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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER

March 13, 2022 | 9:15 AM & 11:15 AM



A Little About St. Paul & the Redeemer

What kind of church is this?

St. Paul & the Redeemer (SPR) is a community that seeks to mirror the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus, holding together a progressive outlook and a rootedness in the Christian faith. We are woven of different races, economic statuses, cultural backgrounds, faith backgrounds, gender identities, and sexual orientations, and we are strengthened and enriched by each person's story and voice.

Let's Get Connected

Welcome! If you are new, tell us about yourself and get connected to what's happening at St. Paul & the Redeemer.

Scan the code or visit sprchicago.org/new to complete a Let's Get Connected form.

Bulletin Rubrics

Throughout the bulletin, the congregation is invited to say all **bolded** text aloud. There are also times when it is customary to make the sign of the cross by touching your forehead, chest, left shoulder, and right shoulder. If you wish to do so, the + indicates that.

Children's Formation

Nursery, 9:00am-12:30pm | Professionally staffed nursery care is available during the services for children ages 0-4. The nursery is down the southwest stairs. Changing tables are in the downstairs restrooms and the nursery.

Children's Chapel, Sundays, 9:30am-9:45am | During the sermon at the 9:15 service, children from preschool to second grade are invited to a special liturgy in the children's chapel, featuring songs and a Bible story.

Godly Play, Sundays, 10:20am-11:05am | Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to Godly Play. Children are welcome to join Godly Play at any time during the year. To learn about volunteering with Godly Play, contact interim director of children's formation Padma Vundi (vundi@sprchicago.org).

SPR's Anti-Racism Vision Statement

We strive to become a beloved community that reflects on our own racial identities and recognizes racism and privilege in our church and society; works for justice by building relationships and sustained efforts to heal, reconcile, and seek Christ in each other; and acts to interrupt and dismantle white supremacist structures, transforming ourselves and our church to become a living embodiment of justice and peace.

Giving to SPR

Every dollar you give to SPR supports our ministry to and with our community. You may place cash or a check in the offering plate, give online at sprchicago.org/give-online or scan this code. If you are visiting, please do not feel obligated to give—it is our honor to have you as our guest!

Join the SPR Choirs

The children's choirs, St. Nicholas Choir (SNC) for children in grades 2 and below, and the SPR Choristers for children and young people from grade 3 up rehearse on Thursdays at 6pm. SNC finishes at 6:30; and the Choristers will finish at 7pm, inclusive of snack time. Please contact Gretchen Eng (eng@sprchicago.org) to learn more about SNC, and Christian Clough (clough@sprchicago.org) for the Choristers. The adult choirs for the 9:15 & 11:15 liturgies rehearse together beginning at 7pm. Contact Christian for more information. Visitors are welcome!

Youth Ministries

Youth Formation, Sundays, 10:20am-11:05am | Join us for youth formation (grades 6-12). We gather for 45 minutes to enjoy donuts and discussion.

Youth Group, Sundays, 5-7pm | Today, from 5-7pm, the youth will cook and share a meal together. We will enjoy this simple fellowship and discuss communion and Jesus's invitation to the table. Ingredients will be provided, but youth are welcome to bring food as they would like. For more information contact Director of Youth Formation Ross Fogg (fogg@sprchicago.org).



Welcome to Lent

What Is Lent?

The season of Lent is a 40-day season of preparing for Easter. This preparation traditionally includes practices like fasting, almsgiving, confession of sin, and prayer. More broadly, it's a time for simplifying or reordering our lives in order to be more fully alive: One may give up something good in order to better appreciate it after Easter. One may give up something not-so-good in order to eliminate it once and for all from one's life. One may take up a new practice, like daily prayer or scripture reflection or a service project, in order to find new grounding in the life of God.

Our Worship Space

At St. Paul & the Redeemer, we usually worship in the round, with the altar in the center and all of us gathered around it. In Lent, as you can see, we change things up.

One reason we do this is just for the sake of changing things around because that's something that Lent is about: reordering our lives in order to wake up to ourselves and to the world around us a bit more – to unsettle us from our usual habits and perspectives.

