

Elizabeth Evelyn Wright (1872–1906)

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 16, 2020 | 9:15AM & 11:15AM



A Little About St. Paul & the Redeemer

What Kind of Church Is This?

St. Paul & the Redeemer 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. SPR honors both faith and doubt, bringing together our highest hopes and our deepest fears.

SPR Anti-Racism Vision Statement

To mirror the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus and be true to our baptismal covenant, 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.

Let's Get Connected

Fill out one of these cards, which you can find in the backs of the chairs and drop it in the offering basket or give it to a member of the clergy.

OR

Stop by the Welcome Table, which is near the west entrance to the church.

AND

Check-in and follow SPR on social media: facebook.com/sprchicago and @sprchicago



Children's Formation

Nursery, 9:00a-12:30p | Professionally staffed nursery care is available during the services for children ages 0-4. The nursery is down the southwest stairs. Changing tables are in the downstairs restrooms and the nursery.

Children's Chapel, 10:15a-10:30a | During the sermon at the 10am service, children from **preschool to second grade** are invited to a special liturgy in the children's chapel, featuring songs and a Bible story.

Godly Play 10:20a-11:05a | Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to Godly Play today, Sunday, February 9, at 10:20am to hear the parable of the sower. Children are welcome to join Godly Play at any time during the year. To learn more about volunteering with Godly Play, contact director of children's formation Cynthia Bagrowski (bagrowski@sprchicago.org).

Some Helpful Things to Know Today

Can I receive communion?

Yes. Everyone, without exception, is invited to receive communion.

When am I supposed to stand?

At any point in the service, it's perfectly fine for you to remain seated as you're comfortable. We do have customary times when we stand or kneel; these are indicated by the italicized instructions throughout the service. There are also times when it is customary to cross ourselves, and if you wish to do so, the + indicates that.

Are children welcome here?

Yes. Children are invited to participate actively in the service. Also, coloring pages, crayons, and books are at the entrances to the church. Nursery care is available.

Where are the restrooms?

There are single-user, gender-neutral restrooms down the southwest stairs and also through the northeast door of the sanctuary.

Is there wheelchair accessibility?

Yes. An accessible restroom is through the northeast door of the sanctuary. There is an elevator which gives access to the first floor, lower level, and parish hall. Everyone is invited to remain seated at any point during the service, as needed.

How about hearing assistance?

We can help there, too. Hearing-assistance devices are available from the ushers.

Cover Image: Celebrating African-American Saints

In celebration of Black History Month, our bulletin cover art during the month of February will honor African-American Episcopal saints. Today's image features pioneering educator **Elizabeth Evelyn Wright** (1872-1906). In the face of racist violence, Wright founded South Carolina's Denmark Industrial School (now Voorhees College), a historically Black college affiliated with the Episcopal Church. Her life's mission is summed up best in her own words: "to try and help my fellow man to help themselves—and if a way was not open for them, I must open it myself."

Youth Formation

Youth Formation, Sundays, 10:20a-11:05a | Join us **today, Sunday, February 16,** for youth formation as we explore the topic: **Is Anger worse than Murder?** We will gather for 45 minutes to enjoy doughnuts and discussion.

Youth Group, Sundays, 5-7p | Youth are invited to youth group today, Sunday, February 16, from 5-7p for Board Game Night! Bring your Own Board Game! Youth Group is a weekly fellowship gathering on Sundays. Check out our info board outside of the youth room, subscribe to the SPR parish's weekly email blast, or follow us at @SPRYouth for more info.

