



Get Thee Behind Me, Satan!, James Tissot (1836-1902).
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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER
FEBRUARY 25, 2024 | 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

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.

- Godly Play: Preschool to grade 2
- Junior Youth Group: Grades 3 to 5
- Youth Group: Grades 6 to 12
- Adult Formation: Teens and adults

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 goes toward 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. Thank you so much for your support of our church!

Worship Resources

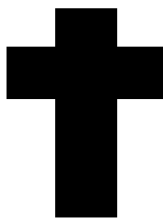
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About the Cover Artwork

"Get The Behind Me, Satan!" James Tissot created 350 watercolors depicting the life of Jesus which were first published as a book in 1896, painting virtually every event in the Gospels. The Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ project took nearly ten years to complete. From Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.



Welcome to Lent.

What Is Lent?

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

Our Worship Space

At St. Paul & the Redeemer, we usually worship in the round, with the altar in the center and all of us gathered around it. In Lent, as you can see, we change things up. One reason we do this is simply for the sake of changing things around, because that's something that Lent is about: reordering our lives in order to wake up to ourselves and to the world around us a bit more—to unsettle us from our usual habits and perspectives.

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

Giving in Lent

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

St. Patrick's School | Tom Gateau, Haiti

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

Shoesmith School | Kenwood, Chicago

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

Offering envelopes for both ministries are in the seatbacks.

Please make checks payable to St. Paul & the Redeemer and put "Shoesmith" and/or "Haiti" in the memo line.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Entrance Hymn

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

1 Lord of all be - ing, throned a - far, thy glo - ry
2 Sun of our life, thy quick - ening ray sheds on our
3 Lord of all life, be - low, a - bove, whose light is
4 Grant us thy truth to make us free, and kin - dling

flames from sun and star; cen - ter and soul of
path the glow of day; star of our hope, thy
truth, whose warmth is love, be - fore thy ev - er -
hearts that burn for thee, till all thy liv - ing

ev - ery sphere, yet to each lov - ing heart how near!
soft - ened light cheers the long watch - es of the night.
blaz - ing throne we ask no lus - ter of our own.
al - tars claim one ho - ly light, one heaven - ly flame.

The Hymnal 1982 #419 "Lord of all being"

Words: Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894).

Music: Mendon, from *Methodist Harmonist*, 1821; adapt. and harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

Welcome

+ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures forever.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy:

Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways,

and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith

to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son;

who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,

one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Members of the St. Nicholas Choir will lead all in singing the Kyrie in three parts.

Group 1
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Group 2
Chris - te e - le - i - son.

Group 3
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

"Mercer Kyrie eleison"

Words: Greek, Mass Ordinary

Music: "Mercer Kyrie," Marilyn Haskell.

The Lessons

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly

fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:22-30 *Deus, Deus meus*

The Choir introduces the antiphon, all repeat, and sing verses antiphonally, as indicated.

Antiphon

All the ends of the earth shall re - mem - ber,
they shall turn to the Lord.

Verses Tone IV.1

Choir *May äll who fear you, / O God, 'give praise; *
may the offspring of Israel stand in awe,
and all of / Jacob's line 'give glory.*

All *For you do not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty,
neither do you / hide your 'face from them, *
but when they / cry to yöu, 'you hëar them. [Antiphon]*

Choir *My praise is of you in the / great as'sembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of / those who wör 'ship you.*

All *The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek / you shall 'praise you: *
"May / your heart live 'for ëver!" [Antiphon]*

Choir *All the ends of the earth shall remember and / turn to 'yöu, *
and all the families of the na/tions shall bow bë'före you.*

All *For yours is the royal / power, 'O God; *
you / rule ovër 'the nätions. [Antiphon]*

Choir To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow /down in 'worship; *
all who go down to the / dust fall bë'före you.

All My soul shall live for you;
my descen/dants shall 'serve you; *
they shall be / known as yöurs 'for ëver.

