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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER OCTOBER 15, 2023 | 10:00 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.



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Children & Youth at SPR

KidZone (Nursery), Sundays, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Professionally staffed nursery care is available for children ages 1–4 in our KidZone, located down the southwest stairs. Changing tables are in the downstairs restrooms and the KidZone.

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.

Christian Formation

From September through May, we welcome all ages to join our formation (Christian education) gatherings, downstairs from 11:05 to 11:50 AM. See the back of the bulletin for more information about today's offerings.

- 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



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THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Prelude I from Six Preludes for Organ Ernest Bloch (1880–1959)

Entrance Hymn



"Lord of the Nations"

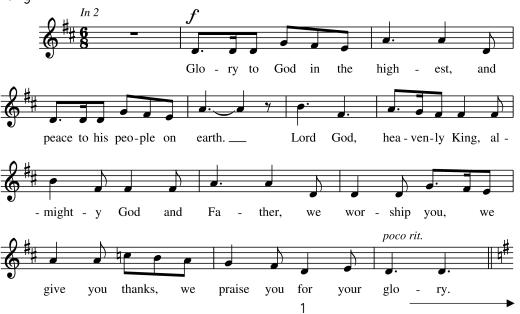
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Welcome

+ Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Mother of us all.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

All sing.





Music: Enriching our Music, Vol. 1, from Music for the Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Peter Crisafulli (b. 1946).

Please be seated.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiffnecked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever." And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Confitemini Domino, Et fecerunt vitulum

Choir sings verses 1 & 2, congregation joins where indicated.



- 1 Choir Alleluia! Give thanks, for the | Holy One is | good; * God's | mercy en | dures for | ever.
- Who can declare the mighty | acts of | God * or | show forth | rightful | praise?
- 3 All Happy are they who | act with | justice * and | always | do what is | right!
- 4 Remember me, O God, with the favor you | have <u>for your | people</u>, * and visit me | with your | saving | help;
- 5 Choir That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the | gladness of your | people, * that I may | glory with | your in heritance.
- 6 We have sinned as our | forebears | did; *
 we have done | wrong and | dealt | wickedly.
- 19 All Israel made a | <u>bull-calf</u> at | Horeb * and | <u>worshiped</u> a | molten | image;
- 20 And so they exichanged their | Glory *

 for the image of an | ox that | feeds on | grass.
- 21 Choir They forgot | you, their | Savior, *

 who had done | great | things in | Egypt,
- 22 Wonderful deeds in the | land of | Ham, * and fearful | things at the | Rëd | Sea.
- So you would have destroyed them,
 had not Moses your chosen stood belfore you in the breach, *
 to turn alway your wrath from consuming them.

| = corresponds to bar line

* = indicates half-way point

• = 2 notes for 1 syllable

Hyde Park = 2 syllables for 1 note

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23, *St. Helena Psalter*. Music: Alec Wyton.

Second Reading

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as able. Choir will sing through once, congregation joins on repeats.





Music: Enriching our Music, Vol. 1, from Red Lake Mass, Monte Mason (b. 1949), adapt. Chippewa Music, Francis Densmore.

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 22:1-14

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to

the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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 Lindsey Strieter and Megan Cather. 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

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

God of forgiveness, guide us away from the golden calves we have mistaken for divine beings. Cleanse out hearts from selfish ambition and from the anxious pursuit of power, wealth and professional glory. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Loving God, you are the ultimate refuge for the poor and the needy, but make us the instruments of your commandment to love others as ourselves. Assist us and our leaders as we struggle with the problems of war, racism, homelessness and addiction.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Creator God, whenever we are overcome with worries, help us to think about the true and the pure by contemplating the wonders of our universe. Make us your stewards of this island earth and all the creatures who inhabit it.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of radical hospitality, remind us that all are equal in your sight and that true humility calls for profound, continuous charity toward those less fortunate than ourselves, whether they are as far away as Haiti and Ukraine or as close as Shoesmith School.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Gracious Lord, we give thanks for all who celebrate birthdays including **Rahsaan** Morris (10/16), **Michael** Healy (10/17), **Vincent** McMillan (10/19), **Julienne** Collins (10/20), **Eddie** Christensen (10/21), **Sage** Dassinger (10/21), and **Roger** Ferlo (10/21), and for those celebrating anniversaries, including **Nicole** Hubbard & **Raoul** Mowatt (10/16), **Kara** & **Jerome** Scott (10/18), **Michelle** Lee & **Anish** Shah (10/21). Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Healing God, bring comfort and relief to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Strengthen them and their caregivers, especially **Sheila** Bator, **Lissa** Hodder (sister of Mary Naftzger), **Diane & Richard** Hohl (parents of Susan Hohl), **Brenda** Kilpatrick, **Peter** Pereira, **Becky** Kruse, **Marian** Elliott, **Tim** Brown (cousin of Maureen Jesuthasan), **Alphonso** Guerrero (nephew of Cecilia Mowatt), and all those on our prayer list. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Eternal God, we remember those who have gone on to your heavenly home, especially **Sarojini** Vundi (mother of Padma Vundi, 10/9/2023), **Vertick** Guerrero (10/16), and **Tevell** Rose (family friend of Twila Jones, 10/16/2022):