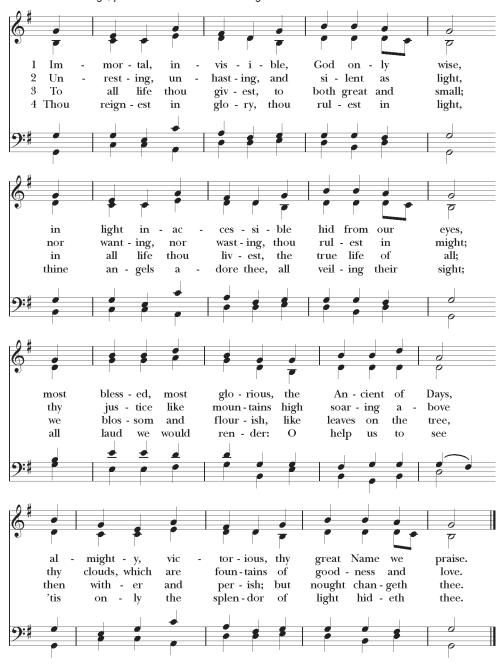
THE WORD OF GOD

Throughout the bulletin, the congregation is to say all **bolded** text aloud.

Prelude

Entrance Hymn

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



The Hymnal 1982 #423 "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Music: St. Denio, 11 11. 11 11, Welsh hymn, from Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.

Welcome

+ Blessed are you, holy and living God. Glory to God for ever and ever.

@11:15 only. All sing.

Arise, shine, for your light has come.



Arise, shine, for your / light has come,

and the glory of the Lord has dawned up/on you.

For behold, darkness / covers the land;

deep gloom enshrouds the / peoples. R

Refrain

But over you the / Lord shall rise,

and his glory will appear up/on you.

Nations will stream to your / light,

and kings to the brightness of your / dawning. Refrain

Your gates will always be / open;

by day or night they will / never be shut.

They will call you, the / City of the Lord,

the Zion of the Holy One of / Israel. Refrain

Violence will no more be / heard in your land,

ruin or destruction within your / borders.

Your will call your walls, Sal/vation,

and all your portals, / Praise.

† The sun will no more be your / light by day;

by night you will not need the / **brightness of the moon**. Refrain

Words: Canticle 11, The Third Song of Isaiah: *Surge, illuminare*Music: Carl Haywood (b. 1949) from *Fraction Anthems, Canticles and Chants*© Carl Haywood. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God,
the strength of all who put their trust in you:
Mercifully accept our prayers;
and because in our weakness
we can do nothing good without you,
give us the help of your grace,
that in keeping your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The Lessons

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

The choir introduces the refrain, which all repeat. The choir sings the verses; the people join in singing the refrain where indicated.

Psalm 119.1-8



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

Refrain

Who never do any wrong, but always walk in his ways.

You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.

Refrain

Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.

Refrain

I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me. Refrain

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

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

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

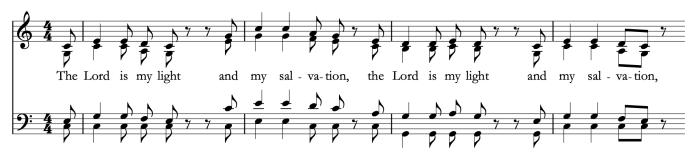
Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and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

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

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able and sing.







"The Lord is my light and my salvation" Words: Lillian Bouknight (d. 1990)

Music: Lillian Bouknight, arr. Steven Key

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At the + below, you are invited to trace a cross over your forehead, your mouth, and over your heart.

+ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 5:21-37

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

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

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Chapel (@ 9:15 only)

Children in preschool to second grade are invited to their own liturgy in the chapel. They will return at the peace.

Please be seated.

The Sermon

Today's Preacher: The Rev. KJ Oh, Assistant Priest

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of the church.

All 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.

The Prayers of the People

Merciful Creator, we pray to you for the healing and wholeness of our global family and the planet that you have given us for our home;

That we may come to learn how to choose life over death and blessings over curses.

Grant that the people of St. Paul and the Redeemer continue to prosper and to faithfully discern your call to active faith and the pursuit of justice;

That we may walk in the understanding that building the kingdom of God starts in our midst.

We ask that our ordained leaders, especially our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Bishop, Jeffrey; and our Rector, Catherine; continue to be filled with your Spirit. Fortify them to demolish and rebuild the places within the structures of the Church that have done and continue to do harm, even when doing so is difficult, unpopular, or inconvenient;

That we may all strive together to build a Church united in true love and equity.

