)
- Virginia Cuello, [The Black Response Cambridge](#)
- Khalil Howe, [Youth Justice & Power Union](#)
- Sashi James, [Families for Justice as Healing](#)
- Dr. James McCarty, [Tom Porter Center for Religion and Conflict Transformation](#)

Together, we will explore freedom not as a fixed destination, but as an ongoing collective struggle shaped by resistance, care, imagination, and solidarity. Each session connects Davis' analysis of racism, incarceration, policing, economic inequality, and state violence to local, community-based responses and abolitionist practice.

This series is accessible to people of all spiritual and social identities. While faith-rooted reflection will be present, the focus is on practical learning, shared analysis, and movement wisdom from those directly engaged in organizing and repair.

 Participants will need to purchase their own copy of the book and read assigned chapters in advance of each session. Before session one you should read chapter 1 and chapter 2.

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)

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.

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

Delegates to the Diocesan Convention: Jack Blay and Tricia Tyler; alternate Kim Koger

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