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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER

FEBRUARY 12, 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.



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Children & Youth at SPR

Nursery, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Professionally staffed nursery care is available 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

Laura James has been working as a professional artist and illustrator for over twenty-five years. In addition to painting sacred images from various religions, she portrays women, families, and scenes of everyday life, blending intricate patterns, text, vibrant colors and sometimes surreal imagery into what she calls "art for the people."

THE WORD OF GOD

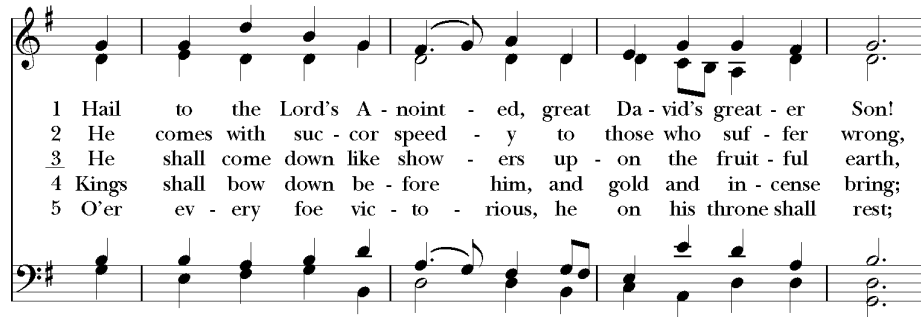
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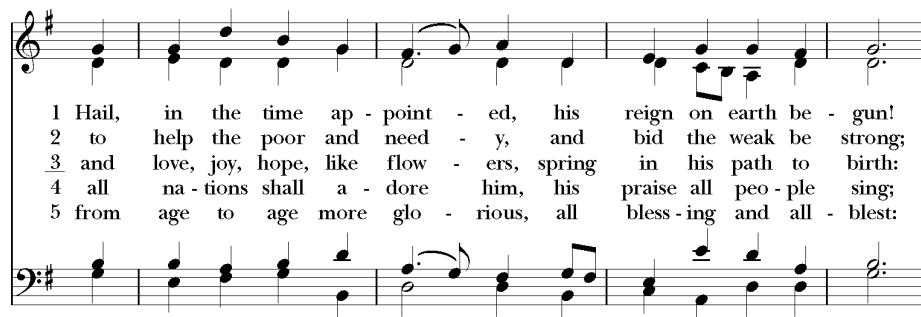
Thomas H. Kerr* (1915-1988)

Entrance Hymn

All sing.



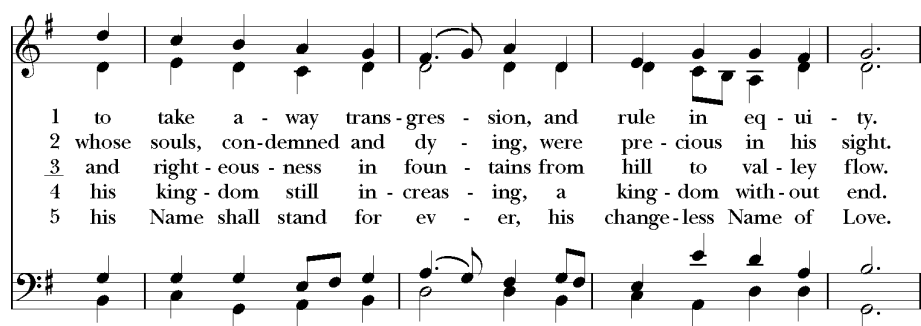
1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth;
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

The Hymnal 1982 #616 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72.

Music: *Es flog ein kliens Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941).

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.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you:

Mercifully accept our prayers;

and give us the help of your grace,

that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The Lessons

Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) Reading

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity.

If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess.

But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

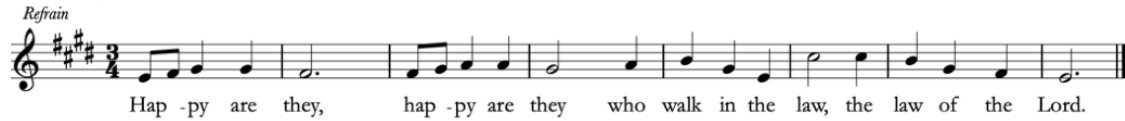
I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:1-8 *Beati immaculati*

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



Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord!
Happy are they who observe his decrees
and seek him with all their hearts! **Refrain.**

Oh, that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!
Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments. **Refrain.**

Who never do any wrong,
but always walk in his ways.
You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them. **Refrain.**

I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me. **Refrain.**

Words: Book of Common Prayer (USA, 1979).
Music: Robert A. Hawthorne, from *The Portland Psalter*.

