



**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**FEBRUARY 18, 2024, 10:00 AM**

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

**We ask your prayers for:** 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 of Sudan.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**—St. Simon of Cyrene, Lincoln Heights; St. Paul's, Logan; Trinity, London; and Retired Deacons.

**The Altar Arrangements** are given to the Glory of God.

**TODAY'S BULLETIN COVER** - Briton (1840-1920), a British artist and illustrator of French Huguenot descent, member of the Royal Academy, and was the son of an artist and Oxford professor. Briton's favorite subject was animals, although he also painted portraiture and naturalistic scenes. In contrast to the highly detailed paintings of most of Briton's career, this depiction of Jesus' sojourn in the desert is almost impressionistic in the use of color (notice Jesus' mauve hair tone against an orange sky). Jesus' pose, downcast and almost slumped over, along with the placement high upon a rock overlooking the horizon, suggests a deep isolation and perhaps loneliness in the midst of his encounter with the devil. Contrasted with this loneliness is the color of the sky, perhaps the coming dawn, and the hope of a new day, the beginning of Jesus' ministry.

## THE GREAT LITANY

*Please stand*



O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.



O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.



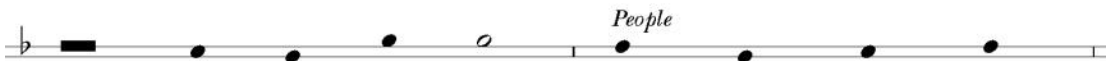
O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.



O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.



Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy



preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.



From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the



devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,



Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

*(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)*

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)*

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true

knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants of this nation, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Paul, and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**



*Officiant* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

*People* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.



*Officiant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *People* Have mer-cy up-on us.

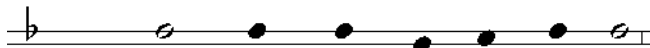
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.



*Officiant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *People* Grant us thy peace.



*Officiant* O Christ, hear us. *People* O Christ, hear us.



*Officiant* Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*People* Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant* Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

*Please be seated.*

### FIRST READING: GENESIS 9:8-17

**G**od said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds,

and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**THE RESPONSE: PSALM 25:1-9 (SUNG BY CHOIR)**

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.



SECOND READING: I PETER 3:18-22

**C**hrist also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*All rise as they are able.*

GOSPEL PROCESSION HYMN #559

*DULCE CARMEN*

THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**I**n those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*All stand as they are able.*

### THE NICENE CREED

**W**e believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

**W**e 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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
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.

**W**e believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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 PEACE

*Leader*            The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**



*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love. . .

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

The musical notation consists of three staves in G major. The first staff is for the Celebrant, with a solid black bar for the first measure. The second and third staves are for the Celebrant and People. The lyrics are: Therefore, according to his com - mand, O Fa - ther, We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur - rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

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. . .By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

The musical notation shows a single staff with a treble clef and a common time signature. It is divided into two parts: 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The lyrics are: A-men.

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

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**, BCP, p. 364

**FRACTION ANTHEM**, HYMNAL #S161

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Taken them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**HYMN#448**

*DEUS TUORUM MILITUM*

*All stand or kneel as they are able.*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**, BCP, PG. 365

## SOLEMN LENTEN PRAYER

*Deacon* Bow down before the Lord.

*(the people kneel)*

*The Celebrant says the Prayer*

HYMN #150

AUS DER TIEFE RUFTE ICH

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: VERSO IN E MINOR

ZIPOLI

### **Welcome to The Rev. Canon Michael Spencer as our Celebrant today.**

Raised in a small town in Michigan, Michael graduated from Michigan State University and then served a term in the Episcopal Service Corps in Los Angeles. Upon his return to his home state, Michael was a human resources officer at Michigan State for eight years. While serving as a lay leader in Eastern Michigan, he served on the Commission on Ministry, the diocesan youth and young adult leadership team, and has served as a deputy to General Convention since 2009. After graduation from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Michael served his curacy at St. Christopher's in Grand Blanc and also served at an ELCA parish.

During his nine-year service on the staff of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan, Michael helped launch the multi-diocesan effort known as "Flyover Church," which is an effort to recruit clergy on the coasts to consider ministry in the heartland, and he convened a team of diocesan transition ministers to revive the practice of gathering all the transition ministers in the US once a triennium to engage in collegial relationship building and professional development.

Michael and his partner David are looking forward to continuing their interests in travel, homespun culinary arts, sacred choral music (amongst lots of other music), and providing a home for four-legged companions.

## WALKING THE WAY OF THE CROSS



### **Lent 2024 at St. Paul's**

The Season of Lent is commonly known as a time to focus on one's spiritual life and relationship with God. But it is also a corporate journey, a time for the bonds of parish life to be renewed and strengthened. Visit the St. Paul's website to learn all about our shared journey and opportunities for prayer, study, fellowship, and service.

Image: The Seventh Station of the Cross at St. Boniface Church, Leeuwarden, Netherlands. Image courtesy Wiki Commons.

## **NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**You are all invited** to an organ concert **tonight**, given by Cara Geerlings. She will be presenting a short, 40-minute concert on the beautiful Fisk pipe organ at St. George's Episcopal church, 5520 Far Hills Avenue, starting at 6:15 pm. We hope to see many of you there!

**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. Confirmation / Reception classes will be held in the library at 4pm on the following Sundays: February 25, March 10, April 14, and April 28.

**Movie Night** - You've Got Mail (1998) Directed by Nora Ephron, starring Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan, Greg Kinnear and Parker Posey. Remember your first computer? Remember connecting to the internet through your land-line telephone? Remember hearing that voice, "You've Got Mail?" Join us and reminisce with a good-old-fashioned love story on **Thursday, February 22nd** with dinner at 6:00 PM, movie at 6:30 and popcorn throughout.

**More news on the St. Paul's App and at [www.stpauls-dayton.org](http://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** - *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

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