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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER

MARCH 3, 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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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.)

Shoemith School | Kenwood, Chicago

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

Offering envelopes for both ministries are in the seatbacks.

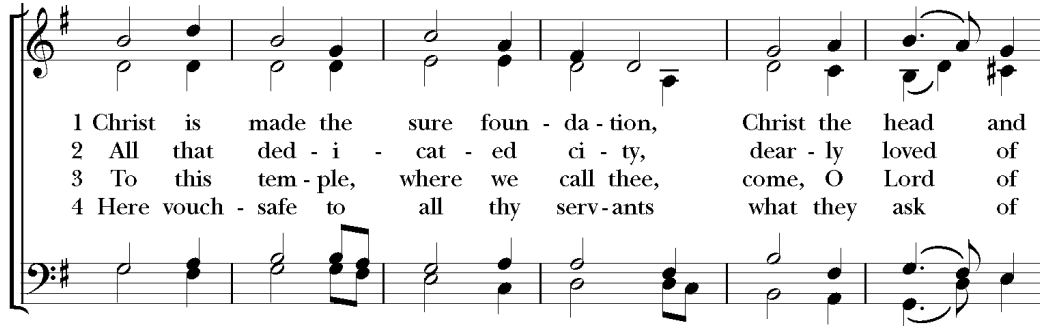
Please make checks payable to St. Paul & the Redeemer and put "Shoemith" and/or "Haiti" in the memo line.

THE WORD OF GOD

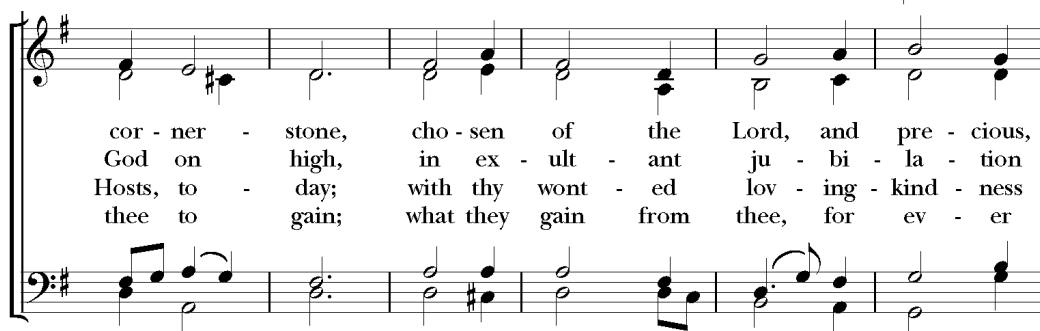
Prelude

Entrance Hymn

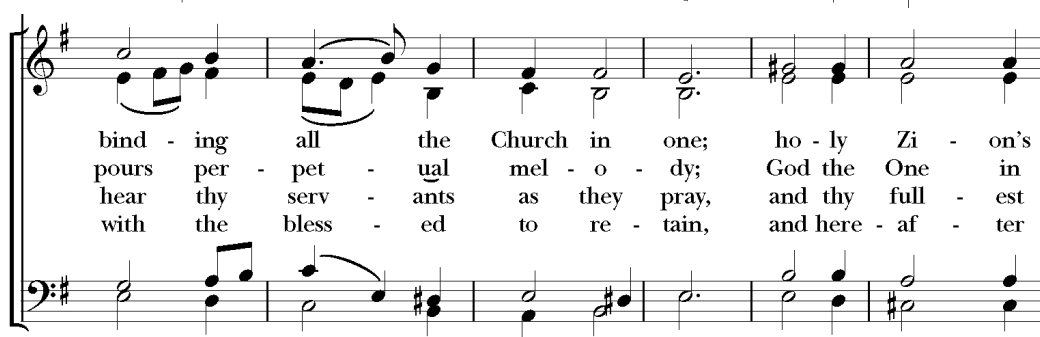
When the bell rings, please stand as able and sing.



