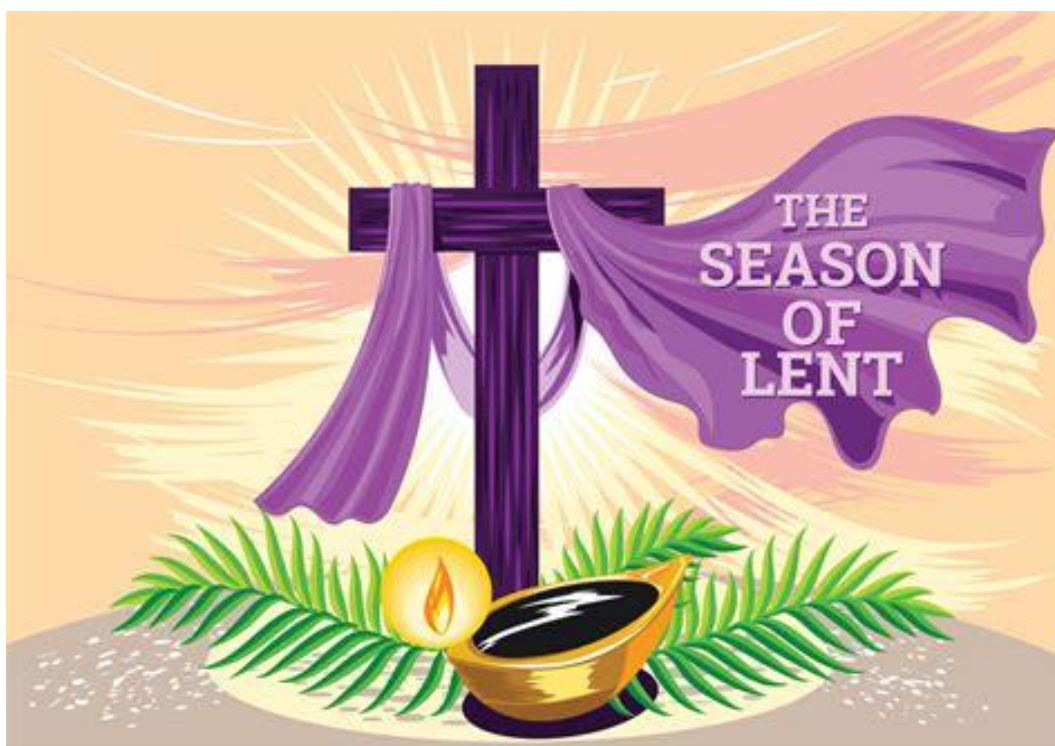


St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

Ocean City, Maryland



First Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2021

Holy Eucharist—Rite II

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel His mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Hymn:

Hymnal 1982, #150

1. Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.

2. Should not we thy sorrow share
and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
strong with thee to suffer pain?

3. Then if Satan on us press,
Jesus, Savior, hear our call!
Victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint or fall!

4. So shall we have peace divine:
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.

5. Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,
ever constant by thy side;
that we thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

The Word of God

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People His mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant may say

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.*

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan:
Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know
the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus
Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Gracious God, through the movement of your Holy Spirit, strengthen us here at
St. Paul's by-the-Sea and in the Diocese of Easton as an inviting and
welcoming people; receive our worship, nurture our life in Christ that we may
evermore faithfully serve all your people, both near and far; this we pray through
Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered together under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one God and Creator of us all; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever.

- For Peace, Book of Common Prayer, p. 815

Oh God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your son. Look now with compassion on the entire human family; and particularly this part of the family, in the United States, and those in our nation's capital; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- For the Human Family, Book of Common Prayer, p. 815

The Lessons

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading (Lesson) from the Book of Genesis, the 9th chapter beginning at the eighth verse

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

After each Reading, the Reader may say
The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Epistle

A Reading (Lesson) from 1 Peter, the 3rd chapter beginning at the eighteenth verse.

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you~ not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn:

Hymnal 1982, #559

1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee,
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

2 Savior, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us;
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
yet unfearing, persevering,
to thy passion thou didst go.

3 Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
love with every passion blending
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

Gospel

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Ronald Knapp

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing

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.*

The Prayers of the People

Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Santash our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Hymn:

Hymnal 1982, #310

1. O saving Victim, opening wide
the gate of heaven to man below,
our foes press on from every side,
thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

2. All praise and thanks to thee ascend
for evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end
in our true native land with thee.

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then 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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it,
or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or
place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be
consecrated.*

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:

Celebrant and People

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 for ever. AMEN.

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

People and Celebrant

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
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 Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn:

Hymnal 1982, #563

1 Go forward, Christian soldier,
beneath his banner true:
the Lord himself, thy Leader,
shall all thy foes subdue.
His love foretells thy trials;
he knows thine hourly need;
he can with bread of heaven
thy fainting spirit feed.

2 Go forward, Christian soldier,
fear not the secret foe;
far more o'er thee are watching
than human eyes can know:
trust only Christ, thy Captain;
cease not to watch and pray;
heed not the treacherous voices
that lure thy soul astray.

3 Go forward, Christian soldier,
nor dream of peaceful rest,
till Satan's host is vanquished
and heaven is all possessed;
till Christ himself shall call thee
to lay thine armor by,
and wear in endless glory
the crown of victory.

4 Go forward, Christian soldier,
fear not the gathering night:
the Lord has been thy shelter;
the Lord will be thy light.
When morn his face revealeth
thy dangers all are past:
O pray that faith and virtue
may keep thee to the last!