The particular arrangement of our space in Lent reflects how many monastic communities worship. Such communities are places of service, fasting, and deep prayer. Lent is our chance to walk in such ways for a season. This arrangement also brings the choir into the midst of us, helping us to sing more boldly.

Giving in Lent

Our version of "almsgiving" at SPR is financially supporting the important work of two of our partners:

Teachers' Salaries at St. Patrick's School | Tom Gateau, Haiti

During Lent, SPR raises money for teachers' salaries at the school run by our partner parish, St. Patrick's in Tom Gateau, Haiti. Your generosity is appreciated: \$5 pays for a day of one teacher's salary; \$25 for a week; and \$100 for a month. (This is different from the money we raise for the St. Patrick's school lunch and music programs each fall.)

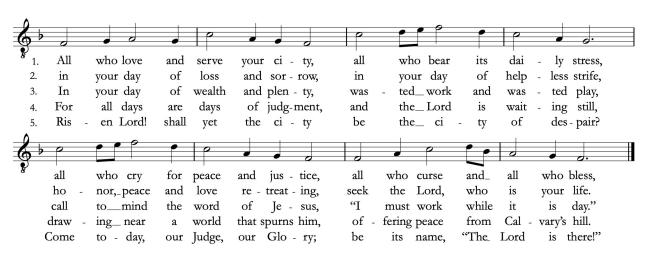
Shoesmith School | Kenwood, Chicago

SPR partners with Shoesmith School, our neighborhood elementary school, to support programming for students. This year the money raised will go towards enhancing the gardens & outdoor spaces at Shoesmith and for purchasing needed supplies for studends.

Offering Envelopes for both are in the seatbacks. Please make checks payable to "SPR" and put "Shoesmith" and/or "Haiti" in the memo.

THE WORD OF GOD

When the bell rings, please stand as able and sing.



The Hymnal 1982 #571 "All who love and serve your city"

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A Penitential Rite

+ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures for ever.

The Choir sings.

Jesus said: "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Music: Charles Rus (b. 1960), © 1990 Charles Rus

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel or bow.

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.

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.**



The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #S-96

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The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.

Please be seated.

The Lessons

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

The Choir sings the first verse. The psalm is then sung antiphonally by full verse, beginning on the north side of the church, as indicated.



Choir God is my light and my salvation; whom then shall **f** fear? *

God is the strength of my life; of whom then shall / **I bé** afraid?

North When evildoers came upon me to eat up 'my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stum/bled ánd fell.

South Though an army should encamp a/gáinst me, * yet my heart shall not / be áfraid;

- Choir And though war should rise up a/**gáinst** me, * yet will I put my / **trust ín** God.
- North One thing have I asked of you, O God; one thing **i** seek: *
 that I may dwell in your house all the days / **of my** life,
- South To behold your fair beauty, **Ó** God, * and to seek you in / **your tém**ple.
- Choir For in the day of trouble you shall keep me safe in your **shél**ter; * you shall hide me in the secrecy of your dwelling and set me high / **upón** a rock.
- North Even now you lift up my **héad** * above my enemies round / **abóut** me.
- South Therefore I will offer in your dwelling an oblation with sounds of great **glád**ness; * I will sing and make mu/**sic tó** you.
- Choir Hearken to my voice, O Most High, when I **cáll**; * have mercy on me / **and án**swer me.
- North You speak in my heart and say, "Seek 'my face." * Your face, O God, / will i seek.
- South Hide not your **fáce** from me, *
 nor turn away your servant in / **displéa**sure.
- Choir You have been my helper; cast me not **á**way; * do not forsake me, O God of my / **salvá**tion.
- North Though my father and my mother for**sáke** me, * you will / **sustáin** me.
- South Show me your way, **Ó** God, *

 lead me on a level path, because of / **my én**emies.
- Choir Deliver me not into the hand of my advérsaries, *
 for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who / speak málice.
- North What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of 'my God * in the land of / the líving!
- South O tarry and await God's pleasure; be strong, and let your heart take **cóm**fort; * wait pa/**tient'ly** for God.

