

# SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH IN THE CITY AND DIOCESE OF ALBANY

The Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 22, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

**WELCOME TO SAINT PAUL'S!** We are very glad you are here to respond in praise and prayer to Jesus' invitation, *Do this in memory of me*. This leaflet will guide you through our celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Please use the red *Book of Common Prayer* and *The Hymnal 1982*, both found in the pews. Immediately following the liturgy, refreshments will be available in the Blue Room. Do join us. Childcare is available today in McEwan Hall. An usher and greeter will be happy to assist you with directions. Let us now rejoice and give thanks.

## SUNG EUCHARIST

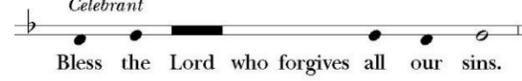
### The Liturgy of the Word

Organ Voluntary      *O Gott, du frommer Gott* (O God, thou faithful God)  
Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Entrance Hymn 512      "Come, Gracious Spirit"  
Mendon

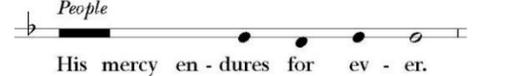
A Penitential Order      **BCP page 351**

*Celebrant*



Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People*



His mercy en - dures for ev - er.

Kyrie (*Missa Brevis*)      G. P. da Palestrina (1525-1594)

### The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson      A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel  
(37:1-14)

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 130 De profundis      Chant by Richard Clark (1786-1856)

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,  
more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*  
for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

The Second Lesson

A Reading from the Letter of Paul  
to the Romans (8:6-11)

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

Gradual Anthem      Adrian Batten (1591-1637)

Let my complaint come before thee O Lord, give me understanding according to thy word. Let my supplication come before thee, deliver me according to thy word. My lips shall speak of thy praise when thou hast taught me thy statutes. Yea, my tongue shall sing of thy word, for all thy commandments are righteous. O let my soul live and it shall praise thee, and thy judgements shall help me. Amen.

Sequence Hymn 508      "Breathe on me, Breath of God"  
Nova Vita

The Holy Gospel      "      John (11:1-45)

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

### **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here,

my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

The Sermon Dean Vang

The Nicene Creed **BCP page 358**

The Prayers of the People Form III **BCP page 387**

The Peace **BCP page 360**

Announcements

## The Holy Communion

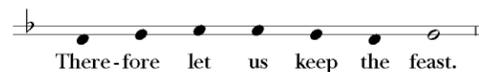
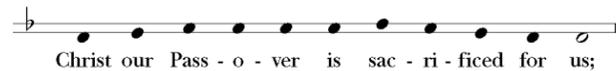
Offertory Hymn 309 “O Food to pilgrim given”  
*O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A) **BCP page 361**

Sanctus Palestrina

## Our Father S119

### The Breaking of the Bread



*This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.*

Agnus Dei S164 Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

### The Communion

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion at this service. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request.*

Communion Anthem Maurice Greene (1696-1755)

Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days; that I may be certified how long I have to live. Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long, and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity. For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain; he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them. And now, Lord, what is my hope? truly my hope is even in thee. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling; hold not thy peace at my tears; O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength, before I go hence, and be no more seen. (Psalm 39)

Post-Communion Prayer **BCP page 366**

### Prayer over the People

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn 457 “Thou art the Way”  
*St. James*

Organ Voluntary *Herzliebster Jesu* (Blessed Jesus)  
Brahms

**The Very Reverend Marshall J. Vang, *Parish Priest***  
**The Reverend Alicia Todaro, *Deacon***  
**The Reverend Leslie Hughs, *Rector Emeritus***  
**Steven L. Rosenberry, *Organist and Director of Music***  
**Nellson Moore, *Parish Administrator***  
**Matthew Vitti, *Sexton***  
**Jescyka Thompson, *Childcare***

### ASSISTING THIS WEEK

**Altar Servers: Chloe W., Barbara W., Raelynn H.**  
**Readers: Lisa W., Robert W., Chloe W.**

**Chalice Bearers: Barbar W., Deacon Todaro**

**Greeter: Adam B.**

**Ushers: Adam B., Lisa W.**

**Altar Guild: Lisa W., Dean Vang**

## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

### For those who celebrate a birthday:

Eric C. 3/22, Charlie W. 3/22, Heidi W. 3/23, Stefanie S. 3/25, Oscar R. 3/25, Les H. 3/28.

### For those in need of healing, guidance, and comfort:

Raelynn H., Matt A., Ty C., Jen A., Lynn B., Elizabeth E., Joe T., Hilda H., Cheryl S., Anita F., Laura.

### For our mission partners:

Mother Martha Hubbard and the people of Saint Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Albany.

Father Samuel Louis Charles, and the people of Christ the King

Episcopal Church and parish school in LaHoye, Haiti.

Father Nicolas Stebbing, and the Tariro orphanages.

**For the departed:** Richard T. Roberts, Raymond Cook

and all of our loved ones.

## CHILDCARE

Childcare, provided by Jescyka Thompson, is available today from 9:15 am to 11:45 am in McEwan Hall.

### SAINT PAUL’S VESTRY

**Denise Mason, *Senior Warden***

**Mark Lowery, *Junior Warden***

**Jennifer Andrus \* Eric Chan \* Gillian Conover**

**William Harrison \* Karen Hibbert \* Melvin Hitt**

**Tristan Lowery \* Katherine Storms \* Rachael Thomas**

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### SAINT PAUL’S PRAYS FOR A NEW RECTOR

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Book of Common Prayer*

### SAINT PAUL’S RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

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