All They shall come and make known to a / people 'yet unborn *
the saving / deeds that yöu 'häve done. [Antiphon]

Text: Psalm 22:22-30, Translation from The Saint Helena Psalter, © The Order of Saint Helena, Antiphon text: *The Portland Psalter*, adapt. M. Bilyeu.
Music: Tone IV.1, Antiphon: M. Bilyeu.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

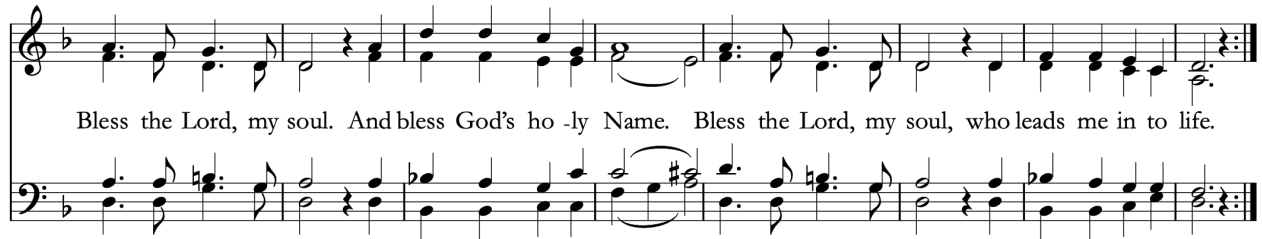
For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") –in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as able and sing.



Bless the Lord, my soul. And bless God's ho -ly Name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in to life.

"Bless the Lord, my soul"

Words & Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994). © 1982, 1983, 1984 Les Presses et Ateliers de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc.

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 Mark.

Mark 8:31-38

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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 members 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. Catherine Healy, Rector

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
+ We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Dear God, as we continue our way into Lent, grace us with the strength to weather fruitfully the coming changes, both outside of our walls and within.

God who changed Sarah and Abraham's very identity when you pledged your steadfastness to them and theirs, help us to embrace and cultivate our own transformation as we begin the process of discerning for new leadership; as we rightfully turn inward at this time, remind us that the point of this all is to be turned outward, serving those in your world. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Dear God, may the example of your Son Jesus Christ continue to stand as a challenge to those in positions of leadership over us, prodding their minds not to rest content with the smaller things we all tend to be distracted by. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God who can't be followed without taking up a cross, guide us to take up only those crosses proper to us, so we may better relieve others of their undeserved crosses of oppression, dispossession and relentless suffering.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Rejoice with those celebrating birthdays, including **Richard** Barnard (2/26), and **Ronald** Thisted (3/2), and with **Padma Vundi & Barnabas** Pusnur (2/27) and **Crystal & Bruce** Plummer (2/27) on the anniversaries of the marriages, and **Catherine** Healy (2/27) on the anniversary of her ordination.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Comfort those who are sick and suffering, especially **Pamela** Anderson, **Jacky** Corey Hain, **Josef** Michael Carr, **Helen** Johnson, **Marian** Elliott, **Tim** Brown (cousin of Maureen Jesuthasan), **Alphonso** Guerrero (nephew of Cecilia Mowatt), **Jayne** Khalifa (mother of Traci Beck), **Benjamin** Scott (son of Celia Scott), and all those on our prayer list.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Remember those who have returned to your kingdom, especially **Michael** Towns (parishioner, 2/26/2022), **Lois** Cline Ireland (mother of Valerie Tongsgard, 2/29/1980), and **Al** Baker (parishioner, 3/1/2022).

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

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

Prayers written by Joshua Daniel.

Prayer List: Pamela Anderson, Josef Michael Carr, Jacky Corey Hain, Marian Elliott, Susan Hartger, Naomi Haynes, Helen Johnson, Brenda Kilpatrick, Becky Kruse, Rahsaan Clark Morris, John Mulholland, Mary Naftzger, D. Maria Neighbors, Peter Pereira, Celia Scott, Jayne Khalifa (mother of Traci Beck), Tim Brown (cousin of Maureen Jesuthasan), Alarra Tozin (friend of Twila Jones), Hilton Clark (friend of Cecilia Mowatt), Alphonso Guerrero (nephew of Cecilia Mowatt), Rosalyn Hill (friend of Cecilia Mowatt), Brenden Jones (godson of Cecilia Mowatt), Becky Newman (sister of Mary Naftzger), Ann Rigney (friend of Mary Naftzger), Amelia Dammen (grandniece of Lisa Rademacher), Benjamin Scott (son of Celia Scott), and Penny & Dom Piantedosi (sister and brother-in-law of Val Tongsgard), as well as their caregivers.

Confession & Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, + forgive you all your sins through 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." 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.