We pray that those who hold authority in the nations come to understand the fundamental interconnectedness of all people and, when at the crossroads, they choose the path of wisdom and righteousness;

That we may rid our societies of oppression, greed, neglect, poverty, and violence.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Mary Naftzger, Nancy Harlan (mother of Anne Harlan), Mary Johnson (friend of Mary Naftzger), Willie C. Spraggins (aunt of Jo Ann Roberts), Sally Wolcott and her family, Eli Taylor (brother-in-law of Cheryl Vanorsby), Rock Sehr, William Starnes, Jr. (brother of Pam Anderson), Cheryl Vanorsby, A. Henry Randall, Jr. (grandfather of Evan Randall), Sophie Dillard (granddaughter of Robert and Sheila Bator), Naomi Haynes, George Whitley, Sean Knight (son of Shirley Knight), Tim Sehr, William Starnes (father of Pam Anderson), Jewel Starnes (mother of Pam Anderson), Leatrice Mowatt, Katherine Beetle Broadway (family of Tonsgards), Bronwen O'Wril (sister of Persis Berlekamp), Chris Wiley (cousin of Camille Long), and Barbara Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), as well as their caregivers;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially **Richard** Proulx (2/18/2010, former parishioner), and **Michael** Iwanagua (2/21, former parishioner).

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Bless those celebrating birthdays this week, especially **AI** Baker (2/17), **Rosemary** Evans (2/17), **Nicole** Hubbard (2/17), **Don** Elligan (2/19), **Ian** Kolata (2/19), **Shawn** Hannan (2/20), **Marek** Prochaska (2/20), **Lashawn** Davis (2/21), **Susan** Hohl (2/21), **Peter** Lane (2/21), **Teagan** Bigger (2/22), **PJ** Karafiol (2/22), and **Nat** Peterscross (2/22); and those celebrating anniversaries, especially **Ron** Gatton **& Leslie** Pilot-Gatton (2/16).

We rejoice with them and offer our eternal gratitude for your favor.

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 Twila Jones. Requests for prayers can be sent to Barnabas Pusnur at pusnur@sprchicago.org.

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

All bow or kneel as able.

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.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All greet one another and return to their seats. Some announcements will be given, but there's much more to find out in the front and back pages of this bulletin.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Sung by the choir.
Absalom Jones, A Preacher Like Jesus

Absalom, our friend and a preacher, Absalom, our mentor and teacher, Absalom, a man called "Absalom Jones," a preacher like Jesus.

Born in slavery, worked and paid for his freedom To emerge a leader of his people.

Speaking out against injustice

While showing love, compassion and mercy

To all of God's children in need.

Absalom, attests to our freedom. Absalom, speaks Truth with no submission. Absalom, a man called "Absalom Jones," a leader like Jesus.

Joined with African brothers and sisters, He walked out of second-class gallery worship.

Words: Michael McKee & Carl MaultsBy Music: Carl MaultsBy © 2014 Malted Milk Music Resolute, a man with a vision, Institutes a church on a mission For all to freely praise God.

Absalom, we celebrate your life, Absalom, your triumph o'er strife. Absalom, Praise God for Absalom Jones.

Absalom, Absalom Jones, a preacher like Jesus, a teacher like Jesus, a leader like Jesus. Absalom.

Absalom, our friend and a preacher, Absalom, our mentor and teacher Absalom, a man called "Absalom Jones," a preacher like Jesus.

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.

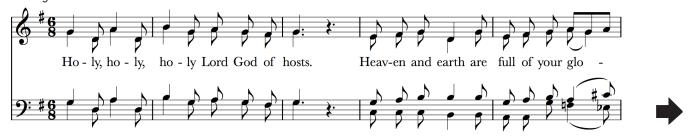
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

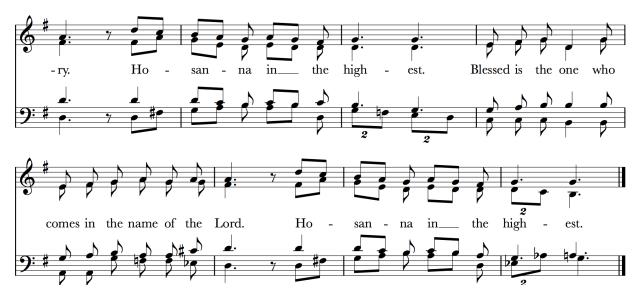
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.





