

The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 23, 2025

10:30am ~ Holy Eucharist with Joyful Noise! ~



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IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

For the Episcopal Church; for Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, and Julia Whitworth, our Diocesan Bishop; and for the following churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery: St. Mary's Church, Barnstable, St. Peter's-on-the-Canal, Buzzards Bay, and St. Paul's Church, Nantucket; and for all Wardens, Treasurers and Clerks serving congregations.

PARISH PRAYER LIST - PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:

Kristin, Deb, David Murphy, David Tabors, the family of Mangok Bol and Thon, Magot, Ajoe, and Majuei Mach, Paul Friedman and Bernice Cramer, John McDargh, and Jacob Cathers; and the Global Village Children's Project, the Centre Street Food Pantry, AA, and NewCity Church.

(To add a name to the prayer list, please contact Lise at office@parishofstpaul.org or Rev. Meghan, or use the QR code below.)



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PRELUDE

Musicians

ENTRANCE RITES

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

GATHERING HYMN (*Please rise as you are comfortable*) *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* HYMNAL #470

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven;
3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind - ly judg-ment given.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel-come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;
If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Section: Jesus Christ our Lord Title: There's a wideness in God's mercy Meter: 87. 87. D Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: Beecher, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

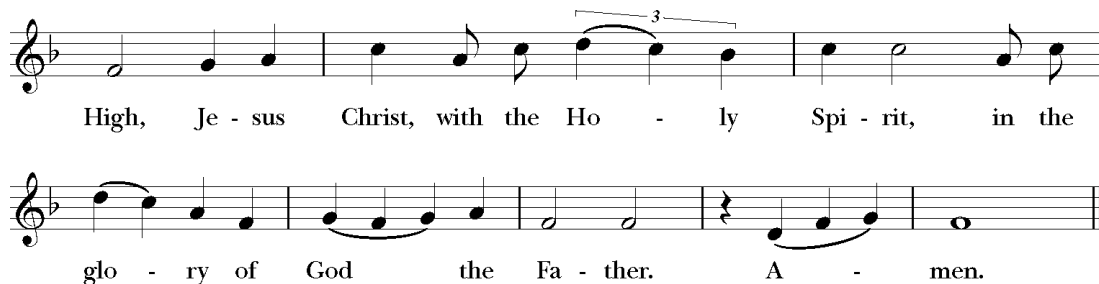
Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

All: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



Section: Canticles Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis* Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Copyright: Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing, Inc.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

(This week's Psalm is from the St. Helena Psalter, and the other readings come from the NRSV.)

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Celebrant: God is with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Together, let us pray.

All: **O God, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing; Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE FIRST READING *(Please be seated.)*

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Reader 1: A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader 1: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 37

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in God and do good;
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

Take delight in God,
who shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Holy One and put your trust in God,
who will bring it to pass,

So that your righteousness may be clear as the light
and your just dealing as the noonday.

Be still before God;
for God waits patiently.

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait upon God shall possess the land.

In a little while the wicked shall be no more;
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

But the lowly shall possess the land;
they will delight in abundance of peace.

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from God,
their stronghold in time of trouble.

God will help them and rescue them;
the Holy One will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in God.

Reader 2: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as God has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first human became a living being"; the last human became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first human was from the earth, made of dust; the second human is from heaven. As was the human of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the human of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the human of dust, we will also bear the image of the human of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Reader 2: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you. **Fine**

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2. Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and
 3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are
 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

D.C.

1. feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 2. white, neigh - bors are near and far a - way.
 3. love; all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
 4. slaves, this is the way we should live with you.
 5. feet, this is the way we should live with you.

Section: Jesus Christ our Lord Title: Jesu, Jesu Words: John 13:1-17; adapt. Tom Colvin, 1969 Music: Ghana Folk Song; adapt. Tom Colvin 1969; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988 Copyright: © 1969 Hope Publishing Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu -

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your God is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Priest-in-Charge

STATEMENT OF FAITH

INT: Please rise as you are comfortable as we proclaim our Statement of Faith.

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

Amen.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INT: In peace, we pray to you, O God.

