

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA



THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST
10:30 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

OPEN DOORS. OPEN HEARTS. OPEN HANDS.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, celebrating 167 years of service and worship in Wilmington.

8:00 AM EUCHARIST RITE II ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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Please silence all electronic devices before the liturgy begins.*

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Celebrant & Preacher
The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Server and Lector
David Tousignant

Greeter and Usher
Stephanie Schlosser

Intercessor
Spencer Weig

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The hymns can be found in the blue 1982 Hymnal. Other hymns will be marked accordingly.
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Voluntary *Arabesque* Louis Vierne
Processional Hymn 506 (vs. 1-3 &6) *Praise the Spirit in creation* Finnian

THE WORD OF GOD

The Penitential Order **BCP 351**

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People: *God's mercy endures forever.*

The Collect for Purity *Said together.*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. —*Hebrews 4:14,16*

The Confession of Sin and Absolution **BCP 352**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People:

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.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
 LORD, hear my voice; *
 let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
 O Lord, who could stand?
 For there is forgiveness with you; *
 therefore you shall be feared.
 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
 in his word is my hope.
 My soul waits for the LORD,
 more than watchmen for the morning, *
 more than watchmen for the morning.
 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
 for with the LORD there is mercy;
 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
 and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

The Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11

Reader: A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand.

Gradual Hymn 511

Holy Spirit, ever living

Abbott's Leigh

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 11:1-45.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him,

“Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand.)*

BCP 358

<p>We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit</p>	<p>he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
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The Prayers of the People

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Celebrant: With confidence and trust let us pray to God, who breathes new life in us, saying “Lord of compassion, in your mercy hear us.”

Intercessor: For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, for Rob our bishop, Sean our presiding bishop, and Sarah, our bishop-elect. We pray for the ministry of the clergy of St. Paul’s, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Philip’s, Southport and St. Mary’s, Gatesville. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Korea.

Silence

Lord of compassion,

People: *in your mercy hear us.*

Intercessor: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth,

Silence

Lord of compassion,

People: *in your mercy hear us.*

Intercessor: For peace in the world, especially between the United States and Iran, and those affected throughout the Middle East, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples,

Silence

Lord of compassion,

People: *in your mercy hear us.*

Intercessor: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer (*the intercessor reads the name of those in our parish that need our prayers*); Are there others? (*Silence*) That they may be relieved and protected.

Silence

Lord of compassion,

People: *in your mercy hear us.*

Intercessor: For those whom we have injured or offended,

Silence

Lord of compassion,

People: *in your mercy hear us.*

Intercessor: For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God,

Silence

Lord of compassion,

People: *in your mercy hear us.*

Intercessor: In communion with all those who have traveled through the narrow gate of death and entered eternal life,

Silence

Lord of compassion,

People: *in your mercy hear us.*

Celebrant: Almighty God, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

O for a closer walk with God

Charles Villiers Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame; A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy dove, return, sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

*Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.
If you would like to give electronically, please turn to page 12 for the QR code.*

Presentation Hymn

Doxology

Rockingham

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give God 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. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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:

Sanctus and Benedictus S-114

Holy, Holy, Holy

Healey Willan



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious Father: 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 and Father 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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: 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 forever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

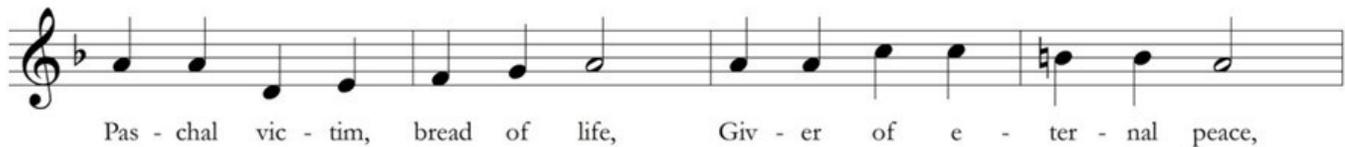
BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Paschal Victim, bread of life

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich



The Prayer of Humble Access *(Said together.)*

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Agnus Dei S-158

Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Communion of the People

Communion Anthem

The Call

Ralph Vaughn Williams

Solo by Anthony Bailey

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

Communion Hymn 508

Breathe on me, Breath of God

Nova Vita

Communion Hymn 314

Humbly, I adore thee, Verity unseen

Adoro devote

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

(The people stand or kneel.)