Welcome to St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

Prayer List

Gary & Beverly Cooper, Robbie Whittington Joyce, Sylvia Tyler, Cathy, Shelton Watson, David Rouch, Danny Haberman, Joan Leatherwood, Christopher, Rachel Lee, Cindy Dreslin, Kyle Harmon, Pat Stephens, Shirley Connor, Yvonne Field, Nancy Turnbull, Joe Walcott, Jan West, Scott Burke, Jose Cabrera, Deborah Gooch, Jan Richardson, Joan Kamorowski, Melissa Martin, Ryan Fischer, Hannah Wolf, Julia Rayfield, Debbie Simpkins, Ember Poppiti, Max Long, Cary, Cathy & Mark Baxley, Katlyn, Mary Scott, Etta, Chris Lynch, Tom Stearns, David Warren, Aunua, Letty Trimper Hurst, Ann Smith, Ann Plowman, Margaret Hudson, Matt Leszcz & family, Kenneth Rudia, Catherin Hatfield, Rev. Penny Morrow, James Miller, John Anderson, Judy Hoffman, Andy Hales, Ken Toms, Brannon Thacker, Fr. Joe Rushton, Connie Mayers, Suzanne Zantzinger, Doug Dryden, Brian Friedman, Grace

This Week We Pray For ...

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We give thanks for the witness of God's people at Augustine Parish, Chesapeake City, and for their lay leadership.

Local Faith Communities Prayer Cycle: Showell United Methodist Church, Bishopville.

Birthdays: Lynda Azar (2/18), Mary Ellen Carroll (2/20), Jennifer Hallon (2/21), Gary Whittington, Sr. (2/21), Robert Wauhopp (2/24), Elizabeth Hall (2/26)

Today's Worship Leaders

Celebrant: The Reverend Ronald Knapp

Organist & Music Director: Shirley Hailey

Altar Guild: Mary Wright

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vestry Election Results

Welcome to the Vestry, Kaye Ayres and Tom Shuster as the class of 2024. The elected delegates to the 2022 Diocesan Convention are Paul Rogers and Amy Rothermel; and the alternates are Karen Cramer and Nancy Knotts.

Many thanks to Andy Diaz, as his term expired, for his service on the Vestry and to St. Paul's by-the-Sea.

The 2021 Vestry Officers are:

Tom Shuster, Senior Warden

Bob Rothermel, Junior Warden

Paul Rogers, Treasurer

Cheryl Nottingham, Registrar

Jerilyn Holston Andrews was selected the 2021 Above and Beyond Award recipient.

Pastoral Liaison

Since we do not have a Rector, it is important that the congregation keep in touch with one another. If someone is ill or there is a death in the family, we need to know how to inform each other. Vestry member, Karen Gordon, has taken on the job of being the point of contact. When you want to inform the Church Family of important events, good or bad, you may call or text her at 302-236-0592 or email her at dbriangordon@aol.com.

Memorial Bricks

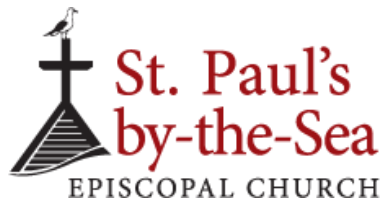
Memorial bricks are again being offered for sale, through the end of February. Our brick 'garden' is located at the Baltimore Avenue entrance to the Fellowship Commons. The bricks are available in two sizes: 8x8 (\$500 each) and 4 x 8 (\$250 each) Wording is of your choice, and graphics are available. If you are interested in ordering a brick to honor or remember a beloved one, contact Debbie Shuster at 410-213-9658 or ocshu@comcast.net, or the church office at 410-289-3453 or office@stpaulsbythesea.org, and we can forward the order form to you.

Donations are requested to purchase a brick to honor the work of our beloved Mary Wright and ALL the members of the Altar Guild, past and present. Please contact Debbie Shuster if you'd like to participate.

February 21st, 2021 – March 20th, 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
February 21 I Lent 10 am Holy Eucharist w/ Fr. Ron Knapp via Facebook Live	22 Finance Zoom Mtg 7pm	23	24	25	26	27
February 28 II Lent 10 am Morning Prayer via Facebook Live	March 1	2	3	4	5	6
March 7 III Lent 10 am Holy Eucharist w/ Fr. Ron Knapp via Facebook Live	8 Vestry Zoom Mtg 7pm	9	10	11	12	13
March 14 IV Lent 10 am Morning Prayer via Facebook Live	15	16	17	18	19	20

Shepherds Crook is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in DeWees Hall from 10am to Noon, serving free dry food goods. On Saturdays the NOEL Community will provide free carry out lunches.



“Love God, Serve the World”

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, *Bishop*

-- The Parish Vestry --

2022
Jerilyn Andrews
John Knotts

2023
Karen Gordon
Paul Rogers
Bob Rothermel

2024
Kay Ayres
Tom Shuster

-- 2022 Diocesan Convention --

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Karen Cramer & Nancy Knotts — Alternates

Tom Shuster, *Sr. Warden*
Bob Rothermel, *Jr. Warden & Chair, Buildings & Grounds*
Cheryl Nottingham, *Registrar*
Paul Rogers, *Treasurer*
Cheryl Nottingham, *Finance Chair*
Josh Anderson, *Financial Advisor*
Amy Rothermel, *Chair, Memorial Fund*
Nancy Knotts, *Shepherd's Crook*
Joy Connor, *Director, Red Doors*
Karen Cramer, *Chair, Parish Life, Historian*
Mary Wright, *Chair, Altar Guild*
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