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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER

FEBRUARY 5, 2023 | 10:00 AM

You are welcome here.

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.

Children & Youth at SPR

Nursery, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Professionally staffed nursery care is available during the service 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 during sermon

During the sermon at the 10:00 service, children from preschool to second grade are invited to a special liturgy in the children's chapel, featuring songs and a Bible story.

Children's & Youth Formation, Sundays after church

We welcome all children and youth to join our formation (Christian education) gatherings, downstairs from 11:05 to 11:50 AM:

- Godly Play: Preschool to grade 2
 - Junior Youth Group: Grades 3 to 5
 - Youth Group: Grades 6 to 12
 - Adult Formation: Teens and adults
- High-school youth are welcome to attend either youth group or adult formation.*

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.

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.

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!

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About the Cover Artwork

The Rev. Cara B. Hochhalter is a United Church of Christ minister. The images in her book, *A Challenging Peace: In the Life and Stories of Jesus*, were created through the simple print-making process of carving out a block, applying ink, and pulling a print. Cara says, "The interaction of light and dark is important in each image, as we cannot have one without the other. The dark defines the light, and vice versa."

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

The Quiet Church

Mark Fax* (1911-1974)

Entrance Hymn

All sing.

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

The Hymnal 1982 #7 "Christ, whose glory fills the skies"

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm William Henry Havergal, alt.

Welcome

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins,
and give us the liberty of that abundant life
which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Lessons

Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,

they delight to draw near to God.

"Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,

and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight

and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,

a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,

and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,

a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,

and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,

and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you,

the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;

you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112:1-9 *Beatus vir?*

Choir intones the refrain; congregation joins on repeat and all remaining refrains. Choir sings verses.



A light rises in the darkness for the upright; they are generous, merciful, and just.

It goes well for those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. **Refrain.**

They will never be moved; forever shall the just be remembered.

They have no fear of evil news; with a firm heart, they trust in the Lord. **Refrain.**

With a steadfast heart they will not fear. Open-handed, they give to the poor;

Their justice stands firm forever. Their might shall be exalted in glory. **Refrain.**

Words: Refrain: *Lectionary for Mass*, ©1969, 1981, 1997, ICEL; verses: *The Revised Grail Psalms*, ©2010, Conception Abbey and The Grail. adapt M. Bilyeu..
Music: Refrain: Richard Proulx; verses: Michel Guimont.

Epistle (New Testament) Reading

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him"—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

All sing.

Good-ness is strong-er than e - vil; love is strong - er than hate, light is strong er than
dark - ness; life is strong - er than death. Vic - t'ry is
Oh,
ours, vic - t'ry is ours through him who loved us. us.
1. 2.
vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours through him who loved us. us.

Lead Me, Guide Me #313 "Goodness is stronger than evil"
Words: Desmond Tutu* (1931-2021), ©; adapt. John L. Bell (b. 1949).
Music: *Goodness is stronger*, John L. Bell, © 1996, Iona Community.

Gospel Reading

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 Matthew.

Matthew 5:1-12

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Chapel

Children in preschool to second grade are invited to attend their own liturgy in the chapel, led by children's ministry staff Megan Cather and Lindsey Strieter. Participants under age 3 are encouraged to bring a parent. The children will return to the main service at the peace.

Sermon

Today's Preacher: The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur, *Associate Rector*

Apostles' Creed

Please stand as able.

**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.**

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the church and for the world.

God of our forefathers, turn our hearts and minds this month and always to the myriad ways in which Black Americans have contributed to our common life. Help us both to lift up those who have come before and work to dismantle the structures that continue anti-Black oppression.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of justice, may those who have been taken from us too early due to violence rest in your peace. Help us the living to work for a more just and peaceful society, in which everyone can feel safe and secure.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Creator God, as once-in-a-lifetime weather events seem to happen with alarming regularity, help us all to become better stewards of our fragile home.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of healing and mercy, you make light to shine out of our darkness. Be with all of those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, including **Becky** Kruse, **Carolyn** Strong (sister of Twila Jones), **Deborah** Caldwell-Stone, **Susan** McNeill (stepmother of Melissa McNeill), **Audrey Lisa** Tate (friend of Shirley Knight), **Jo Ann** Roberts, **Teresa** Massie Peterson, **Naomi** Haynes, **Jennifer** Penn, and **Tim** Brown (cousin of Maureen Jesuthasan), as well as their caregivers, and all those on our prayer list.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

As we celebrate the wonders of your creation, we also look forward to the resurrection of our beloved dead who have gone before us, including **Herbert** Burtis (partner of David Fleer, 2/5/2021).

