



In celebration of Black History Month, our bulletin cover art during the month of February will honor African-American Episcopal saints. Today's image features Richard Allen (1760-1831). Richard Allen, a friend and contemporary of fellow Episcopal saint Absalom Jones, was the founder and first bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. In addition to founding the first Black religious denomination in the United States, he was also known for operating a station on the Underground Railroad. His feast day is March 26.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER

February 13, 2022 | 9:15 AM & 11:15 AM



You are welcome here.

A Little About St. Paul & the Redeemer

What kind of church is this?

St. Paul & the Redeemer (SPR) is a community that seeks to mirror the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus, holding together a progressive outlook and a rootedness in the Christian faith. We are woven of different races, economic statuses, cultural backgrounds, faith backgrounds, gender identities, and sexual orientations, and we are strengthened and enriched by each person's story and voice.

Let's Get Connected

Welcome! If you are new, tell us about yourself and get connected to what's happening at St. Paul & the Redeemer. Scan the code or visit sprchicago.org/new to complete a *Let's Get Connected* form.



Children's Formation

Nursery, 9:00am-12:30pm | Professionally staffed nursery care is available during the services for children ages 0-4. The nursery is down the southwest stairs. Changing tables are in the downstairs restrooms and the nursery.

Children's Chapel, Sundays, 9:30am-9:45am | During the sermon at the 9:15 service, children from preschool to second grade are invited to a special liturgy in the children's chapel, featuring songs and a Bible story.

Godly Play, Sundays, 10:20am-11:05am | Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to Godly Play. Children are welcome to join Godly Play at any time during the year. To learn about volunteering with Godly Play, contact interim director of children's formation Padma Vundi (vundi@sprchicago.org).

SPR's Anti-Racism Vision Statement

We strive to become a beloved community that reflects on our own racial identities and recognizes racism and privilege in our church and society; works for justice by building relationships and sustained efforts to heal, reconcile, and seek Christ in each other; and acts to interrupt and dismantle white supremacist structures, transforming ourselves and our church to become a living embodiment of justice and peace.

Giving to SPR

Every dollar you give to SPR supports our ministry to and with our community. You may place cash or a check in the offering plate, give online at sprchicago.org/give-online or scan this code. If you are visiting, please do not feel obligated to give—it is our honor to have you as our guest!



Bulletin Rubrics

Throughout the bulletin, the congregation is invited to say all **bolded** text aloud. There are also times when it is customary to make the sign of the cross by touching your forehead, chest, left shoulder, and right shoulder. If you wish to do so, the **+** indicates that.

Youth Ministries

Youth Formation, Sundays, 10:20am-11:05am | Join us for youth formation (grades 6-12). We gather for 45 minutes to enjoy donuts and discussion.

Youth Group, Sundays, 5pm | The youth are invited to attend a **Super Bowl party**. We will meet at **5pm** ahead of kickoff a half-hour later and watch the game together through halftime before going home. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join the youth group at any time throughout the year. For details, contact director of youth formation Ross Fogg (fogg@sprchicago.org).

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Offertory

Florence Beatrice Price (1887-1953)

Entrance Hymn

All sing.

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878); alt.

Music: *Liebster Jesu*, 78. 78. 88, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm.

George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926)

Welcome

+ Blessed are you, holy and living One.
You come to your people and set them free.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord:
Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.
They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.
Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.
The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse--
who can understand it?
I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

The choir introduces the Refrain, which all repeat together. The choir sings the psalm, the people joining in the Refrain where indicated.



Blessed indeed are they who follow not the counsel of the wicked,
nor stand in the path with sinners, nor abide in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the LORD, and who ponder God's law day and night. **Refrain**

They are like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that they do shall prosper. **Refrain**

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they, like winnowed chaff,
shall be driven away by the wind;
for the LORD knows the way of the just, but the way of the wicked will perish. **Refrain**

Words: Psalm 1, *The Revised Grail Psalms*, alt.; Refrain, *_Lectionary for Mass*
music: Norah Duncan, IV (b. 1952)

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A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All sing.

Cantor: 

1. Je - sus calls us:
2. "Bring your bur - dens."
3. "Rise and fol - low."
4. "Seek the king - dom."
5. Je - sus calls us:

ALL: 
"Come fol - low me. Come fol - low, fol - low, fol - low, come fol - low me."
Fol - low, fol - low,

Cantor: 

1. Je - sus calls us:
2. "Bring your bur - dens."
3. "Rise and fol - low."
4. "Seek the king - dom."
5. Je - sus calls us:

ALL: 
"Come fol - low me. Come fol - low, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low me."—
Fol - low, fol - low,

"Jesus calls us. Come follow me"

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Music: Follow, Irr., James E. Clemens, 2006

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At the + below, you are invited to trace a cross over your forehead, your mouth, and your heart.

+ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Luke 6:17-26

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.
Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.
Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."
But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.
Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.
Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.
Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Chapel *(9:15 only)*

Children in preschool to second grade are invited to attend their own liturgy in the chapel, led by children's ministry staff Padma Vundi and Gretchen Eng. Participants under age 3 are encouraged to bring a parent. The children will return to the main service at the Peace.

The Sermon

Today's Preacher: The Rev. Catherine Healy (Rector)

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

During the silence after each bidding, you are invited to offer your own prayers silently.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our bishop-elect, Paula; for our assisting bishop, Chilton; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all celebrating birthdays this week, especially **Shannon** Cate (2/13), **Ron** Gatton (2/13), **Hazel** Williams (2/13), **Gretchen** Eng (2/14), **Anne** Osborne (2/14), **Eden** Strong (2/14), **Brianna** Kuramitsu (2/15), **George** Stackert (2/15), **Al** Baker (2/17), **Rosemary** Evans (2/17), **Nicole** Hubbard (2/17), **Don** Elligan (2/19), and **Ian** Kolata (2/19); and for those celebrating anniversaries, including **Ron** Gatton & **Leslie** Pilot-Gatton (2/16).

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray especially for **Dan** Goering (brother of Barbra Goering), **Bob** Naftzger, **Deanna** Mills (aunt of Julia McMillan), **Manohar** Kamat, **David** Daniels, **Marian** Elliott, **Pauline** and **Bill** Reynolds (parents of Liza Reynolds), **Joseph** Burgio, and all those on our prayer list.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. We pray especially for **Myrtilla** Donner (2/14/2006, mother of Fred Donner) and **Richard** Proulx (2/18/2010, former parishioner).

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

I invite you to offer your own prayers and thanksgivings, ending each with "Lord, in your mercy."

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer list: Dan Goering (brother of Barbra Goering), Bob Naftzger, Deanna Mills (aunt of Julia McMillan), Manohar Kamat, Pam Anderson, William Starnes, Jr. (brother of Pam Anderson), Julienne Collins, Al Baker, Ron Gattton, Barbara Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), Klara Burger (godmother of Kerstin Wellbery), Joseph Burgio, Josef Michael Carr, Jr., Stacey Morris, Hank Underwood, Jacquelynne Corey Hain, David Daniels, Jenny Jeck, Shannon Cate and her family, Marian Elliott, Naomi Haynes, Amelia Dammen (grandniece of Lisa Rademacher), Sophie Dillard (granddaughter of Robert and Sheila Bator), Pauline and Bill Reynolds (parents of Liza Reynolds), Tim Brown (cousin of Maureen Jesuthasan), Kathy Pachuta (sister-in-law of David Farris), William Jenkins (uncle of Twila Jones), Chloe Riethmiller (granddaughter of Mary & Bob Naftzger), Rock Sehr, and Tim Sehr, as well as their caregivers.

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

All are invited to bow or kneel.

**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.**

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.**

Commissioning of New Vestry Members

The newly elected and appointed leaders gather at the front of the altar.

Rector/Wardens: On behalf of the congregation of St. Paul & the Redeemer, we present N. for leadership on the vestry. They have been elected/appointed in accordance with the bylaws of our congregation.

Rector: Do you commit yourselves to carry out the responsibilities of the office to which you have been appointed?

Leaders: I do.

Rector (to the leaders): Do you reaffirm your commitment to follow Christ and to serve this congregation in his name?

Leaders: I do.

Rector (to the congregation): Will you do all in your power to support these leaders with your prayers, your honest yet gracious communication with them, and your willingness to help them carry out Christ's ministry in this church?

Congregation: **We will.**

Rector: In the name of the Church of St. Paul & the Redeemer, I commission you for this work, and pledge you our prayers, encouragement, and support. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this, and in all things, you may do God's will in the service of the kingdom of Christ. Amen.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor upon these persons who have now reaffirmed their commitment to follow Christ and to serve in his name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world, and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Please remain at your seat and wave to greet your neighbors. Some announcements will be given; there's much more to find out in the front and back pages of this bulletin.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Grief (Weeping Angel)

Weeping angel with pinions trailing
And head bowed low in your hands.
Mourning angel with heart-strings wailing,
For one who in death's hall stands.
Mourning angel silence your wailing,
And raise your head from your hands.
Weeping angel on your pinions trailing
The white dove, promise, stands!

Bridget Skaggs, *mezzo-soprano*

Words: Leroy V. Brant (n.d.)

Music: William Grant Still (1895-1978)

The Great Thanksgiving

All stand as the offering is brought to the altar.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

The celebrant adds a preface.

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:

144 Introduction

f

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, —

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. — Ho - san - na in — the high - est.

Interlude *unison mp* *f*

Bless'd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in — the high - est. —

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It begins with an introduction in 9/8 time, marked '144' and 'Introduction'. The first system features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, —'. The second system continues the vocal line with 'heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. — Ho - san - na in — the high - est.' The third system is an interlude marked 'Interlude' and 'unison mp', with the lyrics 'Bless'd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -'. The final system continues the interlude with 'san - na in — the high - est. —'. The score includes various musical notations such as dynamics (f, mp), articulation (accents), and phrasing slurs.

Words: ICET

Music: Carl MaultsBy, from *The Saint Mary Mass*

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, Eucharistic Prayer B

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are
yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

All sing.

musical notation for the first system, including treble and bass staves with lyrics: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:

musical notation for the second system, including treble and bass staves with lyrics: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

musical notation for the third system, including treble and bass staves with lyrics: world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God,

musical notation for the fourth system, including treble and bass staves with lyrics: you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

"Lamb of God" (Agnus Dei)

Words: ICET

Music: Carl MaultsBy, from *The Saint Mary Mass*

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The gifts of God for the people of God.

All, without exception, are invited to receive communion. If you would like to receive communion at your seat, please let the ushers know. If you want gluten-free bread, tell the communion minister. If you would like a blessing in place of communion, cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Solo

Let us break bread together on our knees. Let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us love one another on our knees. Let us love one another on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us rise up together all as one. Let us rise up together all as one. When I rise from my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy, and bring us peace.

Ariana Strahl, *soprano*

Words: traditional, alt. Gwyneth Walker

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Communion Hymn

All sing.

gently

Take, O take me as I am; _____ sum - mon out what I shall be; _____

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me. _____

The musical score is written for soprano and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo/mood is marked 'gently'. The lyrics are: 'Take, O take me as I am; _____ sum - mon out what I shall be; _____ set your seal up - on my heart and live in me. _____'. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

"Take, O take me as I am" (*Iona Community*)

Words & Music: John L. Bell (b. 1949)

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Sending Forth & Blessing

Please stand as able.

Let us pray.

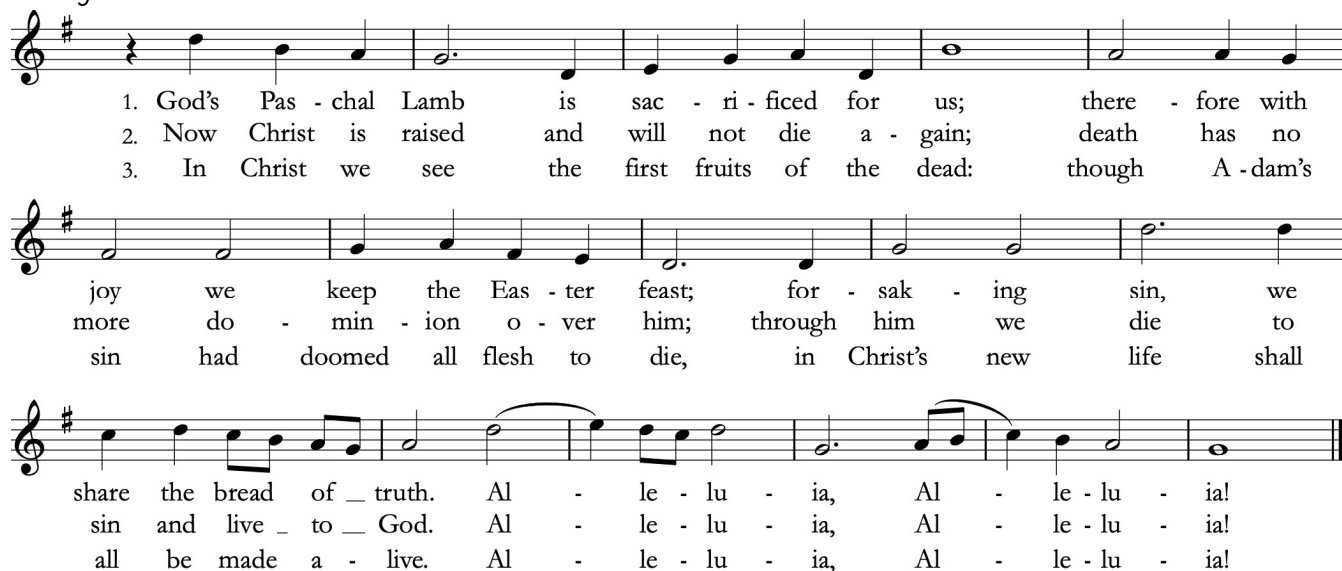
**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Presider blesses the people. You are invited to cross yourself as the Presider traces a cross over the congregation.