*Spiritus sanctus vivificans
vita movens omnia,
et radix est in omni creatura
ac omnia de inmunditia abluit,
tergens crimina ac ungit vulnera,
et sic est fulgens ac laudabilis vita,
suscitans et resuscitans
omnia.*

The Holy Spirit: living and life-giving,
the life that's all things moving,
the root in all created being:
of filth and muck it washes all things clean—
out-scrubbing guilty staining, its balm our wounds constraining—
and so its life with praise is shining,
rousing and reviving
all.

"Spiritus sanctus vivificans"

Text: Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179).

Music: Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179).

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.

All sing.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, — Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly, Lord, God of power and might, — hea - ven and earth are full, —
 full — of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert (1797-1828), arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)
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Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. + Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, Eucharistic Prayer A.

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

All sing.

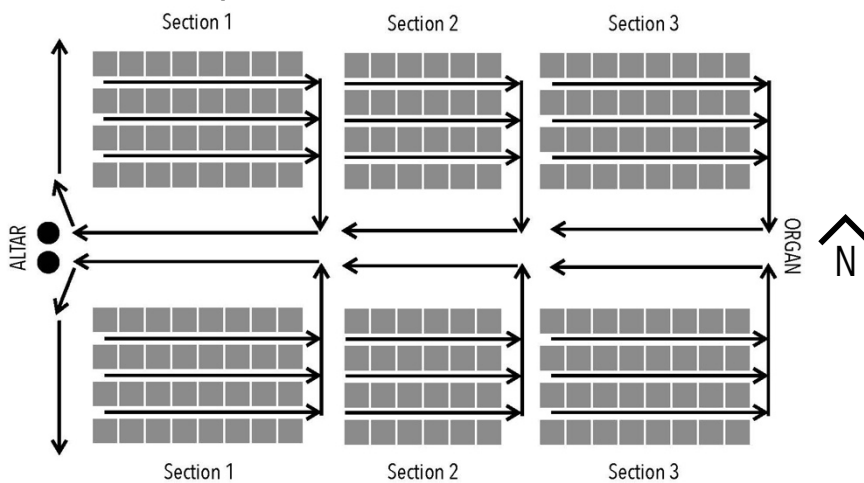
Lift Every Voice and Sing II #269 "Lamb of God"
 Music: Eucharist of the Soul, Lena McLin (1928-2023).

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.

How to Line Up for Communion



Order for Lining Up

Choir Goes First | Then Section 1 | Then Section 2 | Then Section 3

Communion Music

All sing verses 1, 2, 4, & 6.



1 New ev - ery morn - ing is the love
2 New mer - cies, each re - turn - ing day,
*4 Old friends, old scenes, will love - lier be,
6 On - ly, O Lord, in thy dear love,



1 our wak - ening and up - ris - ing prove;
2 a - round us ho - ver while we pray;
4 as more of heaven in each we see;
6 fit us for per - fect rest a - bove;



1 through sleep and dark - ness safe - ly brought,
2 new per - ils past, new sins for - given,
4 some soft - ening gleam of love and prayer
6 and help us, this and ev - ery day,



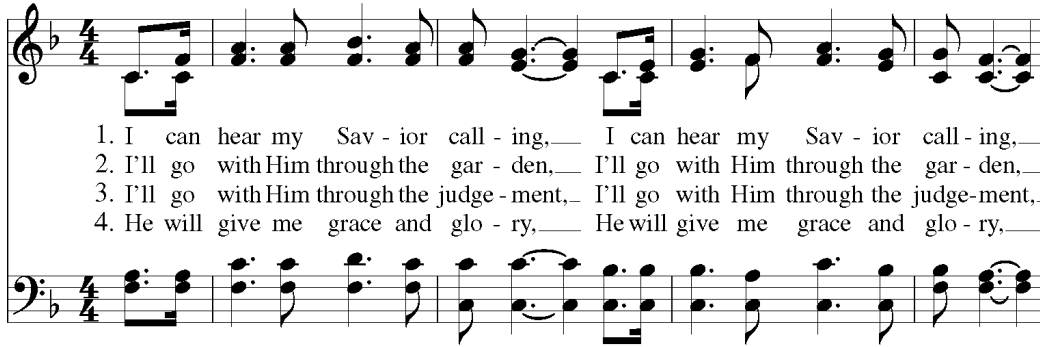
1 re - stored to life and power and thought.
2 new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.
4 shall dawn on ev - ery cross and care.
6 to live more near - ly as we pray.