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, including **Nadia** Jesuthasan (2/6), **Kirk** Bagrowski (2/7), **Michelle** Dassinger (2/9), **Twila** Jones (2/9), **Kerrington** Cook (2/10), **Ravin** Jesuthasan (2/10), and **Valencia** Hearon (2/11).

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 God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Prayer List: Becky Kruse, Carolyn Strong (sister of Twila Jones), Deborah Caldwell-Stone, Susan McNeill (stepmother of Melissa McNeill), Audrey Lisa Tate (friend of Shirley Knight), Jo Ann Roberts, Teresa Massie Peterson, Jake Dombroski (friend of Ryan Bailey), Mel Hodder (brother-in-law of Mary Naftzger), Jennifer Penn, Hyacinth Evans, Rahsaan Clark Morris, Tim Sehr, Pamela Anderson, D. Maria Neighbors, Dan Goering (brother of Barbra Goering), Barbara Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), Stacey Morris, 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), and Rock Sehr, as well as their caregivers.

Prayers of the People: Written by Jonathan Foiles.

Collect at the Prayers: Book of Common Prayer.

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to greet those around you with the words "Peace be with you," accompanied by a wave, peace sign, handshake, or hug. Some announcements will be given; there's much more to find out in the front and back pages of this bulletin.

Commissioning of New Vestry Members

The new vestry members and officers gather at the front of the altar.

Wardens: On behalf of the congregation of St. Paul & the Redeemer, we present these members of the church for leadership on the vestry. They have been elected and appointed in accordance with the bylaws of our congregation.

Rector: Do you commit yourselves to carry out the responsibilities of the offices to which you have been called: Joshua Daniel, Anne Harlan, and Andrew Rostan as voting members of the vestry; Adetayo Adegoke as treasurer; and Baiju Markose as clerk?

Leaders: **I do.**

Rector: Do you reaffirm your commitment to follow Christ and to serve this congregation in his name?

Leaders: **I do.**

Rector: Will you do all in your power to support these leaders with your prayers, your honest yet gracious communication with them, and your willingness to help them carry out Christ's ministry in this church?

All: **We will.**

Rector: In the name of the Church of St. Paul & the Redeemer, I commission you for this work, and pledge you our prayers, encouragement, and support. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this, and in all things, you may do God's will in the service of the kingdom of Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
look with favor upon these your servants,
who have now reaffirmed their commitment to follow Christ
and to serve your church in his name.
Give them courage, patience, and vision;
and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world,
and of service to others;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Sung by SPR Choir

Clara Christensen, pianist

Gather up whatever is
glittering in the gutter,
whatever has tumbled
in the waves or fallen
in flames out of the sky,

for it's not only our
hearts that are broken,
but the heart
of the world as well.
Stitch it back together.

Make a place where
the day speaks to the night
and the earth speaks to the sky.
Whether we created God
or God created us,

it all comes down to this:
In our imperfect world
we are meant to repair
and stitch together
what beauty there is, stitch it
with compassion and wire.
See how everything
we have made gathers
the light inside itself
and overflows? A blessing.

Music: "Holding the Light" B.E. (Brittney Elizabeth) Boykin* (b. 1989).

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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 our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

A proper preface is sung or said.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *A New Plainsong*, David Hurd* (b. 1950).

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

Book of Common Prayer, 1979, Eucharistic Prayer B.

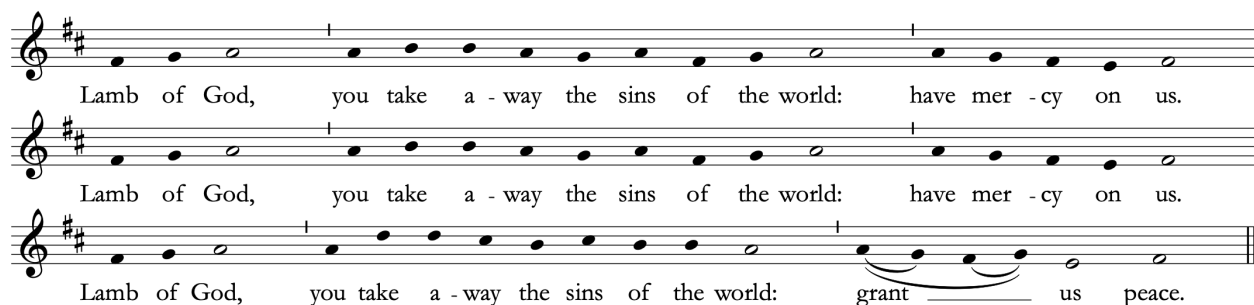
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

**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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Music: *A New Plainsong*, David Hurd* (b. 1950).