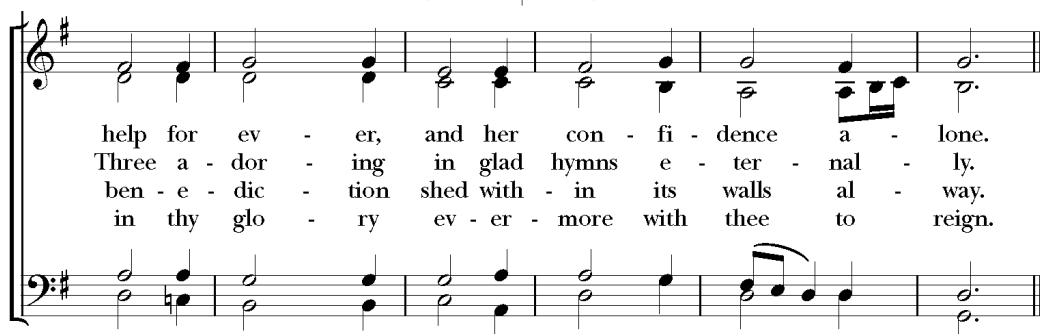
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er



bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter



help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

The Hymnal 1982 #518 "Christ is made the sure foundation"

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt.

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.

**Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves:
Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls,
that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
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.

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.

The musical score consists of three staves, each labeled 'Group 1', 'Group 2', and 'Group 3'. All staves are in the key of D major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. Group 1 starts with a quarter note 'Ky', a quarter note 'ri', a quarter note 'e', followed by a dotted quarter note 'e', an eighth note 'le', an eighth note 'i', and a dotted quarter note 'son'. Group 2 starts with a quarter note 'Chris', a quarter note 'te', followed by a dotted quarter note 'e', an eighth note 'le', an eighth note 'i', and a dotted quarter note 'son'. Group 3 starts with a quarter note 'Ky', a quarter note 'ri', a quarter note 'e', followed by a dotted quarter note 'e', an eighth note 'le', an eighth note 'i', and a dotted quarter note 'son'. Each staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

"Mercer Kyrie eleison"

Words: Greek, Mass Ordinary

Music: "Mercer Kyrie," Marilyn Haskell.

The Lessons

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or

worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 *Coeli enarrant*

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

Refrain *Antiphon text by Howard E. Galley, Jr.*



Let the words of my mouth and the med-i-ta-tion of my heart be ac-cept-a-ble in your sight.

Verses *Tone VII.3*



- 1 Choir *The* hēavens declare your 'glory, 'O God, *
 and the firmament 'shows your 'handiwork.
- 2 **All** **One day tells its 'tale to 'another, ***
 and one night imparts knowledge 'to anóther.
- 3 Choir Although they have no 'words or 'language, *
 and their 'voices 'are not heard,
- 4 **All** **Their sound has gone 'out into 'all lands, ***
 and their message to the 'ends of 'the world. [ANTIPHON]
- 5 Choir In the deep you have set a pa'vilion 'for the sun; *
 it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
 it rejoices like a 'champion to 'run its course.
- 6 **All** **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens**
 and runs about to the 'end of 'it again; *
 nothing is hidden 'from its 'burning heat.

- 7 Choir Your law, O God, is perfect and re-vives the soul; *
your testimony is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 All **Your statutes are just and rejoice the heart; *
your commandment is clear and gives light to the eyes.**
- 9 Choristers The fear of you is clean and endures for ever; *
your judgments are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 All **More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**
- 11 Choir By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 All **Who can tell how often one offends? *
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- 13 Choir Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 All **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, *
O God, my strength and my redeemer. [ANTIPHON]**

Text: Psalm 19, Translation from The Saint Helena Psalter, © The Order of Saint Helena, Antiphon text: Howard E. Galley, Jr.
Music: Tone VII.3.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

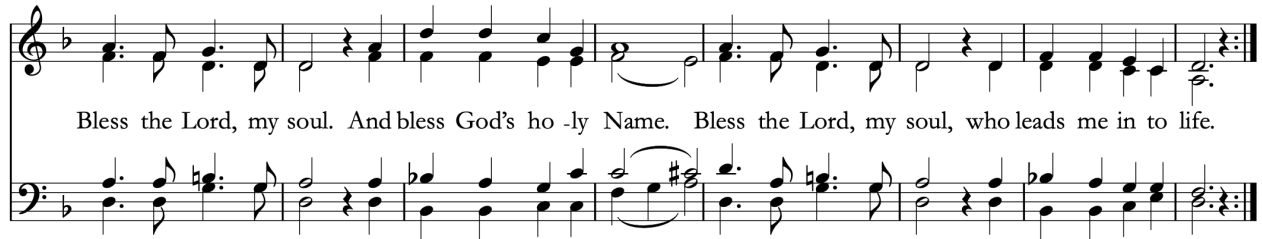
Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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 John.