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, Father, 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 Blessing

Processional Hymn 665

All my hope on God is founded

Michael

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Voluntary

Out of the depths, BWV 686

J. S. Bach

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS at 10:30 AM

Celebrant & Preacher

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Gospeller

The Reverend Deacon Kay Swindell

Verger

Leon Tillery

Eucharistic Ministers

John Fonda

Dot Erway

Carolyn Demorest

Altar Server

Jeffrey Hughes

Crucifers

Jeffrey Hughes

Carolyn Demorest

Gospel Book Bearer

Dot Erway

Torchbearers

Kate Anlyan

Eve Frederiksen

Lectors

Katherine Hedgepeth

Amelia Thomas

Intercessor

Jeffrey Hughes

Vestry Person of Day

Karen Day

Ushers

Jane Harkness

Kenny Harkness

Jenna Butler

Al Butler

Owen Aylesworth

Greeters

Barbara Bucci

Valerie DeJarld

Flower Guild

Lynda Miller

JoAnne Edwards-Norman

Altar Guild

Barbara Banks

Barbara Bucci

Cathy Cherry



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Choral Evensong
Sunday, March 22
5:00 pm
with a Homily by the Rector
on *Preparing for Holy Week*
Holy Eucharist Rite I will be celebrated at the
conclusion of Evensong for those who wish to stay
and participate.

ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

In Our Parish

Catherine Thompson Allan	Michele Ryan
Eileen Searle	Bill Garmon
Lloyd Olsen+	Katherine Ramsey
Tammy Pollock	Barbara O'Rourke
Caroll Joines	Richard Banks+
JoAnn Summey	Jeffrey Sackrison
John Efthemis	Retha Deaton
Sara Fruechtenicht	Ronald Miller
Candace Halecki	Gladys & Bob Remillard
Beth Richards	Norman LaSalle
Carrie Anderson Kincaid	Maryelle Jones
Bonnie Cawthorne	Ashley Eason
Susan McGee	Joseph Farri
Sue Stevenson	Carla Ortiz
Ron Miller	Jeanne Jones

People Requesting Prayer

Elise Harney	Kirk Conyers
Tracy Sorrenti	Mary Lou Homestead
Whitney	Shannon
Sara, friends & family	Peter
Neil Bucci	Lee Tillery
Jeff	Diana Williams
Randy Watts	Michelle
Jerry T.	Jackson Howard
Matt	Sylvia List
Tom & Susie Marta	Cindy Kitterman
Kate Maclay	Amira Eggers
Michael Stroud	Irish & Matthew Moulden
Laurel	Richard Mulliner
	Johnson Tilghman

About the Prayer List

Included in our prayers are the names of those for whom prayer has been requested by a parishioner or family member. The reason for being listed is kept confidential. If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list please reach out to Fr. Caleb Lee or make a prayer request online at our website, www.spechurch.com.

Hospitalization or Pastoral Issues

Please notify us if you or a family member is hospitalized and/or in need of a pastoral call or visit. Please speak with Fr. Caleb or call the church office at 910-762-4578.

Sharing Holy Communion

If illness prevents you or a loved one from joining us for regularly scheduled services, Fr. Caleb or a Lay Eucharistic Minister can share Holy Communion either in your home or at a health care facility. Please speak to Fr. Caleb or contact the church office at 910-762-4578.

Vanco Online Giving



Palm Cross Making Party

Join the Flower Guild in the Parish Hall

No experience needed.
Instructions provided.

Thursday, March 26th, 10-11 am

now collecting

EASTER EGGS & CANDY

Please consider donating (filled) plastic eggs or bags of individually wrapped candy for our Annual Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday.

Place donations in the labeled bins at either entrance any Sunday starting March 15th. Collection will end on Palm Sunday. Thank you for supporting our Children & Youth!

POSSIBLE FILLER IDEAS INCLUDE: SMALL CANDY, STICKERS, COINS, LITTLE TOYS, BIBLE VERSES, ETC!
CHOCOLATE TENDS TO MELT OUTSIDE SO AVOID IF POSSIBLE! THANK YOU!



ST. PAUL'S CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, March 22

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:00am Holy Eucharist

(Koffee Klatch to follow in the Parish Hall)

9:15am - 12pm Nursery open

9:30am Adult Faith Formation *(Parish Hall)*

9:30am Children's Sunday School *(Upstairs)*

9:30am EYC Coffee & Conversations *(Downstairs)*

10:30am Choral Eucharist *(Reception to follow in the Parish Hall)*

2:00-4:00pm Lower Cape Fear Deanery Youth Event *(St. Mark's)*

5:00pm Choral Evensong

Tuesday, March 24

7:30am Companions in Faith Book Group *(Zoom)*

9:00am Morning Prayer *(Online via Zoom)*

6:00pm-8:00pm Wilmington Ultreya *(Parish Hall)*

Wednesday, March 25

12:10pm Holy Eucharist *(Lunch to follow in Parish Hall)*

5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper *(Parish Hall)*

7:00-8:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 26

8:30am Gentlefolk of Noble Poverty *(Parish Hall)*

9:00am Morning Prayer *(Online via Zoom)*

10:00am-11:00am Palm Cross Making *(Parish Hall)*

11:00am ¹Rector's Bible Study *(Parish Hall)*

Friday, March 27

8:00am Mensgroup *(Library)*

8:30am Mother Hubbard's Cupboard Packing *(MHC)*

Saturday, March 28

1:00pm-3:00pm Lynne VanStory Celebration of Life *(Parish Hall)*

Next Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday

8:00am Holy Eucharist

(Koffee Klatch to follow in the Parish Hall)

9:15am - 12pm Nursery open

9:30am No Faith Formation

10:00am Liturgy of the Palms *(Parish Hall)*

10:30am Choral Eucharist *(Reception to follow in the Parish Hall)*

5:00-6:30pm WAY Capture the Flag *(Airlie Gardens)*

¹Join Fr. Lee in the Parish Hall as we walk through the Book of Hebrews. Bring your lunch, your perspective, and your Bible.