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

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

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

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

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**.

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

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

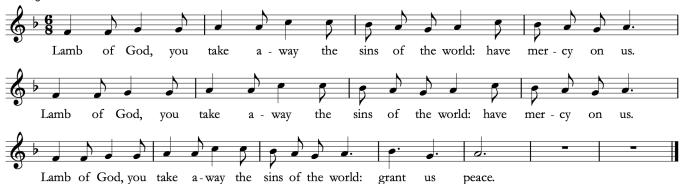
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

All sing.



Lift Every Voice and Sing II #271. Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) Music: Eugene W. Hancock (1929-1994) © 1992 Eugene W. Hancock

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All, without exception, are invited to receive communion. If you want gluten-free bread, tell the priest. If you would like a blessing in place of communion, cross your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come to the altar and would like to receive communion at your seat, tell an usher. The ushers will help each section up to the altar. Don't worry; all will be fed.

Healing Prayer

If you would like to be prayed for individually, you are invited to the area in front of the columbarium (in the southeast corner of the sanctuary) after you have received communion, where a prayer team member will pray with you briefly before you return to your seat.

All sing.



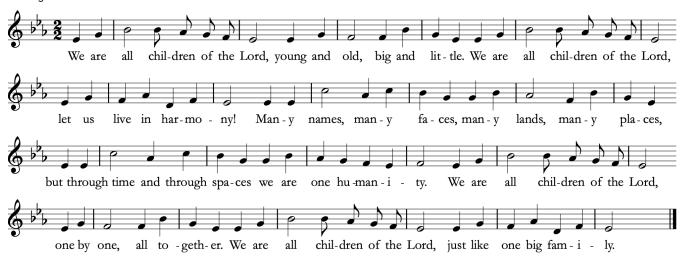
"Ubi caritas"

Words: hymn for Maundy Thursday, origin unknown

Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

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All sing.



My Heart Sings Out #105 "We are all children of the Lord"
Words & Music: Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992), adapt. from the anthem "Children of the Lord"
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The Hymnal 1982 #665 "All my hope on God is founded"

Words: Robert Seymour Bridges, alt., after Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

Music: Michael, 87. 87. 337, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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Sending Forth

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Eternal God,

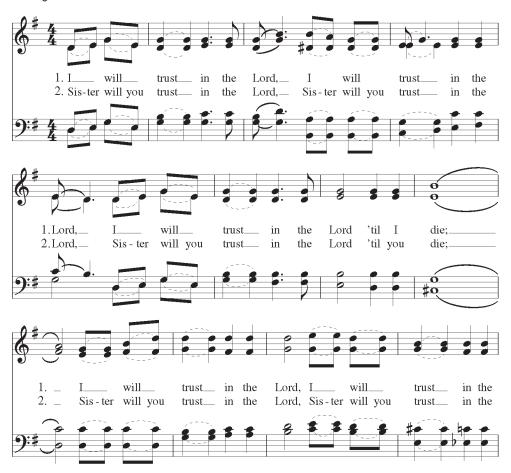
you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Presider blesses the people. You are invited to cross yourself as the Presider traces a cross over the congregation.

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, mother of us all, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Book of Occasional Services, Epiphany blessing, p. 24.

All sing.