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation. I invite you to offer your own prayers and thanksgivings, ending each with "Lord, in your mercy."

Gracious God, remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayers written by Jonathan Foiles.

Prayer List: Sheila Bator, Lissa Hodder (sister of Mary Naftzger), Diane & Richard Hohl (parents of Susan Hohl), Peter Pereira, Becky Kruse, Susan Hartger, John Mulholland, Brenda Kilpatrick, Alarra Tozin (friend of Twila Jones), Hilton Clark (friend of Cecilia Mowatt), Penny Piantedosi (sister of Val Tonsgard), Rosalyn Hill (friend of Cecilia Mowatt), Alphonso Guerrero (nephew of Cecilia Mowatt), Brenden Jones (godson of Cecilia Mowatt), Pamela Anderson, D. Maria Neighbors, Rahsaan Clark Morris, Marian Elliott, Naomi Haynes, Mel Hodder (brother-in-law of Mary Naftzger), Amelia Dammen (grandniece of Lisa Rademacher), and Tim Brown (cousin of Maureen Jesuthasan), as well as their caregivers.

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.

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, or handshake. 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

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a way as gives us breath; Such a truth as ends all strife, Such a life as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a light as shows a feast, Such a feast as mends in length, Such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a joy as none can move, Such a love as none can part, Such a heart as joys in love.

"Come, my way" Text: George Herbert (1593–1633). Music: Richard DeLong (1951-1994).

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.

The Presider adds a proper preface.

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.

After introduction, all sing.





Lift Every Voice and Sing II #255 "Holy, holy, holy"

Music: Mass for a Soulful People, Grayson Warren Brown (b. 1948).

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are the Lord.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Sanctify these gifts by your Holy Spirit, to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Source: All Creation Sings: Thanksgiving at the Table, Form A.

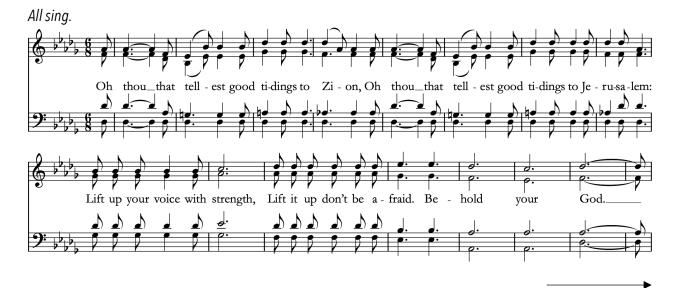
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

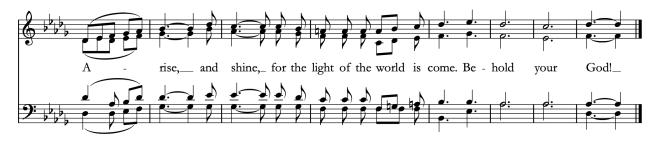
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.





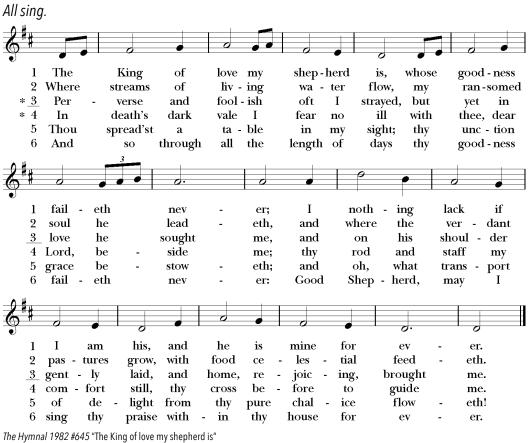
LEVAS #2 "O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion (Behold Your God)" Words and Music: Kenneth W. Louis (b. 1956).