Silence

INT: For all people in their daily life and work;

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

INT: For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

INT: For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

INT: 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.**

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

INT: For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Julia, our Diocesan Bishop; for all bishops and other ministers; and for the following churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery: St. Mary's Church, Barnstable, St. Peter's-on-the-Canal, Buzzards Bay, and St. Paul's Church, Nantucket; and for all Wardens, Treasurers and Clerks serving congregations.
All: **For all who serve God in God's Church.**

INT: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; and especially for Kristin, Deb, David Murphy, David Tabors, the family of Mangok Bol and Thon, Magot, Ajo, and Majuei Mach, Paul Friedman and Bernice Cramer, John McDargh, and Jacob Cathers; and 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.)

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

INT: 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.)

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

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

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

INT: We pray those written prayers offered by our community this morning *(the INT reads aloud any written prayers submitted before our liturgy began this morning.)*

INT: Hear us, O God;
All: **For your mercy is great**

PRAYER FOR THE SOCIAL ORDER (BCP P. 823)

INT: 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

Celebrant offers a collect.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbors, and ourselves.

Silence

All: 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.

Celebrant: 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.

All: Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of God be always with you.

All: And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Choir

THE DOXOLOGY (*Please rise as you are comfortable*)

HYMNAL #380

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above all life and death
Creator, Christ, and Holy Breath. Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

Celebrant: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

(The celebrant inserts a preface.)

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

HYMNAL #S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Section: The Holy Eucharist Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus* Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937) Copyright: Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died
Christ has risen
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in Christ's sacrifice, through whom may we all be acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(We invite you to say whatever version of the Lord's Prayer is most meaningful for you.)*

Celebrant: As Jesus taught us, we now pray:

All: Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And 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 forever. Amen.

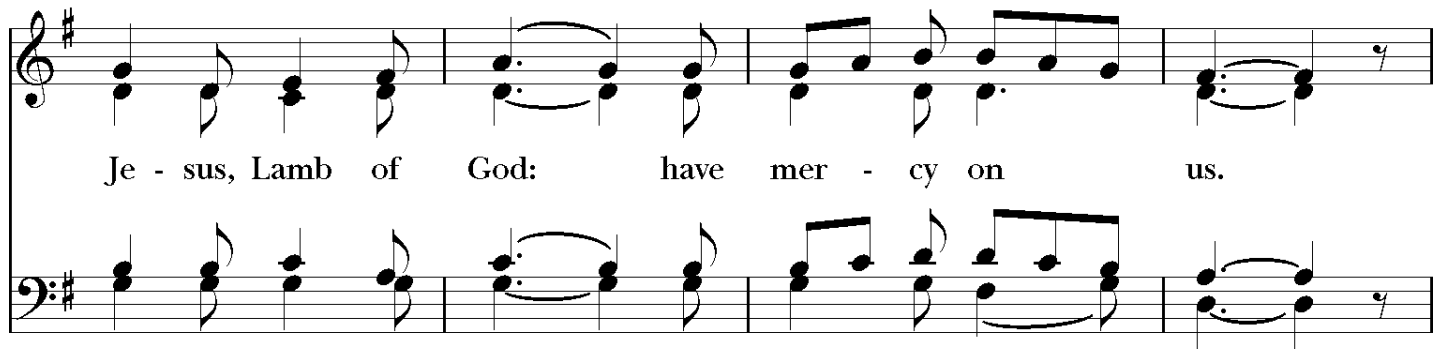
BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: We who are many are one body;