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, mother of us all, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn

All sing.



1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore with
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain; death has no
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead: though A - dam's

joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for - sak - ing sin, we
more do - min - ion o - ver him; through him we die to
sin had doomed all flesh to die, in Christ's new life shall

share the bread of _ truth. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ial
sin and live _ to _ God. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ial
all be made a - live. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ial

Wonder, Love, and Praise - #880 "God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us"

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

Music: *Sine nomine*, 10. 10. 10 with Alleluias, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Allegretto

Florence Beatrice Price (1887-1953)

Music Notes:

In celebration of Black History Month, today's music features the work of several black composers, known and anonymous. SPR is committed to including creative contributions by African Americans and other underrepresented minorities regularly throughout the year, but we do make an extra effort to celebrate the works of Black creatives in February.

The story behind the Offertory Solo art song goes: "Brant was accompanying Theodore Simmons, a music student, to a local cemetery, where he saw a commonly seen statue of an angel with his head down, enclosed in his arms, weeping. The statue inspired Brant who wrote the lyrics as a poem, which he sent to Still, who set it to music. The piece was premiered by Theodore Simmons (tenor), who sang it at a concert, accompanied by his wife Barbara on the piano, also a student of Brant. Still was in attendance." -From the unpublished letters of William Grant Still to Theodore Simmons (Public Domain)



Coming Up at SPR

Funeral Service for George Whitley

A funeral service for SPR member George Whitley will take place on **Monday, February 14**, at A.A. Rayner & Sons Funeral Home, 318 E. 71st Street, Chicago, with visitation at 10:30 AM and a service at 11:00 AM. All are invited to attend. Please pray for the repose of George's soul and the comfort of his loved ones.

LivingWorks Suicide Prevention Training

The Episcopal Church is offering a free suicide prevention training to all members through LivingWorks. The online program takes 60-90 minutes to complete and is appropriate for teens (ages 13+) and adults. to learn more or register visit dfms.formstack.com/forms/start_training.

Ash Wednesday Worship

You are invited to attend worship on **Ash Wednesday, March 2**, in preparation to observe a solemn and holy Lent.

- 12:00pm: Rite I (traditional language) Eucharist in the chapel.
- 5:30pm: Children's service. We will learn how palms are turned into ashes and discover the symbols and stories of Lent. This service is followed by a soup supper. Adults are also welcome.
- 7:30pm: Choral Eucharist. The combined adult choirs will sing.

SPR Youth Group Event

On **Sunday, February 20, 5-7 PM** youth will meet at Seven Ten Social in Hyde Park for bowling. For logistical ease, we will have the youth meet and be picked up at the bowling alley, which is located at 1055 E 55th Street (between Ellis and Greenwood). For more information contact Director of Youth Formation Ross Fogg (fogg@sprchicago.org).

Carnival Sunday

Join us on **Sunday, February 27** for our first in-person Carnival Sunday (inspired by Mardi Gras) in two years! We'll have festive music and celebrate with a meal after the 9:15 & 11:15 services.

SPR Staff Singers

Today marks a shift in the role of SPR's valued Staff Singers. Starting today, they will sing at both 9:15 & 11:15 liturgies throughout the year (and will no longer regularly attend midweek rehearsals). Christian is actively recruiting for the Tenor and Bass Staff Singer vacancies. If you know someone who would be interested in either of these positions, please contact him soon at clough@sprchicago.org.

Food Pantry Donations

The SPR food pantry seeks donations of paper **shopping bags** and

- Canned: sweet peas, green beans, mixed vegetables
- Canned or dry: black-eyed peas, pinto beans, garbanzo beans, black beans
- Cereal: Raisin Bran, Cheerios, Frosted Flakes, oatmeal, grits

You may leave donations in the narthex (foyer) on Sunday morning or drop them off on Wednesday between 1:00 and 5:00 PM. Please do not leave donations outside the church in freezing temperatures, as we must discard canned goods that have frozen. Thank you for your generosity.