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.

Communion Music

All sing.

1 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, in
 2 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, in -
 3 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, make
 4 O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God, en -

ev - ery need thou bring - est aid; thou com - est
 crease our faith in our dear Lord; un - less thy
 us to love thy sa - cred word; the ho - ly
 light - en us by that same word; teach us to

forth from God's great throne, from God, the Fa - ther and the
 grace the power should give, none can be - lieve in Christ and
 flame of love im - part, that char - i - ty may warm each
 know the Fa - ther's love, and his dear Son, who reigns a -

Son; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.
 live; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.
 heart; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.
 bove; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.

Hymnal 1982 #505 "O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God"

Words: Johann Niedling (1602-1688); tr. John Caspar Mattes (1876-1948), alt.

Music: *O heiliger Geist*, melody from *Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623; harm. J.S. Bach (1685-1750); arr. Alastair Cassels-Brown (b. 1927).

All sing.

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion,
In time of trou - ble He shall hide me. In time of trou - ble He shall hide me.
Wait on the Lord and be of good cour - age. Wait on the Lord and be of good cour - age.

the Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion; whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?
In time of trou - ble He shall hide me whom shall I fear?
Wait on the Lord and be of good cour - age whom shall I fear?

Refrain

Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life. Whom shall I fear?

LEVAS II #58 "The Lord is my light"

Words: Lillian Bouknight*.

Music: Lillian Bouknight*; arr. by Stephen Key; ©1981, Peermusic III, Ltd. And Savgos Music, Inc. adapt. M. Bilyeu.

Sending Forth

Please stand as able.

Let us pray.

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

+ Holy eternal Majesty, Holy incarnate Word, Holy abiding Spirit, bless you for evermore. **Amen.**

All sing.



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

The Hymnal 1982 #488 "Be thou my vision"

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt.

Music: *Slone*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874-1948).

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Toccata

Mark Fax* (1911-1974)



Coming Up at SPR

Rebuilding for Patti Lanfair

Thank you so much to all who have expressed a desire to help SPR member Patti Lanfair rebuild after her home was destroyed in Hyde Park's recent condo fire. At the church's request, Patti has made an Amazon wish list for donations: www.tinyURL.com/pattilanfair.

Carnival Sunday

Join us on **Sunday, February 19** to celebrate Carnival Sunday, the final Sunday before Lent! We'll celebrate with festive music and a catered meal after the 10:00 service. There will be no scheduled formation for children, youth, or adults on Carnival Sunday.

Volunteer Opportunity: Refugee Family Visiting

Through the Syrian Community Network, we are resuming visits to the newly resettled Syrian family we were visiting in 2020, with three children (ages 15, 12 and 10). Visits will be **Saturdays at 10:30 AM** at their Rogers Park apartment, beginning Saturday, February 18. Visitors may help with homework or English practice, take the family on outings around Chicago, or just provide good company. Two volunteers are needed for each visit; family groups with children are welcome. If you would like to visit this family on at least two Saturdays from February 18 to April 29, please contact Robert Bator (rbator@aol.com).

VIRTUAL Volunteer Opportunity:

Conversational English Practice

Chat via Zoom with adult Syrian Community Network clients to help them improve their English! The sessions will meet **Tuesdays at 10:30 AM**, beginning Tuesday, February 14 and continuing through April 4. To get involved, contact Robert Bator (rbator@aol.com).

COVID-19 Protocols

After discussion with the vestry and staff, we are altering our masking policy to be responsive to the CDC COVID-19 Community Levels for Cook County from week to week. Our current community level is **LOW**.

- **Low:** Masks optional in all parts of building
- **Medium:** Masks required in sanctuary, optional elsewhere in building
- **High:** Masks required in all parts of building

Ordination of Addie Domske

Our former youth leader, Addie Domske, will be ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) on **Tuesday, February 14, at 5:00 PM (CST)** at the First Presbyterian Church of Snohomish, Washington, where she will serve as the associate pastor. The ordination will be streamed at www.facebook.com/SnoPres.

Ash Wednesday Worship

On **Wednesday, February 22**, join us in worship as we begin the season of Lent. Our service schedule includes:

- 12:00 PM: Contemplative spoken Eucharist
- 5:30 PM: Children's service exploring the symbols of Lent, followed by a simple supper
- 7:30 PM: Choral Eucharist

Ash Wednesday Meal: Calling All Youth Chefs

On **Wednesday, February 22, at 4:30 PM**, all youth in grades 6-12 are invited to meet in the parish kitchen and cook a simple pasta dinner for the whole parish. To learn more, contact Lindsey Strieter (strieter@sprchicago.org).