Hymnal 1982 #10 "New every morning"

Words: John Keble (1792-1866).

Music: *Kendron*, melody att. Elkanah Kelsay Dare (1792-1826); harm. *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; adapt. *Hymnal 1982*.

All sing.



1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, — I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, —
2. I'll go with Him through the gar - den, — I'll go with Him through the gar - den, —
3. I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, — I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, —
4. He will give me grace and glo - ry, — He will give me grace and glo - ry, —



1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, — "Take thy cross and fol - low, fol - low me."
2. I'll go with Him through the gar - den, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.
3. I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.
4. He will give me grace and glo - ry, — And go with me, with me all the way.



Where He leads me I will fol - low, — Where He leads me I will fol - low, —



Where He leads me I will fol - low, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

Lift Every Voice and Sing #144 "Where he leads me"
Words: E.W. Blandy, c. 1890.
Music: John S. Norris (1844-1907).

Sending Forth

Please stand as able.

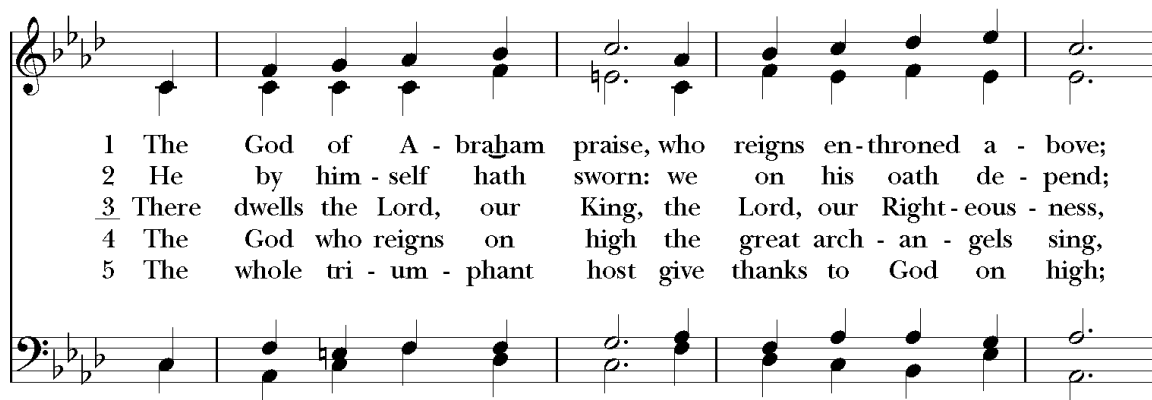
Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

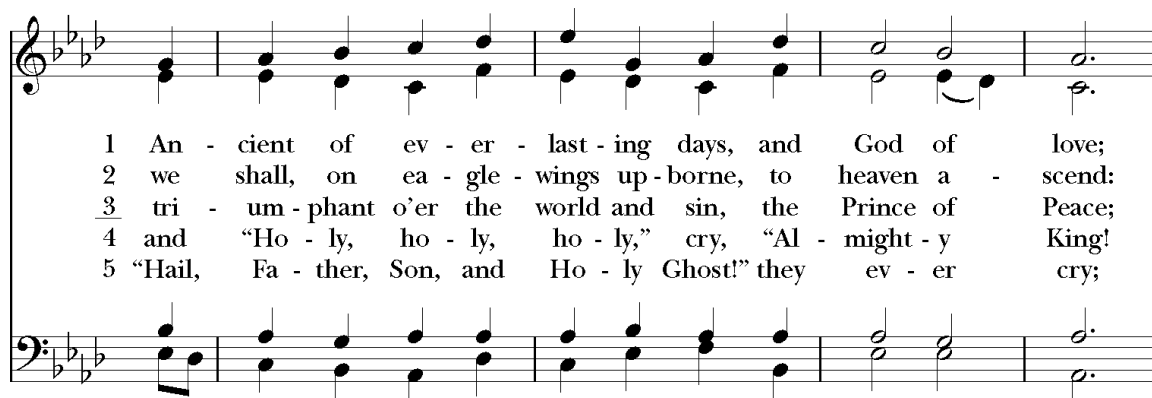
The Presider says a solemn prayer over the people.

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sing.



1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

The Hymnal 1982 #401 "The God of Abraham praise"
 Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt.
 Music: Leoni Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Christus der uns selig macht (Christ, who makes us blessed)
 from "Orgelbüchlein"

J.S. Bach (1685-1750).