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.

No matter whether or how you choose to receive the Eucharist, may this time in the service be one of contemplation and prayer, enabling you to draw nearer to the quiet presence of God.

Communion Music





The Hymnal 1982 #321 "My God, thy table now is spread"

Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: Rockingham, melody from Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816).

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.

The Presider blesses the people.

+ May the Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**



The Hymnal 1982 #300 "Glory, love, and praise, and honor" Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: *Benifold*, Francis B. Westbrook (1903-1975).

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Prelude IV from Six Preludes for Organ Ernest Bloch (1880–1959)

SPR in the community

Two ways you can help & connect with our newest neighbors:

- People from SPR will be providing breakfast every **Sunday** for the migrants and others staying at local police stations. We will need people to shop, cook, and deliver the food.
- People staying at the police stations and local shelters have asked for the opportunity to cook for themselves. We will
 need people to transport small groups of people to and from church, to hang out with or help people while they cook,
 and to help with clean-up. Times and dates are TBD.

If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Jason Evans at jasoncoryevans@gmail.com.



Fall Bible Study Small Groups: Reading 1 Kings Together

Beginning the **week of October 15**, join a six-week small group to read the book of 1 Kings (featuring King David, the Prophet Elijah, the Queen of Sheba, and that one time when Solomon threatened to slice a baby in half.) Sign up at sprchicago.org/small-groups or in the narthex! For details, contact Barnabas Pusnur.
Sign Up for any of these times:

- Sundays at 12:00 PM
- Mondays at 7:30 PM
- Tuesdays at 7:30 PM
- Wednesdays at 7:30 PM
- Thursdays at 10:00 AM

SPR Haiti Ministry Meeting

If you are interested in becoming involved in the Haiti Ministry, please come to a meeting on **Wednesday**, **October 25, 7PM**., at Linda Thisted's home, 5729 S. Woodlawn. Since we will not be able to go to Haiti anytime in the foreseeable future, we need to re-imagine how we work with our Haitian partners and how we keep the SPR congregation informed.

Submit Names for All Saints' Day Necrology

On **All Saints' Sunday, November 5**, we will read aloud the names of all church members and their loved ones who have passed away since Nov 6, 2022. If you would like a loved one's name read aloud, please email their name, date of death, and relationship to you (e.g., "John Smith, 1/7/2020, father of Jane Smith") to Mark Bilyeu (bilyeu@sprchicago.org) by Wednesday, Nov 1 at 12p.

All Hallows' Eve Service & Party

Put on your finest Halloween costume and join us on Sunday, **October 29, from 2:00 to 3:00 PM** for an All Hallows' Eve service and party! This fun, interactive time will be geared toward kids and open to all. Children and youth are encouraged to bring friends.

Love in a Dish: Deliver a Homemade Meal

Julia McMillan & Brett O'Brien (55th & Hyde Park) are grateful to receive meals as they settle into life with newborn Henry. Sign up: mealtrain.com/trains/0e047z

20s/30s Board Game Night

All young adults in their 20s/30s are invited to a tabletop game night in the St. Cecilia Room on **Friday, October 27**, from 6:00 to 9:30 PM. No need to bring a game, we'll have plenty! RSVP to Lori Petrie.

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Jazzing Up Coffee Hour This Fall

Are you ready for coffee hour after the 10:00 service to be just a bit more delicious? All church members are invited to sign up to bring one item or help with setup or cleanup. Sign up at tinyurl.com/SPRCoffee10. Contact: Cynthia Bagrowski (cbagrowski@gmail.com).



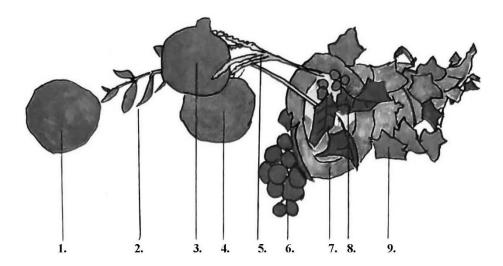
Save the Date: Lessons & Carols

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 10 at 5PM** for the second annual joint service of Lessons & Carols with St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Park Ridge. This year, it will be held here at SPR. We are asking for volunteers to serve as Lectors. Please be in touch with Mark (bilyeu@sprchicago.org) to get involved.