John 2:13-22

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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. Barnabas Pusnur, Associate 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

O God, prepare our community as we move into the season of transition that awaits us. May we make room for each other as you give us wisdom to discern where you are calling us.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We remember that after creating the glories that surround us you rested, O God. May we also make time to retreat from the hustle and bustle to rest and make space to hear your voice.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We need no reminders of our changing climate in the wake of the weather we have just experienced. May we not grow weary in seeking to change habits both large and small to ensure the planet you created continues to sustain the life that you give us.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We praise you for all the good things of this life, including those celebrating birthdays, including **Linda** Wheatley-Irving (3/5), **Jennifer** Pitts (3/5), **Peter** Foster (3/5), **Donna** Fackenthal (3/6), **Peter** Eng (3/6), **Baiju** Markose (3/6), **Yemi** Adegoke (3/6), **George** Chlipala (3/7), **Jonah** Karafioli (3/8), and **Joshua** Daniel (3/9).

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We entrust those who are suffering to your care, **Pamela** Anderson, **Jacky** Corey Hain, **Josef** Michael Carr, **Helen** Johnson, **Naomi** Haynes, **Brenda** Kilpatrick, **Jayne** Khalifa (mother of Traci Beck), **Julie** Tate (friend of the Knight family), **Benjamin** Scott (son of Celia Scott), and all those on our prayer list.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We remember the great cloud of witnesses that continue to bless us with their memory, including especially **Hank** Underwood (parishioner, 3/9/2022),

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), Julie Tate (friend of Knight Family), Benjamin Scott (son of Celia Scott), and Penny & Dom Piantedosi (sister and brother-in-law of Val Tonsgard), 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 Ariana Strahl, staff singer.

*O virtus Sapientie,
que circuiens circuisti,
comprehendendo omnia
in una via que habet vitam,
tres alas habens,
quarum una in altum volat
et altera de terra sudat
et tertia undique volat.
Laus tibi sit, sicut te decet, O Sapientia.*

O Wisdom's energy!
Whirling, you encircle
and everything embrace
in the single way of life.
Three wings you have:
one soars above into the heights,
one from the earth exudes,
and all about now flies the third.
Praise be to you, as is your due, O Wisdom.

"O virtus Sapientie"

Text: Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179), trans. Nathaniel M. Campbell.

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.

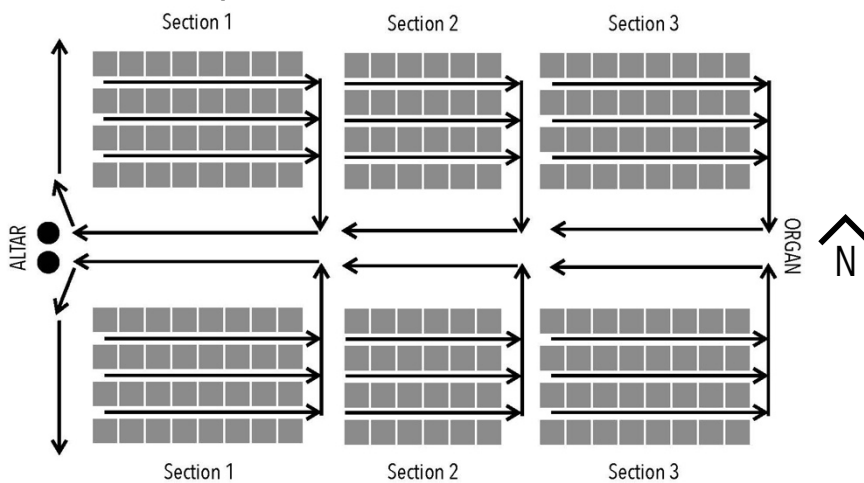
Lift Every Voice and Sing II #269 "Lamb of God"
 Music: Eucharist of the Soul, Lena McLin (1928-2023).

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.



1 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
2 Here would I feed up - on the Bread of God;
3 I have no help but thine; nor do I need
4 Mine is the sin, but thine the right - eous - ness;



here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
here drink with thee the roy - al Wine of heaven;
an - oth - er arm save thine to lean up - on;
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleans - ing Blood.



here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
it is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;
Here is my robe, my re - fuge, and my peace;



and all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.
here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
my strength is in thy might, thy might a - lone.
thy Blood, thy right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.

Hymnal 1982 #318 "Here, O my Lord"

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889).

Music: Nyack, Warren Swenson (b. 1937).

All sing.

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the woun-ded whole; There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to

Fine

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, And think my work's in
 heal the sin - sick soul. 2. If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, If you can - not preach like
 3. Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged For Je - sus is your

D.C.

vain, But then the ho - ly spi - rit Re - vives my soul a - gain.
 Paul, You can tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all.
 friend, And if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Lift Every Voice and Sing #203 "There is a balm in Gilead"
 Words: American melody, from *The Carl Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals*.
 Music: arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949).

