



# PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

221 Union Street • Cary, North Carolina 27511

THE FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN LENT

*The Rev. George Adamik, Celebrant*  
*The Rev. Javier Almendárez-Bautista, Homilist*

HOLY EUCHARIST  
9:00 A.M. SERVICE  
MARCH 19, 2023

**Prelude**

Carol Yeargin, Organist

**Processional**

I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

Hymn 429

## Liturgy of the Word

**Penitential Order**

BCP 351

*The Celebrant says*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People*

*God's mercy endures for ever.*

*The Celebrant says*

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."

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

*The Priest stands and says*

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

*The following is sung.*

**Kyrie**

Kyrie Eleison

Russell McKinney

Ky - ri - e e - le - i-son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i-son,  
 Ky - ri-e e - le - i-son. Chri - ste e - le - i-son, Chri - ste e -  
 le - i-son, Chri - ste e - le - i-son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i-son,  
 Ky - ri - e e - le - i-son, Ky - ri-e e - le - i-son, e - le - i - son.

**Collect of the Day**

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

*And also with you.*

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Children's Processional**

Fairest Lord Jesus

Hymn 383

*Verse 1*

*Children's Chapel is for children ages 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.*

**First Reading**

1 Samuel 16:1-13

A Reading from Samuel.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader           The Word of the Lord.  
People           *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm**

Psalm 23

- 1   The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
    I shall not be in want.
- 2   He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
    and leads me beside still waters.
- 3   He revives my soul \*  
    and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4   Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, 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 the LORD for ever.

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 5:8-14

A Reading from Ephesians.

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           The Word of the Lord.  
People           *Thanks be to God.*

**Gradual**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee  
*Verses 1 and 2*

Hymn 691

## Gospel

John 9:1-41

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

As Jesus 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 neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in 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 worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## Homily

The Rev. Javier Almindárez-Bautista

## Nicene Creed

*All who are able, stand.*

*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.*

## Prayers of the People

People's Response: *Lord, have mercy.*

**Peace**

BCP 360

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

**Announcements**

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Offertory**

O Bless The Lord My Soul  
*St. Paul's Choir*

Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

BCP 361

*The people remain standing.*

Celebrant The Lord 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 God thanks and praise.*

*The Celebrant proceeds.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Sanctus**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymnal S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and earth are  
 full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all. He 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 Lord 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 he 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:

**Memorial Acclamation**

*Celebrant and People*

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

*The Celebrant then continues.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 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 Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

### Lord's Prayer

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*People and Celebrant*

*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.*

### Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

### Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God

Hymnal S 161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace

### Holy Communion

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are welcome to come forward for communion. Please follow the ushers' guidance as you come to the rail.*

*If you would like to receive the wine by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup), keep the bread in your hands and wait for the communion server to come to you.*

*If you would like to receive from the common cup (drinking from the cup directly), please consume the bread first and then make your way to the steps at the end of the rail. A communion server will be there with the common cup.*

*If it is not your custom to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest and the minister will offer a prayer. A priest is also available to provide prayers for healing in the back southwest corner of the church. Simply head to the back during communion distribution and wait for your turn.*

### Spiritual Communion Prayer

*In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to 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.*

### Communion Music

Deck Thyself, My Soul with Gladness  
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Hymn 339  
Hymn 664

### Final Prayer

*Celebrant and People*

*Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food as we hear your Word proclaimed and gather at your holy Table. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

### Blessing

**Recessional**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Hymn 523

**Dismissal**

Deacon            Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
People            *Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude**

Carol Yeargin, Organist

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## MARCH 19, 2023

**New to St. Paul's?** Please let us know you are here by filling out a visitor card in the pew. Stop by our Welcome Station in the narthex (lobby) to chat with Greeters and find materials that might help if you are new to the Episcopal Church. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at [mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org](mailto:mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org) to learn more.

**Coffee Hour (Parish Hall):** Hosted this week by the Newcomer Ministry. Join us in after the 9:00 a.m. service for coffee and conversation.

**Adult Formation (Chapel, 10:15-11:00 a.m.):** Our Lenten Forum Series is on *Faith and Leadership*. Join us today for a presentation by the Rev. J. Carr Holland: "Leadership in the Liturgy."

**Children's Sunday School:** Classes are meeting in the Education Building from 10:15-11:00 a.m.

**Youth Sunday School:** Classes are meeting in the Youth Wing from 10:15-11:00 a.m.

**Episcopal Youth Community (EYC):** NO MEETING this evening. Rest from our Ice Skating event yesterday.



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Newcomer Tour:** Those new or newly returned to St. Paul's who wish to know more can join a tour of our campus TODAY at 10:15 a.m. Meet at the Welcome Station in the narthex (lobby).

**Hermano Day:** Today is Hermano Day, when we recognize the sacrifice of our neighbors who do the hard work of planting and harvesting our food. St. Paul's supports the Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry by collecting donations of clothes and other items (see website for a list of most needed items). Financial donations are always welcome. Contact Katie Bricio ([katiebricio13@gmail.com](mailto:katiebricio13@gmail.com)) with any questions.

**Lenten Midweek Eucharist Services:** Join the clergy for contemplative prayer services each Wednesday leading up to Holy Week (March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29) at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. We use the readings for Lent as our guide and have ample time for meditation and reflection. All are welcome.

**Habitat for Humanity Episcopal Build:** St. Paul's is part of an Episcopal Coalition building a house through Habitat for Humanity in Old Poole Place in Raleigh. We welcome more volunteers to our team, particularly on Saturday, April 1, when St. Paul's has pledged to provide at least 15 volunteers and lunch for the crew. Contact Kevin McIntire at [kvn.mcintire@gmail.com](mailto:kvn.mcintire@gmail.com) for more information on how you can be a part of our team.

**Easter Lily Donations:** Donating an Easter Lily to decorate the altar and worship spaces on Easter Sunday is a beautiful way to remember or give thanks for the special people in our lives. The Altar Guild requests a donation of \$35.00 per plant; make checks payable to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, note Altar Guild Lily on the memo line; envelopes are in the pews. All requests must be received by Sunday, March 26, for memorials to appear in the Easter bulletins.

**Women's Beach Week:** Deadline for reservations is Monday, March 20. If you would like to join us at Emerald Isle for a fun, relaxing getaway the week of April 30-May 7, please contact Yvon Daniel at [yvdaniel60@gmail.com](mailto:yvdaniel60@gmail.com). Newcomers are welcome; no minimum stay is required. More details can be found on the website or on the poster in the narthex.

**Prayer List:** Adelaide, Dave, Walt, Bob, Peggy, Hunter, Barb, Lytvinenko family, Christa, Ann, Vickie, Ann, Melanie, Patricia, Wendy, M-K, Andy, Theresa, Clarence and Susan, Jodi, Lynn, Clint, Elizabeth, Laura, Margaret, Ava, Millie, Ruby, Mary Jo, Catherine, Randy, Bebian, Ronald, Sally, Bob, Thomas, Ann, Janet, Coby, Gayle, Sandra, Gretchen, Joe and Melissa.

**In the prayer for the deceased** we pray for Linda Rikard, cousin of Kurt Robinson and for John Keith Earl, father of Emily Freeman.

If you have a name you would like to include on the prayer list, or a ministry event that you would like to announce in this printed bulletin, please send information to [announcements@stpaulscary.org](mailto:announcements@stpaulscary.org). Please note that there is a 2 week lead time on printed announcements.