

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

Ocean City, Maryland



FIRST SUNDAY  
*in*  
LENT

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# 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.*

## Processional 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 with thee we may appear  
at the eternal Eastertide.

## The Word of God

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*  
Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;  
*People* His mercy endures for ever.

*The Celebrant may say*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.    *1 John 1:8,9*

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all  
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in  
eternal life. Amen.

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

### **The First Lesson:** Genesis 9:8-17

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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.”

<sup>12</sup>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: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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.” <sup>17</sup>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.

### **Psalms** 25:1-9

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*

- let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- <sup>3</sup> Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- <sup>4</sup> 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.
- <sup>5</sup> Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- <sup>6</sup> 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.
- <sup>7</sup> Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- <sup>8</sup> He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- <sup>9</sup> All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

## **The Second Reading:** 1 Peter 3:18-22

<sup>18</sup>For 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, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>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.

<sup>21</sup>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, <sup>22</sup>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.

## Gospel

*Then, all standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>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.

## Gradual Hymn

Hymnal 1982, #559

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.

## The Sermon     *Pastor Jill Williams*

*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**

In this season of repentance and renewal, let us pray for the concerns of the Church and the world.

For the whole church of God, and for all its members:  
May the Church truly become the unified body of Christ, hearing and living out  
God's call in the world. We pray for all baptized Christians in their  
ministries, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Santosh, our Bishop, for  
Pastor Jill, and for all clergy, deacons, and other ministers.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
*Renew us*

For our nation, and every nation:  
May all people learn to live together in peace, respecting one another's  
differences and autonomy. May all leaders be mindful of their responsibilities to  
their own people and to others in the world. We pray for our President, Congress,  
Courts, state and local officials, and for all leaders around the world.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
*Renew us*

For this community, and all communities:  
May we live together in love and harmony, striving for the building up of all  
members, for wholeness and justice, striving until none are left behind.



Lord, in your mercy,  
*Renew us*

For the concerns of the whole world:

May those who face natural disaster find grace and relief; may those who face conflict and war find a loving spirit, and may all of us come to treat our neighbors as ourselves so that we and all this world may truly come to be God's new creation.

Lord, in your mercy,  
*Renew us*

For those who are in any pain or sorrow:

May they come to know your love and care and be brought to wholeness; for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; for the poor, the persecuted, and those in prison; for those who are lonely, homeless, or hungry; for all those we now remember ...

Lord, in your mercy,  
*Renew us*

For all the blessings of of this life:

May we truly celebrate the life we have been given and our time with one another; for new beginnings, anniversaries, and birthdays, and for all the joys of this life; we thank you for all other thanksgivings we now offer, silently or aloud ...

Lord, in your mercy,  
*Renew us*

For all who have died:

May those who now live in the joy of God's presence find their rest in God's peace, we pray for those who we now name, silently, or aloud ...

Lord, in your mercy,  
*Renew us*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

Oh, God, whose desire it is for all people to turn to you and be renewed in your love, grant these prayers in your mercy, and according to your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Peace

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## Holy Communion

### Offertory

*The Celebrant says to the people*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Everyone is welcome at the table of the Lord and is invited to communion! At the altar rail, you will be offered the host first, which will be placed in your hand. Please respond "Amen." Then the wine will be offered to you to drink from the common cup. [We no longer intinct.](#) If you are not yet comfortable returning to drinking from the common cup, you may either return to your seat after receiving the host, or you may choose to cross your arms over your chest when the chalice is offered and simply respond "Amen," therefore reverencing the sacrament. We believe that we are fully communed after receiving the sacrament in one form, so any of these choices would be fully acceptable. If you do not wish to receive communion, or you have not yet been baptized, you are still invited to come up to the altar rail for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest when offered the host and Pastor Jill will say a blessing over you. You may then return to your seat. If you interested in learning more about baptism and full entrance into our worshipping community, please contact Pastor Jill at [Pastorjill@stpaulsbythesea.org](mailto:Pastorjill@stpaulsbythesea.org).

*The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

### Doxology

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

# Eucharistic Prayer A

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant 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.

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:

*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.

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.

*The people say:*  
AMEN.

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, let us say together the Lord's Prayer, in whatever language you are most comfortable.

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

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately  
deliver it to the people.*

*Using the center aisle, proceed to the Altar rail. Once you have received communion,  
return to your seat using the side aisles.*

*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.]

## **Communion Hymns**

Hymnal 1982, #310 & 448

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*  
Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*  
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.

## **Blessing**

### **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!

### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.



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

All baptized Christians, of any age & denomination, are welcome to receive communion. **\*\*Gluten Free Wafer** are available.

## Prayer List

Robbie Whittington Joyce, Cindy Dreslin, Kyle Harmon, Jose Cabrera, Ryan Fischer, Katlyn, Letty Trimper Hurst, Connie Mayers, Doug Dryden, Brian Friedman, Grace, Randy Hastings, Frank Candeloro, Jr., Douglas Allan, Yvetta Henry Tull, Jean Charles, Jonathan Jones, The Lecates Family, The People of Ukraine, Michael Hallett, Hannah Johnson, Hugh Smith, Ralph Hastings, Frank Avallone, Liana Wallman, Susan Lewis, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Christine Zellner, Brian, Nicoyia, Tom Belle, Aaron Call, Christine Bauerdorf, Lynn Anstatt, Peggy Hartman, Cathy Jersin, Mary Mitchell, Patrick O'Malley, Chris Ellis, David Twining, Roger Ballard, Beverly Cooper, Aniyah Adams, Andy Hales, Roger Thomas, Suzy Young, Mary Delaney

## This Week We Pray For ...

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Rev. Elizabeth Phillips, her spouse, Hank; the Wardens, Vestry and People of St. Philip's, Quantico.

Birthdays: Lynda Azar, Jennifer Hallon