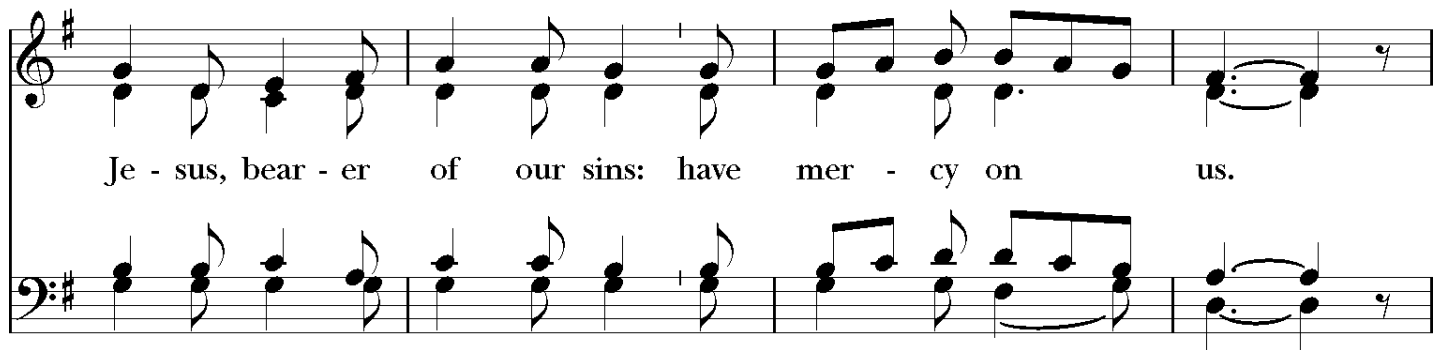
All: For we all share in the one bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM

HYMNAL #S164



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

Section: The Holy Eucharist Title: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei* Music: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937) Copyright: Adaptation: Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

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

COMMUNION

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.

At this time, the Parish of St. Paul offers a common cup as well as individual cups for receiving the consecrated wine. Please either take an individual cup (found on a front pew on the right as you approach the altar for communion) or indicate to the Lay Eucharistic Minister that you would like to receive from the common cup. If you do not wish to receive the consecrated wine, please know that receiving the consecrated bread alone constitutes a full Communion.

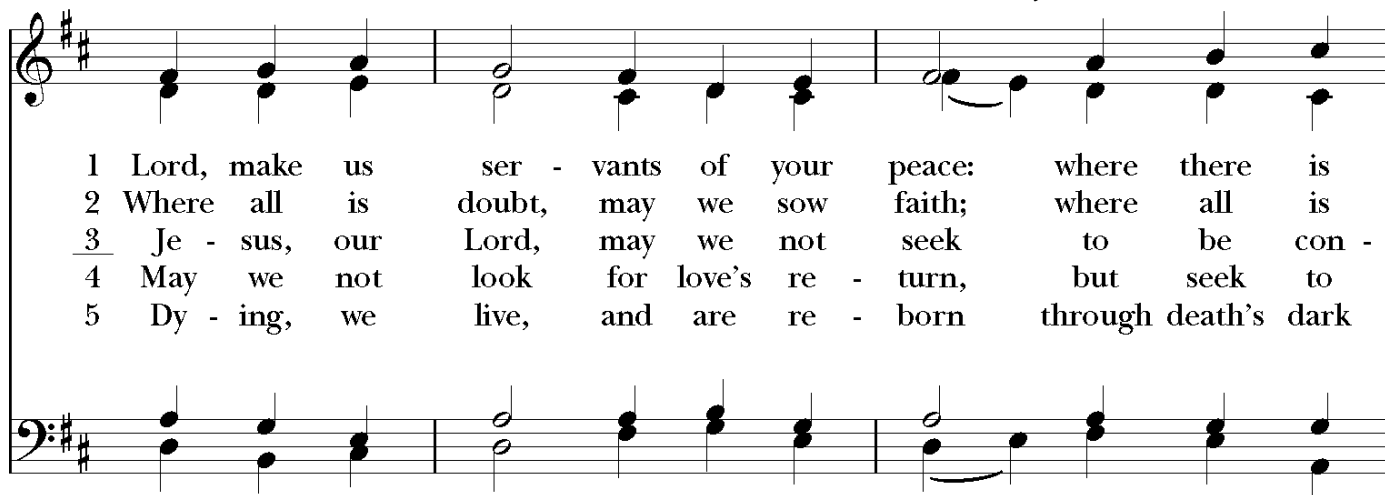
If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire a blessing.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(This 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 (Please rise or sit as you feel moved.) Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace HYMNAL #593



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark



1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your



1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

Section: Christian Responsibility Title: Lord, make us servants of your peace Meter: LM Words: James Quinn (b. 1919), based on a prayer att. to St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) Music: Dickinson College, Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr. (1923-1979) Copyright: Words: Copyright © James Quinn, SJ, printed by permission of Geoffrey Chapman, a division on Cassell Ltd. Music: Copyright © 1962, Theodore Presser Co. used by permission of the publisher.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *(Please rise as you are comfortable)*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of compassion. You have united us with Christ, and you have made us one with all peoples and creatures in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that our lives may give birth to your love in the world, and that we may continue to make our home in your life. Amen.