Coming Up at SPR

Things Seen and Unseen: Zoom Series in Lent

Join the Rev. Roger Ferlo for a series of five Zoom sessions in Lent, *Things Seen and Unseen*, featuring selected online art exhibitions from the Visual Commentary on Scripture (thevcs.org). We will meet on Zoom on five **Wednesdays in Lent from 7pm to 8:15pm**, beginning **Wednesday evening, February 21** and ending with the final session on Wednesday evening March 21. Sign up in the narthex.

Migrant Support Ministry Update

A new arrival from Venezuela, O., with her children (ages 6 months and 3 years), has moved into housing sponsored by SPR. To offer assistance to O. and her family, contact Bob Bator (rbator@aol.com).

Vacation Bible Camp: Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible Camp from **Monday, August 5 to Friday, August 9, 2024.**

Quarterly Service of Lamentation and Hope

The return of light does not always lift the darkness. On **Saturday, March 23, at 12 PM**, all are invited to attend a quiet service to hold space for grief, lament, and hope. We will remember especially all those losses associated with Covid. We will pause to rest. To assist with the service, contact Sara Bigger.

Children's Formation Series:

Tell Me the Truth About Racism

On **Sundays, March 10, and April 14** (second Sundays of the month), after the 10:00 service, children and youth are invited to participate in Tell Me the Truth About Racism, a series to help kids dismantle racism through the lens of Christian faith.

On **Sundays, March 3, and April 7** (first Sundays of the month), at 9:30 AM, adults are invited to attend rehearsals of each story in the large Godly Play classroom on the lower level. Questions? Contact storytellers Celia Paris and Amanda Ruch.

About this Week's Music

Throughout Lent, the choral anthems will center on the German Benedictine abbess and polymath **Hildegard of Bingen** (1098-1179). She was active as a composer, writer, philosopher, mystic, visionary, and as a medical writer and practitioner. She corresponded with the Pope, and she offered spiritual guidance to kings and queens. As a composer, she primarily wrote chants for her and her fellow nuns to sing, either setting pre-existing liturgical texts, but more often her own writings. During her lifetime, harmony in music was just beginning, and she often incorporated a drone (a constant note or notes), in her music, especially chants in the Phrygian mode (that is: a minor key with a lowered "re" for all the music theorists). That is mode in which *Spiritus Sanctus vivifican vita* is written, a setting of her own text. The droning instrument is a shruti box, which is a more contemporary Indian instrument to the predecessors Hildegard would have used. Also throughout Lent, the **postludes** will be taken from the Lenten portion of Bach's "Orgelbüchlein" (Little Organ Book). Bach intended this work to include 164 chorale tunes to cover the entire liturgical year, yet completed only 46.

Save the Date: Choral Concert at SPR

On Saturday, **March 9 at 7:30 PM**, the College of St. Scholastica (Duluth, MN) will offer a choral concert featuring both their treble choir and their mixed-voice choir as part of their spring tour. The choirs will also be with SPR in worship on Sunday, March 10.

Serving Today

February 25, 2024 | 10:00 AM

Presider: The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur

Preacher: The Rev. Catherine Healy

Music Leaders: Mark Bilyeu, Megan Cather

Children's Chapel Leader: Lindsey Strieter, Megan Cather

Lectors: Doug Hoffman, Ian Murrell

Intercessor: Fran Spaltro

Chalice Ministers: Gabriel Lear, John Adewoye, Tayo

Adegoke, John Omoworare

Ushers: Mike Agina, Chinyere Agina

Linen Washer: Pat Swanson

Acolyte: Andrew Rostan

Altar Guild: Camile Long

Vestry Greeter: Joshua Daniel

Communion Bread Baker: Jason Cather

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The Rev. Catherine E. Healy, *Rector*

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

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Lindsey Strieter, *Director of Children's Formation*

The Rev. Roger Ferlo, *Priest Associate*

The Rev. KJ Oh, *Priest Associate*

Savannah Hegyi, Wesley Krist, Ian Murrell, &

Ariana Strahl, *Staff Singers*

Sabrina Foster, Ashley Lanfair, & Patricia Lanfair,

Nursery Teachers

Vestry

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Get Involved at SPR

Learn more about our ministries inside and outside the church walls at sprchicago.org, or contact a ministry leader to get started!

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