Coming Up at SPR

Music During Black History Month

SPR seeks to program music which is inclusive, vibrant, and which reflects both our past and present journeys together. February offers a unique time to acknowledge the music of Black musicians. During this month, all preludes, postludes, choral anthems, and offertories will be Black musicians, and will be denoted with an "*" as a small step to increase the visibility of these under-represented artists and the music which contributes to our worship on a weekly basis.

About This Week's Music

The **prelude** and **postlude** are written by Mark Fax*, who, after studies at the Eastman School of Music, joined the faculty of Howard University in 1947 as Professor of Composition. He was later appointed Director of the School of Music, a position he held until his death. Alongside his academic postings, he served for many years as organist of Asbury United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C., where both pieces were premiered. The **anthem** is by B.E. Boykin*, who graduated from Spelman College in 2011 and earned an M.M. in Sacred Music from Westminster Choir College with a concentration in choral studies shortly after. She is currently Professor of Music at Georgia Institute of Technology, and her opera "Oshun" premiered at The Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. just last week.

Diocesan Evensong at St. James Cathedral

All are invited to attend a Choral Evensong on **Sunday, February 19 at 4:00 PM** hosted by St. James Cathedral, and sung by a Diocesan Festival Choir, including members of the SPR choir.

February Music Fund Drive

Oxford University Press has just published a new collection of choral anthems, called **The Oxford Book of Choral Music by Black Composers**. It is a landmark collection of 35 non-idiomatic compositions from the sixteenth century to the present day, providing a comprehensive introduction to an area of choral music that has been historically under-represented. In alignment with our anti-racism vision statement, SPR seeks to invest in these artists, and in this music by purchasing 40 copies of this brand-new anthology. A \$30 gift to the Music Fund purchases one anthology for SPR. We will include a dedication/acknowledgment of your gift in each anthology. For more information about the anthology, and to give online, visit www.sprchicago.org/music-fund, or speak to Director of Music, Mark Bilyeu.

Parents' Night Out

On **Saturday, February 18, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM**, parents are invited to drop their kids off at church and join other parents for a drink or early dinner in Hyde Park. (Non-parents are also invited!) Nursery teacher Patti Lanfair will watch the youngest children, while the youth group (supervised by director of children's formation Lindsey Strieter and youth leader Jen Jackson) will entertain the older kids. RSVP to Lindsey (strieter@sprchicago.org).



Notes

Serving Today

February 5, 2023: 10:00 AM

Presider: The Rev. Catherine Healy

Preacher: The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur

Music Leader: Mark Bilyeu

Lectors: Kari Martin, Sem Sutter, Mel Parks

Prayer Writer: Jonathan Foiles

Acolyte: Andrew Rostan

Chalice Ministers: Esther Foiles, John Omoworare,

John Adewoye, Tayo Adegoke

Usher: Mike Agina

Vestry Greeter: Andrew Rostan

Communion Bread Baker: Alicia Chipman

Altar Guild: Andrew Rostan

Livestream: Matthew Erlec

Staff

The Rev. Catherine E. Healy, *Rector*

The Rev. Barnabas E. Pusnur, *Associate Rector*

The Rev. Jack Seymour, *Deacon (on sabbatical through March 2023)*

Mark Bilyeu, *Director of Music*

Megan Cather, *Children's Music Assistant*

Lindsey Strieter, *Director of Children's Formation*

The Rev. Roger Ferlo, *Priest Associate*

The Rev. Lydia Gajdel, *Priest Associate*

Lukasz Jedrzejewski, *Sexton*

Savannah Hegyi, Dennis Kalup,

Ian Murrell, & Ariana Strahl, *Staff Singers*

Sabrina Foster, Ashley Lanfair, & Patricia Lanfair,
Nursery Teachers

Vestry

Twila Jones, *Warden*

Baiju Markose, *Clerk*

Nicholas Bellomy

Jason Evans

Anne Harlan

Rebecca Luttrell

Celia Paris

Frances Spaltro, *Warden*

Tayo Adegoke, *Treasurer*

Joshua Daniel

Jonathan Foiles

Vicky Legge

Andrew Rostan

Partners in Ministry

American Red Cross of Greater Chicago

We partner with the Red Cross to provide emergency shelter for those displaced by disasters.

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 Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, led by our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Paula Clark.

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.

Shoesmith Elementary School

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

Syrian Community Network

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



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