Epistle (New Testament) Reading

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

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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.
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 have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body

to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

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. Lydia Gajdel, *Priest Associate*

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 Mercy, we pray for all those who are in pain, who ache from hunger, from war, from loneliness, from grief. Stir our hearts so we may join with you in the sacred work of healing and justice.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of Wisdom, whose Spirit provisions us with steady counsel, guide our neighborhoods and city as we seek to elect just leaders. Shape our common life in accordance with your redeeming love for the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of Grace, we give you thanks for your promise to be near in our lives. We thank you for our breath, for our gathering here, for all whose labors sustain our ability to work and worship.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all those who have fallen ill in mind, body, or spirit including **Larry** Evans (father of Jason Evans), **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, **D. Maria** Neighbors, **Stacey** Morris, and **Rock** Sehr, as well as their caregivers, and all those on our prayer list.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for our beloved dead and for those who love them, remembering especially **Hollis** Walker, Sr. (2/12/2017, father of Hollis Walker, Jr.), **Myrtilla** Donner (2/14/2006, mother of Fred Donner), and **Richard** Proulx (2/18/2010, parishioner).

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the celebrations that mark our days, including the birthdays of **Shannon** Cate (2/13), **Ron** Gatton (2/13), **Gretchen** Eng (2/14), **Anne** Osborne (2/14), **Eden** Strong (2/14), **Brianna** Kuramitsu (2/15), **George** Stackert (2/15), **Rosemary** Evans (2/17), and **Nicole** Hubbard (2/17), and the anniversary of **Ron** Gatton & **Leslie** Pilot-Gatton (2/16).

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

God who gives the growth, who nourishes us with spiritual and physical food, seed in us more faith, more love, more tenacity and strength that we may serve you with abundance. We ask this through Christ the Redeemer.

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 Kenji Kuramitsu.

Confession and Absolution

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.

Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Sung by SPR Choir

Walk with me, Lord. Walk with me.

All along this tedious journey, walk with me, Lord. Please walk with me.

When I'm burdened, walk with me. When I'm burdened, walk with me.

When my head is bowed down in sorrow, walk with me, Lord. Please walk with me.

Along this tedious journey, Lord, please walk with me.

You are my shield. You are my sword. Lord, please walk with me.

Until I make it safely home, Lord, please walk with me.

When my head is bow'd down in sorrow, walk with me, Lord. Please walk with me.

I am weary. Lord, walk with me.

Music: "Walk with me," African-American Spiritual, arranged and adapted by Rosephanye Powell* (b. 1962).

Text: African-American Spiritual, adapted by Rosephanye Powell.*

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:

Introduction

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, ___

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Interlude *unison mp* Bless'd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est.

Music: *The Saint Mary Mass*, Carl MaultsBy* (b. 1949).

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.

The first system of musical notation is for the beginning of the piece. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The melody is written in the treble clef, starting with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass line is written in the bass clef, starting with a quarter note G2, followed by quarter notes A2, B2, and C3. The lyrics "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:" are placed below the treble clef staff. Dynamic markings include *mp* (mezzo-piano) above the treble staff and *piano* below the bass staff.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. The treble clef staff has the lyrics "have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the" below it. The bass clef staff continues the accompaniment. Dynamic markings include *mp* above the treble staff and *piano* below the bass staff. The word *unis.* (unison) is written above the treble staff.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble clef staff has the lyrics "world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you" below it. The bass clef staff continues the accompaniment. Dynamic markings include *mp* above the treble staff and *piano* below the bass staff. The word *unis.* is written above the treble staff.

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

Music: *The Saint Mary Mass*, Carl MaultsBy* (b. 1949).

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. I come with joy — to meet my Lord, —
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near —
 3. As Christ breaks bread — and bids us share, —
 4. And thus with joy — we meet our Lord, —
 5. To - geth - er met, — to - geth - er bound,

1. for - giv - en, loved, and free, — in awe and won - der
 2. to find, as all — are fed, — the new com mu - nit -
 3. each proud div - is - ion ends. — That love that made — us
 4. His pres - ence, al - ways near, — is in such friend - ship
 5. we'll go our dif - ferent ways, — and as his peo - ple

1. to re - call — his life laid down for me. —
 2. y of love — in Christ's com mu - nion bread. —
 3. makes us one, — and stran - gers now — are friends. —
 4. bet - ter known: we see and praise him here. —
 5. in the world we'll live and speak his praise. —

Hymnal 1982 #304 "I come with joy to meet my Lord"

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), alt.

Music: *Land of Rest*, CM, American folk melody; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

All sing.

1. I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord,
2. Sis-ter, will you trust in the Lord, Sis-ter, will you trust in the Lord,
3. Bro-ther, will you trust in the Lord, Bro-ther, will you trust in the Lord,
4. I'm gon-na treat my neigh-bor right, I'm gon-na treat me neigh-bor right,
5. I'm gon-na hold my Sa-vior's hand, I'm gon-na hold my Sa-vior's hand,

1. I will trust in the Lord till I die.
2. Sis-ter, will you trust in the Lord till you die?
3. Bro-ther, will you trust in the Lord till you die?
4. I'm gon-na treat my neigh-bor right till I die.
5. I'm gon-na hold my Sa-vior's hand till I die.

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5. I'm gon-na hold my Sa-vior's hand, I'm gon-na hold my Sa-vior's hand,

1. I will trust in the Lord till I die.
2. Sis-ter, will you trust in the Lord till you die?
3. Bro-ther will you trust in the Lord till you die?
4. I'm gon-na treat my neigh-bor right till I die.
5. I'm gon-na hold my Sa-vior's hand till I die.

