



**SAINT
PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL
DAYTON·OH**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MORNING PRAYER
FEBRUARY 25, 2024, 10:00 AM**

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

PRELUDE: WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS? *AMERICAN FOLK HYMN, ARR. ALICE PARKER*

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN #401 (VS. 1-3 ONLY)

LEONI

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 22:22-30 (*Sung by the choir*)

- 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him , O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him.
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
The saving deeds that he has done.

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: GENESIS 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

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: ROMANS 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom

he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Standing

CANTICLE 16, THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH Hymnal #S248 (*Sung by all*)

THIRD READING: MARK:8:31-38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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People **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

RON BROWN-GRAY, WORSHIP LEADER & VERGER

*Sermon by: Rev. Dr. Miranda Hasset, St. Dunstan Episcopal Church in Madison, WI
(with personal perspectives from Ron).*

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.

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

Officiant Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

People **Who has made heaven and earth.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, by whose Word all things are sanctified, pour your blessings upon these prayer shawls, and grant that those who receive and use them with thanksgiving may, by the invocation of your holy Name, receive from you health of body and protection of soul, for you, O God, are the lover and healer of souls. We ask these things through Christ our Lord. **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: JESUS, SO LOWLY

FRIEDELL

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: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **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.**

BENEDICTION

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 #675

BOURBON

POSTLUDE: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT LÄSST WALTEN
(WHOEVER LETS OUR DEAR GOD RULE)

J. S. BACH

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 Church of Tanzania.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer—All Saints Lutheran/Episcopal Community, Washington Court House; Retired Priests; The Diocesan Council, Commission on Congregational Life and Commission on Ministry; Lay Leaders of the Diocese; Lay Preachers, Teachers, and Evangelists; and Episcopal Church Women (ECW).

The Altar Arrangements are given to the Glory of God.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation / Reception Classes - Those who desire to be confirmed or 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 will be held in the library and begin **tonight at 4pm**. The other classes will be held on March 10, April 14, and April 28.

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.

Celebration of Being Rooted in Abundance Open House - Please join us in the Parish Hall this Friday, March 1st anytime between 4:00-6:00 pm for a reception to thank you for participating in our Stewardship Campaign.

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 *(for Sunday's 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