

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Sharpsburg, Maryland

Rite II 8 March 2026

Holy Eucharist: Third Sunday of Lent

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude: *I Call To Thee, Lord Jesus Christ* by J.S. Bach
Hymn in Procession H 686
Opening Acclamation BCP 351
Decalogue BCP 350
Confession of Sin BCP 352
Kyrie (*sung*) H S96

Collect of the Day (*Remain Standing*)

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.*

First Lesson (*sit*) Insert
Psalm Insert
Second Lesson Insert
Sequence Hymn (*stand*) H 658
The Gospel Lesson Insert
Sit
The Sermon
The Nicene Creed BCP 358
The Prayers of the People, Form III (*Kneel or Stand*) BCP 385
The Peace (*Stand*)
Announcements

During Lent the Church is not decorated with flowers as a sign of the penitential season.

The Holy Communion

Offertory: *What Wondrous Love* by Arlen Clarke
Doxology: H 380 st. 3

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361
Sanctus H S130
The Lord's Prayer BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread H S164

Communion of the People of God

All baptized persons may receive communion in this Church.

Hymn during Communion Taize: *Eat this Bread*
The Post-Communion Prayer BCP 366

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Hymn H 690
The Blessing (*Stand*)
Dismissal (*Remain Standing*) BCP 366
Postlude: *Andantino* by J. Blied

Service Participants

Rector The Rev. Connor Newlun
Organist Meya Collings
Chalicer/Acolyte Gary Candelaria/Alyssa Newlun
Greeter Scott Turner/Donna Miner
Lector/Intercessor Simon Barber/Cindy Weaver
Camera Operator Sandy Miner
Altar Guild Donna Miner/Heidi Tennant

Vestry

2024 - 2026: Heidi Tennant and Tom Wibberley
2025 - 2027: Elyssa Doub, Robbie Shaw and Dante Willis
2026 - 2028: Kendra Harmon and Scott Turner

Leadership

Senior Warden: Sandy Miner *Junior Warden:* Randy Short
Treasurer: George Ashbaugh *Registrar:* Jacob Miner
ECW President: Rebecca Bright-Willis *Altar Flowers:* Tim Valerio
Altar Guild: Tim Valerio and Donna Miner

Announcements and Upcoming Events

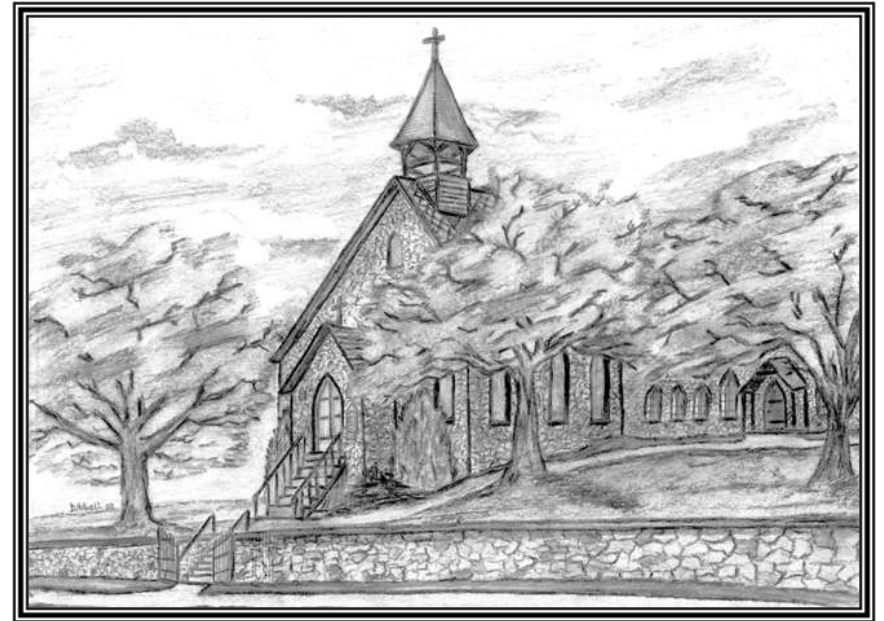
- **Flower Forms** for Easter Lilies are in the Edwards Room. All forms need to be returned by March 29.
- **Soup Sunday is March 8.**
- **Community Dinner March 14 5:30pm to 7:30pm.** Join us for food, fellowship and fun. Dinner and Game Night is the theme
- **St. Paul's will be open for prayer Wednesdays at 5:30.**
The Way of the Cross begins at 6pm.
- **Holy Week and Easter Schedule**
March 29 - Worship in the Square at 9:30; Palm Sunday Liturgy at 10am
April 2 - Maundy Thursday Eucharist and Stripping the Altar at 7pm
April 3 - Good Friday Liturgy at Noon
April 5 - Easter Sunrise Service at the Sharpsburg Park Pavillion at 6:30am; Easter Service at 10am; Egg Hunt after worship
- **Special worship features in Lent:** You will notice a few different things in the Sunday liturgies for Lent. On the first Sunday of Lent, we use the great litany rather than prayers of the people. A form of this litany was the first piece of liturgy written in English (1544) when the Church of England began using the vernacular. On the second, third and fourth Sundays of Lent, we use the penitential order with the Ten Commandments. Finally, on the fifth Sunday of Lent we use the penitential order with an exhortation to worthy reception of holy communion. The exhortation is meant to be a reminder of the sacredness of the sacrament and the privilege we have in receiving it.

Our priest is available for pastoral care, visitation to sick and shut-ins, and emergencies. Fr. Connor can be reached by phone at 703-470-9638 or email: priest@stpaulssharpburg.com. The Church is open Thursdays 10:00am – 12:00pm.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



*Now faith, hope and love abide these three
and the greatest of these is love. 1Cor. 13.13*



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Psalm 95

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation
and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."

- 11 So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Scripture Lessons: 3LentA

First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-17

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be

standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to

one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

Gospel Lesson: John 4:5-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (His disciples had gone to the

city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands,