



**SAINT
PAUL'S
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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 22, 2026, 9:30 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your cell phone.

We ask your prayers for: Jennifer, Evan, The family of Charles Simms, Herb, Yimaira, Connie, Jamie, Otto, Jim, Beth, Joern, Valerie, Linda, Mark, Helen, Sherrie, Candace, Kim, and Ella.

And for those serving in the Armed Forces and Diplomatic Corps of our Country: David Craddock, John Sampson, Brett Griffin, Zachary Falter, and Isabel Steen Falter.

See list of Birthdays in the weekly email.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer—The Anglican Church of Korea.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer—All Saints, New Albany; and Commission on Ministry.

The Altar Arrangements are given to the Glory of God.

SERVING TODAY - 3/22/26 - 9:30AM

Altar Guild	Diane Labrie Cathy Kremmel
Reader	Mike Miller Mary Ellen Foster
Ushers	Jim Filson Mary Beth Coker
Crucifer/ Chalice	Shea Sampson
Book	Jay Woodhull

SERVING NEXT SUN. - 3/29/26 - 9:30AM

Altar Guild	Paul T. Mary Ellen Foster
Readers	Charlie Campbell Mary Beth Coker Dana Cunningham Mary Ellen Foster Mike Miller Paul T. Diana Uhlmann Kathleen Walters
Ushers	Charlie Campbell Micky Neben
Crucifer/ Chalice	Shea Sampson
Candle	Bob Neben Randy Young Kathleen Walters

All Hymns are in the Blue, 1982 Hymnal or Lift Every Voice & Sing (referred to as LEVAS).

PRELUDE: Ubi Caritas et Amor (Where Dwelleth Charity and Love, There God is Found)
arr. Gerald Near

PRAYER REQUESTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL: HYMN #495 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus *In Babilone*

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

Celebrant 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.**

Please stand or kneel if able.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Silence may be kept.

Leader 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.

Celebrant 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.**

KYRIE: HYMNAL #S95 (*LED BY CANTOR*)

Lord have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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.

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 37:1-14

A Reading from Ezekiel 37:1-14

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, “Prophesy 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, “Prophesy 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.**

THE RESPONSE: PSALM 130 (*SUNG BY CHOIR*)

1 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.

- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
 O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
 therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
 in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,
 more than watchmen for the morning, *
 more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
 for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
 and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:6-11

A Reading from 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.**

All rise as they are able.

GOSPEL PROCESSION: Hymn #715 When Jesus Wept, the Falling Tear *When Jesus Wept*

THE GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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.

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

HOMILY

THE REV. JEAN VARGO

All stand as they are able.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - From the book *"Hear Our Prayer"*

After each petition the people respond with *"Hear Our Prayer"*.

THE PEACE

Leader The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Jesus, So Lowly

Harold Friedell

Jesus, so lowly, Child of the earth: Christen me wholly, Bring me new birth.
 Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad; Teach me that only Love maketh glad.
 Jesus, so broken, silent and pale; Be this the token Love will not fail.
 Jesus, victorious, mighty and free; Teach me how glorious death is to be.

HYMN #149 from *Enriching our Music 2: Ubi Caritas (Live in Charity)* **Sung twice**

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
 Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

The image shows a musical score for the first system of the hymn. It consists of a grand staff with a treble clef on the top line and a bass clef on the bottom line. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are some musical markings like slurs and a fermata over the final note of the first phrase.

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
 live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

The image shows a musical score for the second system of the hymn. It consists of a grand staff with a treble clef on the top line and a bass clef on the bottom line. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. There is a triplet marking over the notes 'i - bi est' in the second phrase.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A, Book of Common Prayer, p. 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died and rose again.

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

SANCTUS, Hymnal #S130

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

All kneel as they are able.

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:

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,

THE LORD’S PRAYER, BCP p. 364

**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, BCP pg. 364

LAMB OF GOD, Hymnal #S164

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

Celebrant 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.

COMMUNION HYMN: #508 Breathe on me, Breath of God

Nova Vita

Please stand or kneel

POST COMMUNION PRAYER, BCP, pg. 366

Celebrant 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.**

LENTEN BLESSING

Celebrant Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL: Hymn #511 Holy Spirit, Ever Living

Abbot's Leigh

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: Chorale on Abbot's Leigh

Robert Hobby

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Communion Classes will be held TODAY at St. Paul's at 2pm.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Stations of the Cross - Every Saturday in Lent through March 28 at 9:30am, and from 11:00 am - 12:00pm on Good Friday.

The Chapel is open for daily prayer from 10am-12pm during Lent

Wednesday Mornings in Lent - Morning Prayer: Offered through Facebook at 9am.

Devotional Book for the congregation - *Rediscover Jesus* by Matthew Kelly. We will have a Lenten Book Study through March 24. Join Rev. Jean at 10:30am at Epic Coffee Shop, (22 W. Stroop Rd. in Kettering) or via zoom at 6pm on Tuesdays.

JOINT WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Joint Maundy Thursday - April 2, 7pm at St. Paul's

Joint Good Friday - April 3, 12 noon, service at St. Paul's. Bishop Kristin Uffelmann White will preside at this service. A joint Good Friday service will be held at St. Mark's at 7pm.

Each day set your clocks to 6:00pm and pray for 1 minute.

EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, April 5 - 9:30am at St. Paul's / 11:30am at St. Mark's

Flowers For Easter!

Please consider a contribution for the spring flowers – lilies, daffodils, tulips – that will adorn the altar area when we celebrate Easter this year. The suggested minimum donation is \$40. At your request, the name of a loved one(s) you would like to honor/remember will also be included in the Easter bulletin. Please respond by next Sunday, March 29 in one of several ways:

1. Mail donation and names to be honored/remembered to the church. Put “Easter Flowers” in the notes.
2. Visit stpauls-dayton.org. Click the *Give* button in the top right corner and complete the form. Remember to select Flowers-Easter. Indicate the name(s) in the Notes section. First-time users will need to create an account.
3. Pick up an envelope in the cloister. Drop in the collection plate or deliver to the church office.

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WELCOME!

We're glad you're here today! Your presence with us is a blessing. We invite you to participate in worship, say the prayers, sing the songs, and introduce yourself. You'll find a visitor card in the pew back in front of you. We're so excited to meet you.

WORSHIP TIMES

9:30 am - Worship Service with Hymns

Office hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday – Thursday

9:00 am - 12:00 pm on Friday

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Class of 2027 - Cheryl Strine, Kathleen Walters

Class of 2028 - Jill Davis

Class of 2029 - Cathy Fain, Diane Labrie, Steve Ireland

Senior Warden (*term expires 2027*)- Chris Brandt

Junior Warden (*term expires 2027*)- Joe Cairo

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