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A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able and sing.



"Bless the Lord, my soul" (from the Community of Taizé)

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At the + below, you are invited to trace a cross over your forehead, your mouth, and your heart.

+ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Luke 13:31-35

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Chapel (9:15 only)

Children in preschool to second grade are invited to attend their own liturgy in the chapel, led by children's ministry staff Padma Vundi and Gretchen Eng. Participants under age 3 are encouraged to bring a parent. The children will return to the main service at the Peace.

The Sermon

Today's Preacher: The Rev. Lydia Gajdel (Priest Associate)

Nicene Creed

Let us confess the faith of the church.

Please stand as able.

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.

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.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for peace and security for the people of Ukraine.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the birthdays of **Annikka** Bouwsma (3/13), **Kai** Kolata (3/13), **Ronne** Hartfield (3/17), **Maureen** Jesuthasan (3/17), **Judi** Jordan (3/17), **Mel** Parks (3/18), **Jennifer** Penn (3/18), **Gomez** Charleston (3/19), and **Karlin** Gatton (3/19); and for the anniversary of **Bryce** Barney **& David** Reinhart (3/16). Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for **Billie** Paige (sister of Carol Moseley Braun), **Bob** Bator, **Brigette** Skrzypek (friend of Bob & Sheila Bator), **Dan** Goering (brother of Barbra Goering), **Bob** Naftzger, **Manohar** Kamat, **David** Daniels, **Marian** Elliott, **Pauline** and **Bill** Reynolds (parents of Liza Reynolds), and all those on our prayer list.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for, **Hank** Underwood (3/9/2022), **Robert** Morris (3/17, father of Clark Morris), **Thomas** Christensen, Sr. (3/17/1991, father of Thomas Christensen), and **Madonna** Hoffman (3/19/2020, mother of Doug Hoffman).

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

I invite you to offer your own prayers and thanksgivings, ending each with "Lord, in your mercy."

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer list: Billie Paige (sister of Carol Moseley Braun), Bob Bator, Brigette Skrzypek (friend of Bob & Sheila Bator), Dan Goering (brother of Barbra Goering), Bob Naftzger, Manohar Kamat, Barbara Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), Klara Burger (godmother of Kerstin Wellbery), Stacey Morris, Hank Underwood, Jacquelynne Corey Hain, David Daniels, Marian Elliott, Naomi Haynes, Amelia Dammen (grandniece of Lisa Rademacher), Pauline and Bill Reynolds (parents of Liza Reynolds), Tim Brown (cousin of Maureen Jesuthasan), William Jenkins (uncle of Twila Jones), Chloe Riethmiller (granddaughter of Mary & Bob Naftzger), Rock Sehr, and Tim Sehr, as well as their caregivers.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Please remain at your seat and wave to greet your neighbors. Some announcements will be given; there's much more to find out in the front and back pages of this bulletin.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Sung by the Choir and Congregation, in alternatim. In Shaker hymn-singing, the tradition is for each section of a hymn to be sung twice, presumably to assist the singing of those who don't read music, or when there isn't a printed music version available. Each section will be sung first by the choir and then repeated by all.



"What heavenly comfort Jehovah's allotted"

Words and Music: Heavenly Comfort, Shaker tune from A Sacred Repository of Anthems and Hymns (1852), transcribed by Joel I. Cohen from the library of the Shaker Community at Sabbathday Lake, Maine. Public domain.

The Great Thanksgiving

All stand as the offering is brought to the altar.

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 our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All sing.





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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. **Amen**.

The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, Eucharistic Prayer A

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.



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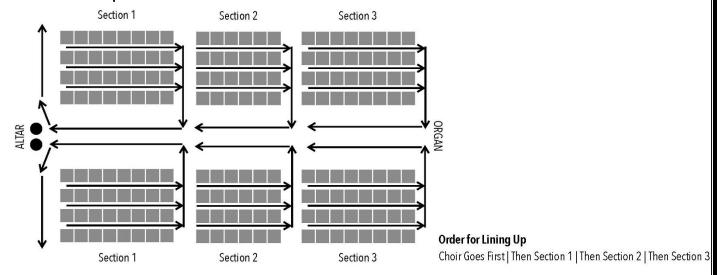
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The gifts of God for the people of God.