LEVAS II #193 "I will trust in the Lord"

Words: Traditional*.

Music: *Trust in the Lord*, Negro Spiritual, arr. Jeffrey Radford* (1953-2002) and Nolan Williams, Jr.* (b. 1969).

Sending Forth

Please stand as able.

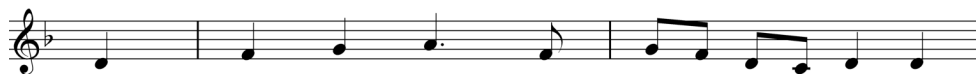
Let us pray.

**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.**

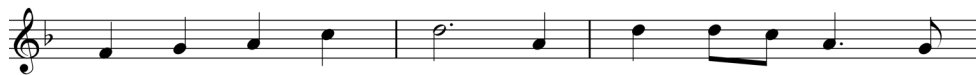
Blessing

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

All sing.



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give" you
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and



taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can
un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and
truth we dim - ly knew, how small the debts men
bid re - sent - ment cease; then, re - con - ciled to



grant us grace to live the words we say.
will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
owe to us, how great our debt to you.
God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

The Hymnal 1982 #488 "Forgive our sins as we forgive"

Words: Rosamond E. Herklots (1905-1987).

Music: *Detroit*, from *Supplement to Kentucky Harmony*, 1820; acc. Margaret W. Mealy (b. 1922).

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Partita on "Detroit"

David Hurd* (1950).



Coming Up at SPR

Adult Formation Series: A User's Guide to the Bible

Join the Rev. Catherine Healy in the parish hall this Sunday, February 12, at 11:00 AM to continue our exploration of the Bible: How many books are in it? Who wrote them? What else was happening in the world when they were written? You're invited, whether or not you made it to Part I last week. This workshop assumes no prior knowledge of the Bible and is open to all.

Gratitude from Patti Lanfair

Patti would like to share her gratitude for the extraordinary support she received from so many people at SPR in rebuilding after her home was destroyed in a recent condo fire. She writes, "Your kindness has shown me that I definitely made the right decision in becoming a member of SPR. I am truly grateful ... The care I have received from all of you has made my recovery from the fire, as well as the adjustment to my new place, less stressful." Patti has made an Amazon wish list for donations:

www.tinyURL.com/pattilanfair.

Black History Month Resources

Celebrate Black History Month with books, movies, music, and other media by Black creators. Pick up a copy of recommended resources from our Anti-Racism Working Group at either door to the sanctuary.

Faith in Action Team: Meeting for Housing Justice

Join SPR's Faith in Action Team (FIAT) via Zoom on Monday, February 13 at 7:30 PM to reflect on January's housing justice formation series and discuss how to get involved with local housing issues. Contact Bri Kuramitsu for the Zoom link.

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 delicious feast. During the

11:00 formation hour, children, youth, and adults will share a meal in the parish hall.

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

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).

Vacation Bible Camp: Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible Camp from Monday, July 31 to Friday, August 4, 2023, and VBC Sunday on August 6. VBC is focused on helping kids develop a progressive and joyful sense of faith. Children (ages 3-10) & volunteers (youth and adults, ages 11 and up) are invited to participate. Registration coming soon! For more information, contact Lindsey Strieter.

SPR Sleepaway Camp: Save the Date!

Children entering grades 1-6 are invited to join the SPR crew attending Camp Lutherwald in Howe, Indiana, from Sunday, July 23 to Friday, July 28. Lutherwald is a progressive Christian camp run by the Lutheran church (ELCA), featuring outdoor activities, crafts, and more. Please register your camper directly through the camp website; scholarship help from SPR is available. Contact Lindsey Strieter for details.

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.

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** is taken from *Suite Sebastienne*, a 1969 work commissioned for the dedication of the organ of Plymouth Congregational Church in Washington D.C. Composed by Thomas Kerr*, who served as professor of piano at the HBCU Howard University, and who was also the organist of Plymouth Congregational for many years. The **postlude** is by David Hurd*, who currently serves at Professor of Church Music and Organist at General Seminary in Manhattan, as well as being Director of Music at All Saints Episcopal Church in NYC. Hurd served on the Standing Commission which produced the *Hymnal 1982*. The **anthem** by Rosephanye Powell* was a commission by the American Guild of Organists for its 2018 National Convention. It is an adaptation of the Spiritual by the same name.

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.



Notes

Serving Today

February 12, 2023: 10:00 AM

Presider: The Rev. Catherine Healy,

The Rev. Barnabas E. Pusnur

Preacher: The Rev. Lydia Gajdel

Music Leader: Mark Bilyeu

Lectors: Eva Nielsen, Camille Long, Agnes Daniel

Prayer Writer: Kenji Kuramitsu

Chalice Ministers: William Jackson, John Adewoye,

Kelsey Shaw, Kenji Kuramitsu

Usher: Connie Bonbrest, Shawn Hannan

Vestry Greeter: Anne Harlan

Communion Bread Baker: Jim Tonsgard

Altar Guild: Twila Jones

Livestream: Jared Beverly

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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