



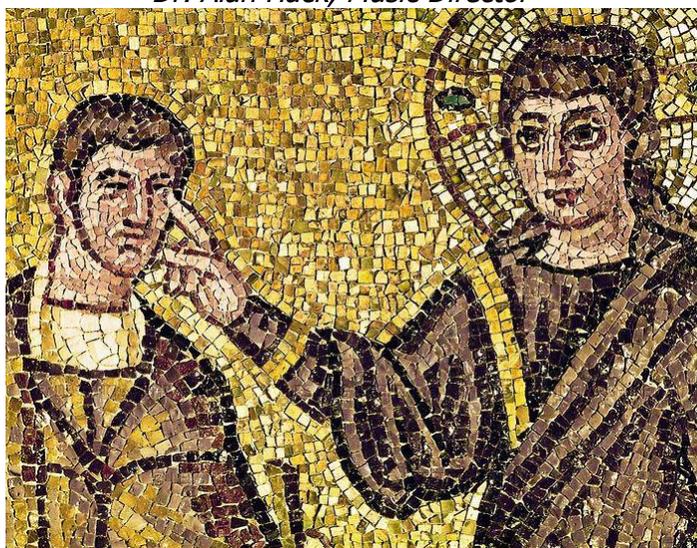
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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 15, 2026  
 8:00 AM

EUCCHARIST RITE I  
*In person and Zoom Church*

*Rev. Rebecca Myers, Priest*  
*Rev. Jim Jenkins, Deacon*  
*Dr. Alan Hack, Music Director*



Welcome to St Paul's Church.

Whether you are here for the first time or a long-time member, your presence celebrates God's activity in our parish. We believe that God has fashioned us into a church for ALL people – including you. Our mission is to love God with all our heart, soul, and being, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Through the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will work to equip, support, and affirm all people for this ministry of Christ's love.

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**The Ringing of the Bells**

**Opening Acclamation BCP 319** *standing*  
*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.  
**People** His mercy endureth forever.

**The Decalogue**

God spake these words, and said:  
 I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.  
***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.  
***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.  
***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.  
***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Honor thy father and thy mother.  
***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt do no murder.  
***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt not commit adultery.  
***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt not steal.  
***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.  
***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt not covet.  
***Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.***

**Confession of Sin**

kneeling

**Deacon** Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**All Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant stands and says Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Trisagion**

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

**\*THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
***People* And with thy spirit.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.

*The Presider says the collect, the people respond*  
**Amen.**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING** *See Readings*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord  
***People* Thanks be to God**

**THE PSALM***See Readings***THE NEW TESTAMENT READING** *See Readings**Reader* The Word of the Lord***People* Thanks be to God****\*THE HOLY GOSPEL***See Readings**Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_.***People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.***The Deacon reads the Gospel.**Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.***People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.****Homily** The Reverend Rebecca Myers**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.**

**PRAYER FOR THE WHOLE STATE OF CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD***(Kneeling or standing)*

Almighty and ever living God, who in thy holy Word

hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love We especially pray for in the Diocese of the Susquehanna; Saint Clement's and Saint Peter's, Wilkes Barre; Bangor, Churchtown; and in the Diocese of Kajo Keji; Wojira Parish.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop and Audrey and Kevin our Bishops that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald, our President, Josh, our Governor, and Justin, our Mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor... and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially... , beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Paul, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.  
**Amen.**

## COMFORTABLE WORDS

BCP 332

### \*THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** **And with thy spirit**

### THE OFFERTORY

*Presider* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

### \*THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

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

## LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### Sursum Corda BCP 340

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People** **It is meet and right so to do.**

*The Celebrant continues*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. *Proper preface.....* Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues* All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and

in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet

we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

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

**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**

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

#### **AGNUS DEI**

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.**

#### **PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

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

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost**

**assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.**

**And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CELEBRATIONS OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

### **THE BLESSING**

### **THE DISMISSAL**