

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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The First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025



Mission Statement

We are a worshipping, inquiring and inclusive community united in Jesus' name to change the world.

Welcoming Statement

We invite everyone to join in the communal life of the body of Christ, through participation and leadership in this congregation, and by fully sharing in the life and sacraments of this church. We affirm that each person is a child of God, and that those of every race, ethnicity, creed, age, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation and gender identity are called to be one with us.

Sunday Worship in Lent

The Lenten season is a time for taking things up. During this season we avoid certain things like singing the Gloria and saying Alleluia. This is to make those things even more special when we start using them again.

This Lent we are using a special liturgy. Much of it will be familiar, a few things will be new. While we don't sing the Gloria we will chant the Kyries. We will also introduce a little Spanish to our service, with the Gospel being read in both English and Spanish for the next seven weeks.

I am also replacing the prayers we have been using for birthdays, anniversaries and people we want to ask for prayer for with some newer ones that attempt to gather our prayers and celebrations. This is a trial only. I would very much value feedback about them and invite you to talk with me after services or via email or telephone. Nothing is set in stone and as you'll continue to hear me say this is just another part of me inviting us to go broader and deeper in our faith and as a Church family.

I invite you to join me as we enter into this Lent, taking up what you can and leaving aside what you must. It is a Holy Time and I invite us all to embrace it fully.

Grace and Peace

Fr Brian

Liturgy for the Lenten Season

Prelude

Chuck Sheaffer

Opening Hymn #150 Forty days and forty nights

Blessed be the God of our salvation:

Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

During Lent in place of the Gloria we chant the ancient Kyries

Kyrie eleison

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison

Christe eleison

Kyrie eleison

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The first lesson is from Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16



- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

The second reading is from Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn Levas #66 I must tell Jesus

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 4:1-13

Glory to you, Lord Christ. (Español: Gloria a ti, Cristo Señor)

Lucas 4:1-13

¹ Jesús, lleno del Espíritu Santo, volvió del río Jordán, y el Espíritu lo llevó al desierto. ² Allí estuvo cuarenta días, y el diablo lo puso a prueba. No comió nada durante esos días, así que después sintió hambre. ³ El diablo entonces le dijo: —Si de veras eres Hijo de Dios, ordena a esta piedra que se convierta en pan.

⁴ Jesús le contestó: —La Escritura dice: “No sólo de pan vivirá el hombre.”

⁵ Luego el diablo lo levantó y, mostrándole en un momento todos los países

del mundo, ⁶ le dijo: —Yo te daré todo este poder y la grandeza de estos países. Porque yo lo he recibido, y se lo daré al que quiera dárselo. ⁷ Si te arrodillas y me adoras, todo será tuyo.

⁸ Jesús le contestó: —La Escritura dice: “Adora al Señor tu Dios, y sírvele sólo a él.”

⁹ Después el diablo lo llevó a la ciudad de Jerusalén, lo subió a la parte más alta del templo y le dijo: —Si de veras eres Hijo de Dios, tírate abajo desde aquí; ¹⁰ porque la Escritura dice:

“Dios mandará que sus ángeles
te cuiden y te protejan.

¹¹ Te levantarán con sus manos,
para que no tropieces con piedra alguna.”

¹² Jesús le contestó: —También dice la Escritura: “No pongas a prueba al Señor tu Dios.”

¹³ Cuando ya el diablo no encontró otra forma de poner a prueba a Jesús, se alejó de él por algún tiempo.

El evangelio del Señor.

Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.

Luke 4:1-13

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” ⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over

to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” ⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: Fr. Brian Dawson

The Nicene Creed

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

The Prayers of the People

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord make us instruments of your peace.

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.**

**Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

Blessings and Celebrations

Birthday Prayer

God of joy and celebration, we thank you for the precious gift of life and for the unique journey that each day brings. As this(ese) your servant(s) celebrate(s) another year of life, we pray for your abundant blessings to be upon them. May your grace continue to guide and shape their paths, filling their days with love, purpose, and joy. Amen

Anniversary Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, for in the good and the bad times of our life you have stood lovingly by our sides.

Bless those whose anniversaries we acknowledge this day.

May they remain faithful and loving so that we may be true witnesses to the covenant you have made with us all. Amen.

Prayer for Those We Love

Gracious God,
we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love,
for this life and the life to come, knowing that you want for us all
better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn #705 As those of old their first fruits brought

Doxology

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.

You call your faithful people to 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, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

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

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.
You gave the world into our care
that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;
and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.
Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery,
sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.
Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died,
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying:
“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this to remember 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection,

we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons,
that with [_____ and] all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

AMEN

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

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

Our Fa-ther who art in hea-ven, Hal-lowed be thy Name, Thy king-dom
come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea ven. Give us this day our
dai-ly bread. For-give us our tres-pas es, As we for-give those who tres pass a-gainst us,
as we for-give. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-ion, but de-li-ver us from
e-vil. This is the king-dom and the pow-er and the
glo-ry for ev-er. A-men

The bread is broken.

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have
 7 mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - dem - er, re - deem - er, of the
 12 world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
 Come, for all things are now ready.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Gluten free wafers are available. If you want just a blessing, please come to the altar rail and cross your arms over your body.