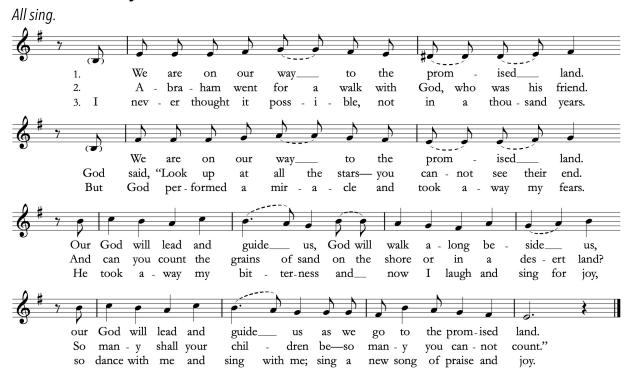
All, without exception, are invited to receive communion. If you would like to receive communion at your seat, please let the ushers know. If you want gluten-free bread, tell the communion minister. If you would like a blessing in place of communion, cross your arms over your chest.

[&]quot;Jesus, Lamb of God" (Agnus Dei)

How to Line Up for Communion



Communion Hymns

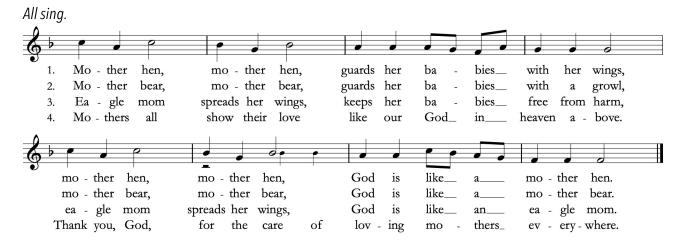


My Heart Sings Out #96 "We are on our way to the promised land"

Words: based on Genesis 12:1-2, 15:5, 17:19, 21:1-2, adapt. Helen Walter. Music: Emily R. Brink

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My Heart Sings Out #141 "Mother hen, mother hen"

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Sending Forth & Blessing

Please stand as able.

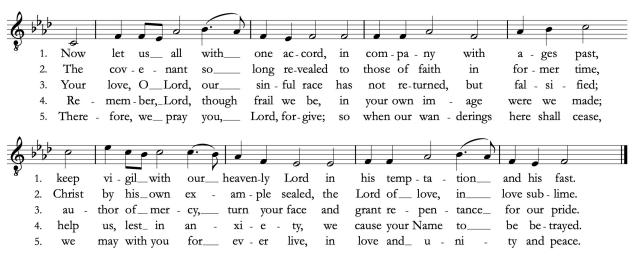
Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Book of Occasional Services, 2018, Lent 2 Blessing

All sing. The first stanza is sung in unison. Stanzas 2 & 3 may be sung in harmony



The Hymnal 1982 - #147 "Now let us all with one accord"