THE BLESSING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *(Please rise as you are comfortable)*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYMNAL #657

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Section: The Christian Life Title: Love divine, all loves excelling Meter: 87. 87. D Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Our worship has ended, let our service begin. Go in peace to love and serve God and God's people.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Musicians



PARISH NOTICES

Prayers of the People -- Add an Intention Before Liturgy

Beginning today, a basket will be set on the altar before our liturgy, and slips of paper will be available next to the basket *and* on the entrance table inside the church. Please feel free to write an intention and place it into the basket by 10:25am. The intercessor for the day will include these intentions in the Prayers of the People. (Prayers submitted through the basket will be read aloud only on the day they are submitted.)

Pizza and Compline -- Friday, February 28 at 7pm

With its origins in the night prayers said before bed at the end of the monastic round of daily prayer (the liturgy of the hours), Compline is a simple evening service of readings and prayers. We will gather at 7pm for pizza, followed by Compline at 7:30pm. Please **rsvp here by February 27** so we know how much food to order.



Ash Wednesday -- March 5, 2025

St. Paul's will be involved with two liturgies on Ash Wednesday:

- 1) a **Noon Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes (no music) at POSP** with St. Mary's, Newton Lower Falls and Grace, Newton Corner; and
- 2) a **7:30pm Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes (with music) at St. Mary's**, Newton Lower Falls.

You are welcome to attend either or both liturgies!

Celebration of New Ministries -- Sunday, March 9

On Sunday, March 9, the Rev. Canon Greg Perez, who accompanied St. Paul's during our priest-in-charge search process, will be with us to celebrate Rev. Meghan's new ministry as priest-in-charge *and* to celebrate the ministries of elected lay leadership in the parish.

Lee Hatfield Appointed to Vestry

As you may recall, there was a vestry vacancy at the conclusion of our annual parish meeting in January. During the lunch following the meeting, Lee stepped forward to offer to serve. Pursuant to section 5.2 of the parish by-laws, your vestry at its meeting on Feb. 19, appointed Lee to serve in the vacancy for one year until the parish annual meeting in 2026. Thank you, Lee!

Vestry Mutual Ministry Review

On Saturday morning, March 8, your vestry and priest-in-charge will be gathering on Zoom to undertake a mutual ministry review, with the purpose of checking in about the past few months since Rev. Meghan arrived, and, very significantly, to articulate short and long-term goals for the parish. If you have ideas, thoughts, or questions, please be in contact with a vestry member.

Keeping a Holy Lent

This Lent, the parish is invited to engage the Lenten meditation, *A Commonplace Lent*, from Episcopal Relief and Development. You can sign up to receive the daily meditations (see below).



Join Episcopal Relief & Development in exploring A Commonplace Lent

Episcopal Relief & Development is blessed by the opportunity to join readers on their spiritual journeys with thought-provoking Lenten Meditations. During the 2025 Lenten season, we will explore what we share in common: spiritual practices, worship, service and faith. Written by Jerusalem Jackson Greer, our 2025 Lenten Meditations also remind us of how to look—and find—God in the ordinary, everyday aspects of life. Episcopal Relief & Development is committed to “Working Together for Lasting Change.” Each day, these meditations offer insight and inspiration for ways we can share in this bold mission and in our common path to be faithful disciples of Christ.

Visit episcopalrelief.org/Lent or scan the QR code to subscribe to daily emails, download a PDF, read the meditations and access a Group Study Guide to reflect on the meditations with others.



Each week short reflection questions will be included in the parish bulletin.

Prayer List

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please be in contact with Lise in the parish office or with Rev. Meghan, or use the QR code below.



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.

Prayer Circle

Beginning in Lent, we will have a prayer circle that will meet monthly on Zoom in the evening. More details forthcoming.

Receive the Parish Newsletter!

We usually send about one email per week -- we promise we won't bombard you with email!



Can Redemption Volunteers

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

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to reach out to our Vestry!

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