

Welcome to St. Paul's! We are grateful you are joining us on this Sunday and look forward to welcoming you into this life we share through the love of Jesus Christ! Please don't forget to silence your devices as our worship service begins.

Families are welcome to sit anywhere they would like, including our dedicated children's area in the Chapel, which features self-directed activities and books. Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall on the Occidental Avenue side of the church campus. Our worship service is live-streamed on St. Paul's YouTube Channel, where we welcome online friends to pray with us.

All are warmly invited to participate in Holy Communion at St. Paul's. If you prefer not to receive the wine, simply cross your arms over your chest as the Eucharistic Minister greets you saying, "the Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation." Thank you for sharing the light of your presence with our community this sacred season! May God's grace and peace be near to you this week.

Prelude

I. Valley of the Bones (Spiritual Suite), Margaret Bonds (1913-1972)

All stand as the procession enters.

Introit

Come, renew us, Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

*Come, Lord, come to us, enter our darkness with your light,
Fill our emptiness with your presence,
Come, refresh, restore, renew us.*

~ David Adam (1936-2020)

An Exhortation to Repentance

The priest invites the people to examination and repentance. The people's responses are in bold.

In the Scriptures, the prophets remind us, that if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us therefore confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people kneel, as able. Silence may be kept.

Confession and Absolution

Minister and People

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.**

The priest stands and pronounces words that proclaim God's grace.

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

All sing

Kyrie

Missa Oecumenica, Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

The musical score is for a Kyrie, featuring vocal lines and piano accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time and the key of B-flat major. The score is divided into two systems. The first system includes a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "1, 3. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. 2. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy." The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "1, 3. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy. 2. Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy." The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes. The score is marked with a dynamic of *mp* (mezzo-piano).

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Children are invited to congregate by the Celebrant and altar rail.

For the Season of Lent: Children in the PrayGrounds and within the church are invited to congregate in front of the Celebrant's chair by the altar rail. All sing *A Song of Hope* as the children and their chaplains process out of the church to their chapel experience in the Parish Hall.

All stand to sing

A Song of Hope

Words & Music: Choristers of St. Paul's (2026)



1. We sing a wist - ful song of hope
4. O God, you shape all worlds and time,
from blue clouds of joy and sad - ness.
You hold earth with love and com - fort.
Com - plex end - ings, lon - ging re - gret; your
Help us make a new world of hope, as
waves of peace flow deep be - low.
we re - joice in your good word.

The people are seated.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me,

After the reading, the reader says

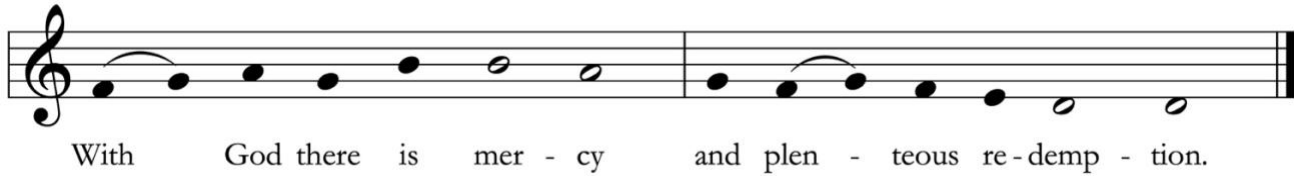
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

"Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Cantor sings Refrain. All sing Refrain. Cantor sings verses.



1. Out of the depths have I called to you; O God, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

All sing Refrain.

2. If you were to note what is done amiss, *
O God, who could stand.

3. For there is forgiveness with you, *
therefore you shall be feared.

All sing Refrain.

4. I wait for you, O God; my soul waits for you; *
in your word is my hope.

5. My soul waits for you, more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

All sing Refrain.

6. O Israel, wait upon God, *
for with God there is mercy.

7. With God there is plenteous redemption; *
God shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

All sing Refrain.

Second Lesson

Romans 8: 6-11

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Rome

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

After the reading, the reader says

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand to sing once in unison, and a second time in canon, led by the pulpit side.

Sequence Hymn 715

“When Jesus wept,” William Billings

The Holy Gospel

John 11: 1-4

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who

came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you

would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

After the Gospel, the reader says

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated

Sermon

The Rev. Nick W. Roosevelt

During the season of Lent, a moment of prayerful reflection is observed following the sermon.

All stand.

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:

**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.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

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

Form III, *The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

Most loving God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

We pray for The Anglican Church of Korea in the Anglican Communion and for churches and ministries in the Alameda Deanery and for the Dean, the Very Rev. Bruce O'Neill, and for churches and ministries in the Contra Costa Deanery and for the Dean, the Very Rev. Dr. Deborah White in the Diocese of California. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for the priesthood of all believers and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That we may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be mercy, justice, and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

We lift up all who have requested the prayers of this community, especially Cyndy Bodenlos, Rodney Gehrke, Michael Kimball, Sonny Liu, Jen Norman, Jim Prescott, and Craig Tam. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We lift up all who have entered your nearer presence, God. We pray especially for Listina Moa in our community; John A. Klinner, Ariana G. Savino, Ashley B. Pruitt, Seth R. Koval, Curtis J. Angst, Tyler H. Simmons and all others who have died in the military violence in the Middle East but whose names are not yet known. We also pray for the repose of the soul of Ayman Mohamad Ghazali, and all those who were affected by the Temple Israel shooting in Michigan. May your comfort surround every community in which weaponized fear and hatred destroy human lives.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The Celebrant concludes the prayers, saying

Most merciful God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of hosts.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless'd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

All glory be to you, Most Holy One, for that you created heaven and earth, and made us in your own image; and, of your tender mercy, gave your only Son Jesus Christ to take our human nature and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. Jesus there made a full and complete sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, Our Savior took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as you shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord, we your people do celebrate and make, with these your holy gifts which we now offer unto you, the memorial your Son has commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for Christ's coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech you, O merciful God, to hear us, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of your dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire your goodness to accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto you, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we pray, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all your whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be unto you, Almighty God, world without end. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei

Chant

Cantor
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:

All
have mer - cy on us. Cantor
Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: All Cantor
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sins of the world: All
grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome to receive the bread and the wine, if desired. Ushers will invite you forward by rows to approach the rail, where you may kneel or stand to receive Communion. If you would like Communion brought to your seat, please let an usher know.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. In addition to the consecrated bread, wine in the chalice is available to those who wish to receive it. Please drink directly from the cup, guiding it to your mouth, and do not intinct (dip) the bread. Feel free to return to your seat if you do not wish to sip from the cup.

To indicate a prayer of blessing is preferred, please cross your arms over your chest as the communion minister comes to you. However you choose to share in this sacred meal, we pray God's love strengthens you in your Lenten journey.

Communion Anthem

Sicut cervus, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525 – 1594)

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fonts aquarum: ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

As a deer yearns for streams of water, so I yearn for You, O God.

~ Psalm 42:2

All stand to say

The Postcommunion Prayer

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: May our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Lenten Prayer over the People

The Priest offers a reminder of God's extravagant love and sends the people into the world to share God's blessing.

Presider Bow down your hearts before the Lord our God.

Look down in mercy, O God, on your people who kneel before you; and, grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of the Merciful Creator, Loving Savior, and Transforming Spirit, be among you this day and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

All sing stanzas 1-3

Hymn 473

“Lift high the cross,” *Crucifer*

The Dismissal

Our worship is ended. Our service in the world begins.

Go forth to love what God loves. Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Adagio for Strings, Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

During this season of Lent, all are invited to quietly linger in the church following the postlude, creating a sacred space for prayer and contemplation before going back into the world.

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