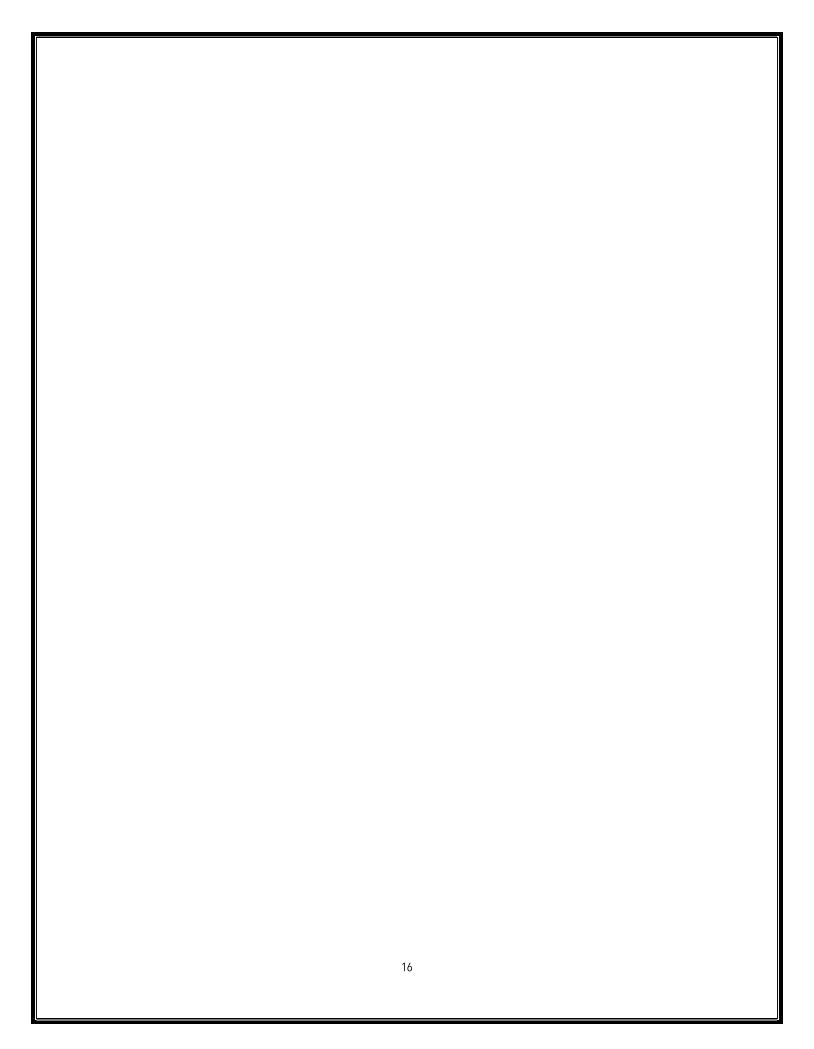
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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Coming Up at SPR

Fiber Arts Group

The SPR fiber arts group will meet **today at 12:30pm** in the Byllesby room. To learn more about this group please contact Rebecca Luttrell (southsideknitter@gmail.com).

CRS and SPR's new Faith in Action Team

Have you been interested in social justice issues but haven't been sure how to plug in? Join fellow parishioners for our second meeting about starting a Faith in Action Team (FIAT) at SPR on **Monday, March 14**, at **7pm, on Zoom**. A member from Community Renewal Society (CRS) will join us and share details about being a partner organization and how we can get involved. Learn more about what a FIAT is and what being a member would entail. To sign up, email brianna.kuramitsu@gmail.com and you will receive a Zoom link before the event.

Memorial Service for Michael Towns

A memorial service for late parishioner Michael Towns will take place at St. Paul & the Redeemer on **Saturday, March 19, at 3:00 pm**. All are invited to attend the service and a reception afterward in the parish hall.

Memorial Service for Al Baker

A memorial service for late parishioner Al Baker will take place at St. Paul & the Redeemer on **Saturday, April 2, at 11:00 am.** All are invited to attend the service and a reception afterward in the parish hall.

Food Pantry Donations

The SPR food pantry seeks donations of: Canned: sweet peas, green beans, mixed vegetables. | Canned or dry: black-eyed peas, pinto beans, garbanzo beans, black beans. | Cereal: Raisin Bran, Cheerios, Frosted Flakes, oatmeal, grits. You may leave donations in the narthex (foyer) on Sunday morning or drop them off on Wednesday between 1:00 and 5:00 PM. Please do not leave donations outside the church in freezing temperatures, as we must discard canned goods that have frozen. Thank you for your generosity.

A Call for Visual Artists-Images Inspired by Gordon Parks

In April & May the Art Committee will feature artwork inspired by photojournalist Gordon Parks who used his camera to tell stories. Images including the title and size should be sent to Carolyn Pereira (pereira1700@yahoo.com) by **March 25**. For display in the chapel, also drop off the artwork in the church office by March 25, framed and ready to hang. The show will be posted on SPR's web page and in the chapel by April 3. There will be a virtual reception on Zoom at 5pm on April 3.