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seeking soup & salad makers, bread bakers & buyers!

We also need extra help for serving and cleaning up.

Individuals, families and ministry groups
are encouraged to assist!

ARRIVAL: 5:15 PM

BREAK BREAD TOGETHER: 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

PROGRAM: 6:00 - 7:00 PM

CLEAN UP: 7:00 PM - 7:15 PM

Please review the available slots and submit your name to
provide soup, salad, bread, or additional help.

Your faithful willingness to help Parish Life with our famous hospitality and fellowship events is very much appreciated.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/
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Want to get involved?

**SIMPLE
LENTEN
SUPPERS**

Seeking soup & salad makers,
bread bakers & buyers,
plus extra help!

- SOUP
- SALAD
- BREAD
- EXTRA HELP

SIGN UP

February 25-March 25, 2026



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST. PAUL'S

Palm Sunday - The Sunday of the Passion

March 29

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist with Hymns

10:00 am - Liturgy of the Palms, beginning in the Parish Hall

10:30 am - Choral Eucharist

Monday in Holy Week

March 30

12:10 pm - Stations of the Cross *with Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday in Holy Week

March 31

12:10 pm - Stations of the Cross *with Holy Eucharist*

Wednesday in Holy Week

April 1

12:10 pm - Holy Eucharist *with lunch to follow*

Maundy Thursday

April 2

7:00 pm - The Liturgy for Maundy Thursday

Good Friday

April 3

12:10 pm - A Choral Liturgy for Good Friday

Holy Saturday

April 4

7:00 pm - The Great Vigil of Easter

(First Eucharist of Easter)

Easter Sunday

April 5

The Feast of the Resurrection

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist with Hymns

10:00 am - Easter Musical Prelude and the Flowering of the Cross begin

10:30 am - Festival Choral Eucharist

*The usual coffee hour/reception on Easter will be **light snacks & lemonade** while the Childrens' Easter Egg Hunt occurs.*

EASTER MUSIC AND FLOWERS



Gift Form 2026

You are invited to honor or remember loved ones with the gift of flowers and music for our Easter services. Completed forms can be emailed to admin@spechurch.com, **or** dropped off at the church office. You can also donate Easter flowers and music using the Vanco service on our website at: <https://spechurch.com/online-giving/>.

Choose the Easter Music or Easter Flowers tile on the website.

If you make a Memorial Gift, please include your dedication in the memo field.

Please email or turn this form into the church office.

Deadline is Monday, March 30, 2026 | admin@spechurch.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Bulletin Dedication:

Note (circle one or both): In Memory of *and/or* In Honor of:

Donation (*circle one or both*): Flowers / Music

Amount \$ _____ Cash Check # _____ Date _____

ST. PAUL'S WELCOMES YOU

We are glad you are with us today.

If you are new to St. Paul's, please fill out a guest card and place it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter or an usher. Here are some quick facts that may be helpful.

Welcome: All are welcome to receive communion. If you prefer not to receive, you can remain seated, or come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. If you are allergic to wheat products, gluten-free communion bread is available. Please let your request be known to the priest as you approach the altar rail.

Help: Please see any of our ushers for assistance when you enter the worship area.

Handicapped Parking: Our facility is handicapped accessible with multiple handicapped parking spaces available in the lot off Market Street and the lot off Princess Street. Handicap ramps serve both parking lots.

Live-Streamed: Our service is live-streamed on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 am Please subscribe to St. Paul's on YouTube to view live-streamed services and concerts.

Worship: St. Paul's follows the services outlined in the Book of Common Prayer 1979. The services include Old and New Testament readings, a reading from the Gospel, a sermon and traditional communion.

Children: All children are welcome and encouraged to attend any of our services.

Worship Kits: Bags and boxes are located in the back of the church for different ages to use in the pew. Please return when church is over.

Nursery: The nursery is open most Sundays from 9:15 am to Noon upstairs in the Children's wing. The nursery is for infants to age 5.

Sunday School: Sunday School meets from 9:30-10:15 am upstairs in the Children's Wing for ages 4-11.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): EYC meets Sunday from 9:30-10:15 am in the conference room for 6th grade and older.



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