About This Week's Music

The **anthem**, a setting from George Herbert's posthumous 1633 collection of poems entitled *The Temple*, is written by Richard DeLong, who crafted over 100 choral works during his lifetime. The **prelude** & **postlude** are by Ernest Bloch, a Swiss composer whose music often reflected his Jewish heritage.





- 1. **Apple:** Traditionally, if not biblically, the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge in the Garden of Eden. A symbol of the "Fall of Man," and, when held by the infant Jesus, a symbol of his future mission as Redeemer of the world.
- 2. **Olive Branch:** An ancient symbol of peace. In the Old Testament, brought back to the Ark by a dove, a symbol of God making peace with humanity after the Flood.
- 3. **Pomegranate:** An ancient symbol of fertility and prosperity, associated with the Virgin Mary or the infant Christ who hold the fruit, bursting with seeds, and understood as symbolic of Christ's suffering and resurrection.
- 4. **Orange:** Occasionally a substitute for an apple held by the Christ Child; associated with the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge.
- 5. **Sheaf of Wheat:** Traditionally symbolic of the Eucharistic bread of Communion.
- 6. **Bunch of Grapes:** Symbolic of the Eucharistic wine of Communion.
- 7. **Cornucopia:** (from Latin: *cornu copiae*) "horn of plenty." A horn-shaped basket associated with and symbolic of many virtues, personifications, gods, and goddesses, and seen as symbolic of autumn (and the harvest), of abundance, peace and concord, and of fortune and hospitality. In the United States, it is also a symbol of the secular holiday of Thanksgiving.
- 8. **Holly:** Often associated with winter and understood as particularly hardy because of its evergreen leaves, it has been associated with Christmas since medieval times and more particularly with Christ, specifically with the crown of thorns and the blood it drew, but also, because of its hardiness, with Christ's resurrection.
- 9. **Ivy:** Associated with immortality because of its vitality and evergreen color, it forms a wonderful pair with holly in the traditional Christmas hymn: "The Holly and the Ivy."

The Program: The cornucopia can be read from left to right (front to back) as symbolic of the biblical progress of humanity, from eating of the fruit of the tree of knowledge, to God's promise, in the wake of the Flood, never again to destroy the world (and, more generally, of humanity's need to work for peace). This is followed by two symbols of the spiritual fertility of Mary and of Christ's redeeming sacrifice, and then by the symbols of the Eucharist. The holly and the ivy are symbolic both of Christ's sacrifice, and of its enduring vitality and fruitfulness. The cornucopia pouring out its riches is a symbol of Christianity and of the world's extraordinary abundance. As we say (in the old liturgy) at the presentation of the offering: "All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee."

Levi Smith (Sources: James Hall, *Dictionary of Subjects and Symbols in Art* & Wikipedia)

Serving Today

October 15, 2023 | 10:00 AM

Presider: The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur Preacher: The Rev. Catherine Healy Deacon: The Rev. Jack Seymour

Subdeacon: Mel Parks Music Leader: Mark Bilyeu

Children's Chapel Leader: Lindsey Strieter

Lectors: Twila Jones, Mel Parks Intercessor: John Adewoye

Chalice Ministers: John Omoworare, John Adewoye,

Gail Williams

Ushers: Joe Dunn, George Chlipala Linen Washer: Janet Underwood Vestry Greeter: Jason Evans Livestream: Matthew Erlec Acolyte: Andrew Rostan

Communion Bread Baker: Jason Cather

Staff

The Rev. Catherine E. Healy, *Rector*

The Rev. Barnabas E. Pusnur, Associate Rector

The Rev. Jack Seymour, *Deacon* Mark Bilyeu, *Director of Music*

Megan Cather, *Children's Music Assistant*Lindsey Strieter, *Director of Children's Formation*

The Rev. Roger Ferlo, *Priest Associate (on leave, fall 2023)* Savannah Hegyi, Ian Murrell, & Ariana Strahl, *Staff Singers*

Sabrina Foster, Ashley Lanfair, & Patricia Lanfair,

Nursery Teachers

Vestry

Twila Jones, *Warden*Baiju Markose, *Clerk*Frances Spaltro, *Warden*Tayo Adegoke, *Treasurer*

Nicholas Bellomy Joshua Daniel
Jason Evans Jonathan Foiles
Anne Harlan Vicky Legge
Rebecca Luttrell Andrew Rostan

Celia Paris

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.