Lift Every Voice and Sing II #193 "I Will Trust in the Lord"

Words: Traditional Music: Trust in the Lord, Negro Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals, arr. © 1992 Carl Haywood.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Jubilate Deo

Music: Stanley Vann (1910-2010)

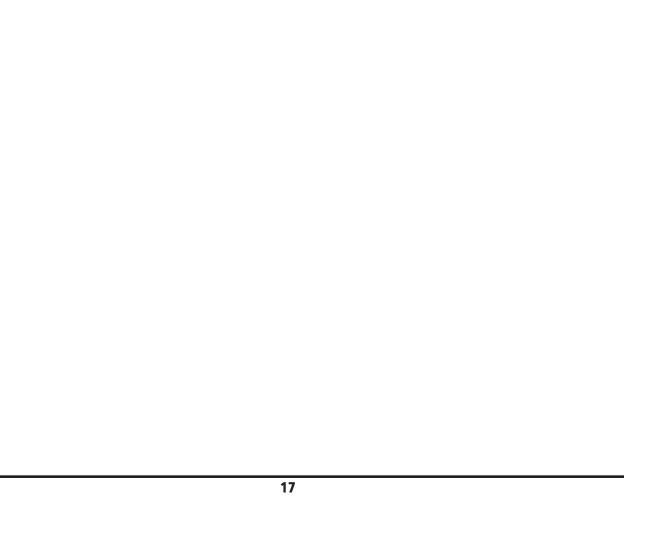


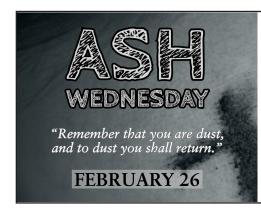
Join us for Carnival Sunday on **Sunday, February 23 at the 9:15** and 11:15 services for a festive celebration with music and food.

The SPR Choirs will sing Bob Chilcott's *A Little Jazz Mass* and selections from Robert Ray's *Gospel Mass*, accompanied by a jazz trio. Joyful congregational hymns will fill out the morning's music.

After the service, enjoy great food from Sinha Brazilian Cuisine.







12PM Noon Service: Rite I (traditional language) Eucharist in the chapel.

5:30PM Children's Service: Children (and parents!) will learn how palms are turned into ashes and about the symbols and stories of Lent. The St. Nicholas Choir will lead the music. The service will be followed by a soup supper (buttered noodles and lentil soup).

7:30PM Choral Eucharist: On Ash Wednesday, as we turn the corner and enter Lent, the combined adult choirs will sing Gregorio Allegri's *Miserere mei* and the *Agnus Dei* from William Byrd's *Mass for Four Voices*.



SPR Tiny Tots Service

On **Saturday**, **February 22 and March 2, from 8:30 to 9:30am**, children ages 0-3 and their parents are invited to a "Tiny Tots" worship service/play group in the Byllesby Room. There will be songs, a Bible story, and time for mingling and free play, with coffee for adults and snacks for all. RSVP to Cynthia Bagrowski: bagrowski@sprchicago.org.

20's/30's Bowling

Members in their 20's/30's are invited to show off their bowling skills or just hang out on **Saturday, February 22, at 5pm** at Seven Ten Lanes in Hyde Park. Please RSVP to Julia McMillan mcmillan013@gmail.com by February 18.

SPR Dance Party

Join us for a dance party on **Saturday, February 29 (leap day) from 6-8pm** in the parish hall. For more information contact Fran Spaltro (pambasilea@gmail. com) or Kara Scott (karatiemann@yahoo.com).

New Family in Refugee Ministry

Join us in visiting a family from Syria that has been in Chicago for less than a year: An at-home mom, a father who works as a custodian, and three kids-a girl who is 11 and two boys, ages 7 and 6. They live in the West Ridge/Rogers Park area. Saturday morning or afternoon visits to the family start February 29 and run until August 8. Families with children are especially invited. Volunteer signup sheets are in the narthex. For more information or to sign up for the visits, email Bob or Sheila Bator (rbator@aol.com) or call them at 773-930-7124.

Serve in Children's Ministry

Do you want to get to know the stories of the Bible and of our faith? Do you love seeing and interacting with the children of our parish? Our Godly Play program has a few slots for doorpeople. A doorperson greets the children, helps establish the tone of the classroom, and assists the Storyteller as the class progresses. Godly Play takes place each Sunday, between 10:20 and 11:10. Individual commitments vary, between once a month and three times a month; you can decide what works for you. Training will be provided. If you think you might be interested, consider sitting in on a class and observing. The curriculum is powerful for both the children and the adult leaders. For more details, please contact Cynthia Bagrowski (bagrowski@sprchicago.org).