20s/30s Potluck

All 20s & 30s at SPR are invited to a potluck dinner on **Sunday, March 27**, at **6 pm**, in the Byllesby Room. If you are interested in attending, please let Ross Fogg (fogg@sprchicago.org) know what you might bring or if you have any food allergies that we should know about. If you cannot bring anything, please bring yourselves anyway for an evening of what will be great food and fellowship.

Music

Today, we welcome Ian Murrell to SPR as our new Bass Staff Singer. Please greet Ian and make him feel at home.

Christian Clough, Director of Music, is away today, and we are grateful to Bridget Skaggs & Ariana Strahl, Staff Singers for leading our singing.

In celebration of Women's History Month, today's music features the work of several women poets and composers. SPR is committed to including creative contributions from women and other represented minorities regularly throughout the year, but we do make an extra effort to celebrate the works of creative women in March.

Save the Date for Vacation Bible Camp

Please mark your calendars for Vacation Bible Camp from **August 1-5, 2022**, and VBC Sunday on **August 7, 2022**. VBC is focused on helping kids develop a progressive and joyful sense of faith. Children (ages 4-10) & volunteers (ages 11 and up) are invited to participate. For more information contact Padma Vundi (vundi@sprchicago.org).

Serving Today

March 13, 2022

Presider: The Rev. KJ Oh Preacher: The Rev. Lydia Gajdel Deacon: The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur Music Leader: Christian Clough

Children's Chapel Leaders: Padma Vundi, Gretchen Eng

Acolyte: Matthew Erlec (9:15)

Lectors: Fran Spaltro, Joshua Daniel, Steve Heyman (9:15);

Mike Agina, Mary Naftzger, Mel Parks (11:15)

Ushers: Megg Hoover, Mahrhoztal Rosier (9:15), Chinyere

Agina, Mike Agina (11:15)

Altar Guild: Twila Jones (9:15), Andrew Rostan (11:15) Vestry Greeter: Jason Evans (9:15), Rebecca Luttrell (11:15)

Staff

The Rev. Catherine E. Healy, *Rector*

The Rev. Barnabas E. Pusnur, Associate Rector

Christian M. Clough, Director of Music

Padma Vundi, Director of Children's Formation

Ross Fogg, Director of Youth Formation

Lukasz Jedrzejewski, Sexton

Gretchen R. Eng, Children's Music Assistant

Sabrina Foster, Ashley Lanfair, & Patricia Lanfair,

Nursery Teachers

Bridget Skaggs & Ariana Strahl, Staff Singers

The Rev. KJ Oh, Assistant Priest
The Rev. Jack Seymour, Deacon
The Rev. Roger Ferlo, Priest Associate
The Rev. Lydia Gajdel, Priest Associate

Vestry

Rebecca Luttrell

Twila Jones, Warden
O. Michael Agina
Tayo Adegoke, Treasurer
Traci Beck
Nicholas Bellomy
Jonathan Foiles
Wicky Legge
Meryl Prochaska
Jason Evans

Partners in Ministry

Beulah Shoesmith Elementary School

We support our neighborhood school through tutoring, arts programs, and gardening.

Community Renewal Society

We are a member congregation of CRS, which organizes faith communities for social change.

Crossroads/Chicago ROAR

Chicago ROAR supports our anti-racism commitments through facilitation and training.

Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

We are proud to belong to the Chicago South Deanery of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago.

Murray Fellows

Through this program, we mentor and encourage the next generation of LGBTQ+ Christian leaders.

Open Kitchen

SPR members gather monthly to cook meals for Kenwood UCC's Feed the People Soup Kitchen.

St. Patrick's Church & School, Haiti

Our collaboration with St. Patrick's in Tom Gateau, Haiti, includes school lunch and music programs, teacher salaries, and capital projects.

St. Paul & the Redeemer Food Pantry

Our food pantry is open to the community every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 PM.

Syrian Community Network

Each year, SPR sponsors a newly resettled refugee family from Syria through visits, tutoring and more.



Celia Paris