**Communion Hymn WLP #810 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
 See insert**

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**God of abundance,
 you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
 you have united us with Christ and one another;
 and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
 Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
 and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen**

Blessing

Closing Hymn Levas #62 In Christ there is no East or West

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Chuck Sheaffer

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Coffee Hour-Parish Hall following Worship

Enjoy coffee or tea and something delicious each week in the Parish Hall.
Spend a little time getting to know your Christian brothers and sisters before heading out to enjoy your Sunday.



Prayer and Praise

Remember those who have asked for our prayers

Alexa, Pam, Deacon George, Suzan, Robin, Denise, Priscella, Laurence, Louisa, Marlene, Mark, Toni, Mauro, Loretta, Kelly, Gabriel, Joy, Ken, Bonnie, Alfred, Clare, Michael, Rocky, Susan, Dennis, Michael, Ishmael, Lisa, Mary, Bob, Mary, Howard, Cheryl, Marti, Daniel, Tony, Joanne, JoAnne, Linda, Janet, JoHanna, Sasha, Doug, David J., Cherie

Those who have passed away:

Elaine Paradis

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Those in the Military:

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Special Prayers:

Please keep the Clergy, Vestry and Wardens of St. Paul's in your prayers.

Ministries of St. Paul's

Salvation Army Dinner at Berberian Shelter

March Ministry Schedule

Dates	Mar 2 nd	Mar 9 th	Mar 16 th	Mar 23 rd	Mar 30 th
Clergy	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian
Acolytes	Judy T. Nancy S.	Nancy S. Judy T.	Nancy S. Jim P.	Nancy S. Judy T.	Nancy S. Judy T.
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Ushers	Phil M. Linda L.	Claudine R.	Greg B. Carolyn L.	Phil M. Carolyn L.	David L. Claudine R.
Greeters	Phil M. Lynelle H.	David L. Claudine	Greg B. Carolyn L.	Phil M. Carolyn L.	David L. Claudine R.
Vestry Rep.	Sarah H.	Courtney S.	Lora B.	Luis	Nancy S.

Coming Up In Lent & Holy Week

Sunday – *Starts March 9th* 5.30 pm Zoom Lenten Book Study (*Turning Over Tables*) & Night Prayer

Tuesday *Starts Midday March 11th* Noon Day Prayer & Lenten Book Study (*Turning Over Tables*) in Guadalupe Chapel

Thursday – 10 am Eucharist in the Church

Starts March 13th 10.45 am Lenten Book Study (*Can You Drink This Cup* by Henri Nouwen) in Guadalupe Chapel

Sunday March 30th – Parish Forum following 10 am Eucharist

Sunday April 1st-8 am Rite 1 Eucharist-No music or sermon

Holy Week April 13th – 20th

Palm Sunday

10 am Palm Sunday Eucharist with Confirmations & Yellow Bag

Collection *Bishop David visiting*

5.30 pm Zoom Lenten Book Study & Night Prayer

Holy Tuesday 1 pm Diocesan Chrism Mass at St James' Cathedral Fresno

All invited

Holy Wednesday

7.15 am Eucharist

Noon Final Lenten Book Study

5.30 pm Final Zoom Lenten Book Study

Maundy Thursday 5 pm Potluck Meal in the Church followed by Eucharist, foot washing & vigil

Good Friday 10 am Way of the Cross

Holy Saturday 7 pm Easter Eve Vigil (*with St Francis Turlock at St Paul's*)

Easter Day 10 am Easter Eucharist

Lenten Book Study—Zoom Information

Today is the first of our Zoom Lenten Book Study sessions. Below is the link and password information.

Anyone is welcome to join us. If you haven't ordered the book please ensure you get a copy (Kindle might be your best option now) of "Turning Over Tables" by Kathy Escobar. In the first session we will look at both the Ash Wednesday and First Week of Lent chapters. Following weeks will focus on the study for that week in the book.

The sessions will be approximately 60 minutes followed by Night Prayer which is roughly 10-15 minutes.

I look forward to us taking this journey together.

Brian Dawson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83350737801?pwd=x6pNgYEAckdB5zm3vQrcv38VURD8AI.1>

Meeting ID: 833 5073 7801

Passcode: 210399

Grace and peace

Brian+

Access the link above from the March 3rd email from Linda Lowe, reference "Lenten Book Study Zoom Info"

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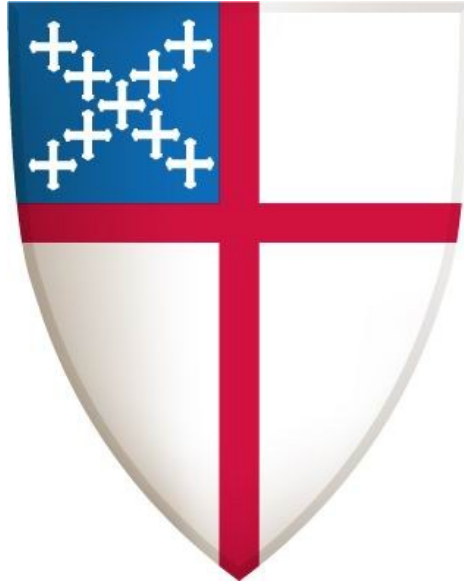
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