Thank You

Shirley Knight and her family would like to thank you for your prayers, support and offers of help following the death of her great-granddaughter, Ni'yelah Rose Washington. Your support was much appreciated and a great comfort to them.

Gallery Concert

SPR staff singer, tenor and visual artist Luther Lewis III will be launching his new art company, Art + Aria, at SPR on Friday, February 21. There will be an exhibition of his newest paintings, as well as a live concert performance. Doors open at 7pm; the concert begins at 8pm. Free admission. Artwork, prints and gifts will be available for purchase.

Notes on Today's Music

Historical note on the offertory anthem: Absalom Jones (November 7, 1746 – February 13, 1818) was an African-American abolitionist and clergyman who became prominent in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Disappointed at racial discrimination in a local Methodist church, with Richard Allen, he founded the Free African Society, a mutual aid society for African Americans in the city. These included people newly freed from slavery after the American Revolutionary War.

In 1794 Jones founded the first black Episcopal congregation, and ten years later, in 1804, he was the first African American to be ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church of the United States. He is listed on the Episcopal calendar of saints. He is remembered liturgically on the date of his death, February 13, in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer as "Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818."

This anthem was composed by noted composer and church musician Carl MaultsBy, whose work has been centered in the Episcopal Church, to a text by Michael McKee, a former SPR parishioner and prolific poet. SPR's choirs gave a premiere performance in February 2013.

SPR Groups and Programs

Please consider joining one of these groups or programs. New participants are always welcome.

Bible Study: Every Thursday, 10-11am in the Byllesby Room. Contact: Kerstin Wellbery (kara.kerstin@gmail.com).

Open Kitchen: The Sunday before the third Monday of each month, 12:30pm in the Kitchen. Contact: Fran Spaltro (pambasilea@gmail.com).

Fiber Arts: Every second Sunday of the month at 12:30pm in the Byllesby Room. Contact: Rebecca Luttrell (southsideknitter@gmail.com).

Arts Committee: Every second Sunday of the month, 12:30pm in the Chapel. Contact: Jim Wright (jimphotoguy1@gmail.com).

20s & 30s Group: Monthly for fellowship. Contact: Julia McMillan (mcmillan013@gmail.com).

50s & Better Group: Monthly for fellowship. Contact: Sheila Bator (sbator@aol. com).

SPR Choirs: All experience levels and newcomers welcome.

St. Nicholas Choir (Kindergarten-2nd grade): Thursday Rehearsal 6-6:30pm. Contact: Gretchen Eng (eng@sprchicago.org).

SPR Choristers (3rd Grade and above): Thursday rehearsal 6–7:30pm. Contact: Christian Clough (clough@sprchicago.org).

Teen & Adult Choirs: Thursday rehearsal 7-8:40pm. Contact Christian Clough (clough@sprchicago.org).

Today's Ministers

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Catherine Healy, Shawn Evelyn

Preacher

KJ Oh

Deacons

8 & 9:15: Jack Seymour 11:15: Jaime Briceño

Music Leader

Christian Clough

Acolytes

9:15: Mahrhoztal Rosier, Swahdreeznya Rosier

Subdeacon

11:15: Mel Parks

Lectors

9:15: John Adewoye, Gabriel Lear 11:15: Mike Agina, Nicholas Bellomy

Prayer Reader

9:15: Martin Nutley 11:15: Twila Jones

Children's Chapel Leaders

Cynthia Bagrowski, Gretchen Eng

Chalice Ministers

9:15: Sarah Lincoln, John Adewoye, Gail Williams 11:15: Jim Wright, Robert Bator, Kelsey Shaw

Healing Prayer Leaders

9:15: Michelle Dassinger, Joshua Daniel 11:15: Vinita Wright

Ushers

11:15: Liz Nelson, Mary Naftzger

Vestry Greeter

9:15: Kate Baldwin

Altar Guild

9:15: Michelle Dassinger 11:15: Andrew Rostan

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