



**SAINT
PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL
DAYTON·OH**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MORNING PRAYER
MARCH 10, 2024, 10:00 AM**

As a courtesy to others, please silence your cell phone.

PRELUDE: SCHMÜCKE DICH, O LIEBE SEELE
(DECK THYSELF, MY SOUL, WITH GLADNESS)

J.S. BACH

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN #686

NETTLETON

OPENING SENTENCE, BCP, PG.76

CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Officiant and People kneeling together

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.

ABSOLUTION

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

Standing

INVITATORY

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.**

Officiant The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

People **Come let us adore him.**

VENITE HYMNAL #S35 (*Sung by all*)

Officiant The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

People **Come let us adore him.**

Please be seated

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22 (*Sung by the choir*)

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.

22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

FIRST READING: NUMBER 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

(Standing)

CANTICLE 14, A SONG OF PENITENCE (*Said by all, BCP pg. 90*)

Please be seated

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable

riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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People Thanks be to God.

Standing

CANTICLE 16, THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH (*Said by all, BCP pg. 92*)

THIRD READING: JOHN 3:14-21

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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People Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

MICHAEL MILLER

Standing

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Officiant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our
life and labor to the Lord.

Please be seated

OFFERTORY MUSIC: SINCE BY MAN CAME DEATH (FROM THE MESSIAH) *HANDEL*

Standing

HYMN #43, VS. 4

THE EIGHTH TUNE

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Standing or kneeling

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER, BCP P. 97

SUFFRAGES

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

COLLECTS

Collect of the Day: 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.*

Amen.

Collect for Lent: Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays: O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

Standing

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all the ages. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING PRAYER

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN #530

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POSTLUDE: VERSET

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We ask your prayers for: Anna, Earl, Anne, Tom, Bob, and Emilee.

And for those serving in the Armed Forces and Diplomatic Corps of our Country: John Sampson, Isaac Maze, Brandon Wood, F. David Geesler, Dylan Ferguson, Brett Griffin, Joshua Elliott, R.J. DaPrato, and Philip Pretzinger.

See list of Birthdays in the weekly email.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer—The Episcopal Church.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer—St. Philip's , Columbus; St. Stephen's, Columbus; Trinity, Columbus; and Extraparochial Priests.

The Altar Arrangements are given to the Glory of God.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GROW! Tonight at 5pm. Join us for Evening Prayer, dinner, and *Being With* book discussion.

Lenten Book Study & Dinner - Join us for a discussion of *Tarry Awhile*, our Lenten study book and simple supper. We meet on Wednesdays during Lent at 6pm for a simple dinner and discussion.

Reception Classes - Those who desire to be received into the Episcopal Church during our May 12, 2024 visitation from the Bishop should contact Mike Miller at m.miller3309@gmail.com. These classes are held in the library and will be on April 14th and April 28th beginning at 4pm.

The remaining **Confirmation classes** will be **tonight**, and April 14, and April 28, in the library at 4pm.

Easter Flowers - Would you like to remember, or give thanks for, a loved one this coming Easter season? Your donation to the altar Guild Sanctuary Fund for the Easter flowers that will adorn the altar area is greatly appreciated (\$40 suggested minimum) The name of the loved one you would like to honor/remember will also be included in the Easter bulletins. Please respond by Wednesday, March 20 in one of several ways.

1. Mail donation and names to be honored/remembered to the church. Put "Easter Flowers" in the notes.
2. Visit stpauls-dayton.org. Click the *Giving* button in the top right corner and complete the form. Remember to select *Flowers Easter*. Indicate the name(s) in the Notes section. (*First -time users will need to create an account. There is a 3% service charge for this service.*)
3. Pick up an envelope in the cloister and complete or email altarguild@stpauls-dayton.org with the name(s) of your loved one(s).

Join us on Palm Sunday, March 24, at 12:15pm in the church for a *Bach in the Subways* performance by our Music Director , Cara Geerlings, on piano and pipe organ. The concert will feature the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, and is part of an international effort to bring live classical music to the masses.

The next gathering of the **St. Paul's Women's Group** will take place at Eudora Brewing Company on Tuesday, April 2, starting at 6:00pm. All are welcome to meet for food, drinks, or both! There is no need to RSVP. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Cara Geerlings at cara@stpauls-dayton.org. We hope to see you there!

Mark your calendars for a special evening at St. Paul's! Irish Spring, Saturday, April 13th from 6pm - 10pm. Enjoy Ceili dancing and traditional Irish food in the Parish Hall. More information to follow.

More news on the St. Paul's App and at www.stpauls-dayton.org.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WELCOME!

We're glad you're here today! Your presence — in person, or online — with us is a blessing. We invite you to participate in worship, say the prayers, sing the songs, and introduce yourself. You'll find a visitor card in the pew back in front of you. We're so excited to meet you.

Communion Instructions *(When Communion is offered)*

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please proceed to the front of the church to the kneelers. Standing or kneeling, place one palm in the other to receive the host. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Communicants who wish to receive from the Common Cup may intinct or drink directly from the Chalice. Those who would like a blessing are invited to cross their arms over their chest, and a member of the Clergy will say a blessing.

WORSHIP TIMES

10:00 am - Sung Service with Hymns
(also available online)

Morning Prayer: Tuesday & Friday at 9:30 am

GROW! - 2nd & 4th Sunday every month at 5pm

Office hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday – Thursday
9:00 am - 12:00 pm on Friday