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.**

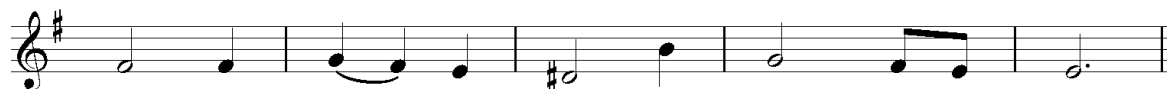
All sing.



1 Cre - a - tor of the earth and skies, to whom the
2 We have not known you: to the skies our mon - u -
3 We have not loved you: far and wide the wreck - age
4 For this, our fool - ish con - fi - dence, our pride of
5 Teach us to know and love you, Lord, and hum - bly



1 words of life be - long, grant us your truth to make us
2 ments of fol - ly soar, and all our self - wrought mis - er -
3 of our ha - tred spreads, and e - vils wrought by hu - man
4 know-ledge and our sin, we come to you in pen - i -
5 fol - low in your way. Speak to our souls the quick - ening



1 wise; grant us your power to make us strong.
2 ies have made us trust our - selves the more.
3 pride re - coil on un - re - pent - ant heads.
4 tence; in us the work of grace be - gin.
5 word, and turn our dark - ness in - to day.

The Hymnal 1982 #148 "Creator of the earth and skies"

Words: David W. Hughes (1911-1967), alt.

Music: *Uffingham*, melody and bass Jeremiah Clarke (1670-1707), alt.; harm. *Songs for Liturgy and More Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 1971.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

O Lamm Gottes unschuldig (O Lamb of God, innocent)

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 **Wednesdays in Lent from 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM**, ending with the final session on Wednesday 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 –including occasional Spanish translating – contact Bob Bator (rbator@aol.com).

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 (sarafaganbigger@gmail.com).

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 offertory 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. *Sapientia* (Divine Wisdom) was a frequent presence in the ecstatic visions of Hildegard, and her *O virtus sapientiae* is a hymn to that Holy Wisdom, which, for her was the Divine Feminine Wisdom which nurtured the soul. 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.

Vacation Bible Camp: Save the Date!

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

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: Sem Sutter, John Adewoye

Intercessor: Andrew Chipman

Chalice Ministers: John Omoworare, John Adewoye,

Peggy Johnson, Jonathan Foiles

Usher: Joe Dunn

Altar Guild: Camille Long

Vestry Greeter: Anne Harlan

Communion Bread Baker: Jim Tongard

Staff

The Rev. Catherine E. Healy, *Rector*

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

The Rev. Jack Seymour, *Deacon (on leave, winter 2024)*

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. KJ Oh, *Priest Associate*

Savannah Hegyi, Wesley Krist, Ian Murrell, &

Ariana Strahl, *Staff Singers*

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

Vestry

Frances Spaltro, *Warden* Jason Evans, *Warden*

Tayo Adegoke, *Treasurer* Baiju Markose, *Clerk*

Joshua Daniel Andrew Rostan

Anne Harlan Morgan Kincade

Rebecca Luttrell Julia McMillan

Nathan Petrie Celia Paris

Holy Week Schedule at SPR

Palm Sunday, March 24

We commemorate Jesus' joyous entry into Jerusalem.

8:00 AM: Spoken Eucharist

10:00 AM: Choral Eucharist with Palm Procession
& Bagpipes

Maundy Thursday, March 28

We share in a Lenten meal and Eucharist, remember the Last Supper of Jesus, and are invited to wash one another's feet.

5:30 PM: Family Dinner Worship with Children's Choirs

7:30 PM: Choral Dinner Worship with Adult Choir

Signup at: sprchicago.org/holy-week

Good Friday, March 29

We remember the suffering and death of Jesus in these solemn services.

11:00 AM: Stations of the Cross

12:00 PM: Choral Eucharist with Cantors

5:00 PM: Children's Good Friday Service (note time change; 30 minutes, appropriate for grades PK-5)

7:30 PM: Choral Eucharist with Full Choir

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil), March 30

We celebrate God's mighty works of salvation through poetry, art, and song, with a dessert reception to follow.

8:00 PM: Great Vigil of Easter (note time change)

Easter Sunday, March 31 (need RSVP page)

We rejoice together in the resurrection of Jesus Christ

8:00 AM: Spoken Eucharist

10:00 AM: Choral Eucharist with Brass

11:15 AM: Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck Brunch

Signup for Easter brunch at: sprchicago.org/holy-week