CRS and SPR's new Faith in Action Team

Have you been interested in social justice issues but haven't been sure how to plug in? Join Anti-Racism Working Group members Sara Bigger and Bri Kuramitsu in an introductory meeting via Zoom about starting a Faith in Action Team (FIAT) at SPR on **Monday, February 21st at 7pm**. A member from Community Renewal Society (CRS) will join us and share details about being a partner organization and how we can get involved. Join us to learn more about what a FIAT is and what being a member would entail. To sign up, email brianna.kuramitsu@gmail.com and you will receive a Zoom link before the event.

Lenten Formation Series: Visual Journey Through Scripture

During Lent 2022, join priest associate Roger Ferlo once again for a six-session Lenten study course. Using online resources from the website *Visual Commentary on Scripture*, we will pair key Scripture passages with visual images drawn from Western artistic traditions. The course will meet on Zoom on six Wednesdays in Lent from **7pm-8:30pm**. Mark your calendars for **Wednesdays, March 9, 16, 23, 29, and April 6, 13**. Sign up in the narthex to register, to ensure that you receive each week's advance material, in case you might like to do a little advance preparation.

A Call for Visual Artists--Images Inspired by Gordon Parks

In April & May the Art Committee will feature artwork inspired by photojournalist Gordon Parks who used his camera to tell stories. Images including the title and size should be sent to Carolyn Pereira (pereira1700@yahoo.com) by **March 25**. For display in the chapel, drop off the artwork in the church office by the 25th as well--framed and ready to hang. The show will be posted on SPR's web page and in the chapel by April 3. A virtual reception will be at 5 pm that day via zoom. To learn more about Gordon Parks join us in the parish hall after the **9:15 service on February 20** for a discussion of his life and work.

ARWG Black History Month Picks

The Anti-Racism Working Group invites you to celebrate Black History Month by deepening your knowledge of Black history. Visit tinyurl.com/SprBlackHistory to see some of our favorite resources, and email antiracism@sprchicago.org to submit your own. We encourage folks to invite a partner to engage one of these sources and discuss it together during the month of February. This week's top picks are:

- Book: *We Are Not Like Them* by Christine Pride and Jo Piazza
- Music Playlist: *Southern Black Women* by Hanif Abdurraqib (Spotify)
- Netflix Show: *High on the Hog*

Serving Today

February 13, 2021

Presider: The Rev. KJ Oh

Preacher: The Rev. Catherine Healy

Deacons: The Rev. Jack Seymour, The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur

Music Leader: Christian Clough

Children's Chapel Leaders: Padma Vundi, Gretchen Eng

Lectors: Jonathan Foiles, Fran Spaltro, Joshua Daniel (9:15); David Wellbery, Mike Agina, John Mulholland (11:15)

Ushers: Mike Agina, Chinyere Agina (11:15)

Vestry Greeter: Jonathan Foiles (9:15), Mike Agina (11:15)

Staff

The Rev. Catherine E. Healy, *Rector*

The Rev. Barnabas E. Pusnur, *Associate Rector*

Christian M. Clough, *Director of Music*

Padma Vundi, *Director of Children's Formation*

Ross Fogg, *Director of Youth Formation*

Lukasz Jedrzejewski, *Sexton*

Gretchen R. Eng, *Children's Music Assistant*

Sabrina Foster, Ashley Lanfair, & Patricia Lanfair, *Nursery Teachers*

Bridget Skaggs & Ariana Strahl, *Staff Singers*

The Rev. KJ Oh, *Assistant Priest*

The Rev. Jack Seymour, *Deacon*

The Rev. Roger Ferlo, *Priest Associate*

The Rev. Lydia Gajdel, *Priest Associate*

Vestry

Twila Jones, *Warden*

Frances Spaltro, *Warden*

O. Michael Agina

Tayo Adegoke, *Treasurer*

Traci Beck

Nicholas Bellomy

Jonathan Foiles

Vicky Legge

Meryl Prochaska

Jason Evans

Rebecca Luttrell

Celia Paris

Partners in Ministry

Beulah Shoemith Elementary School

We support our neighborhood school through tutoring, arts programs, and gardening.

Community Renewal Society

We are a member congregation of CRS, which organizes faith communities for social change.

Crossroads/Chicago ROAR

Chicago ROAR supports our anti-racism commitments through facilitation and training.

Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

We are proud to belong to the Chicago South Deanery of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago.

Murray Fellows

Through this program, we mentor and encourage the next generation of LGBTQ+ Christian leaders.

Open Kitchen

SPR members gather monthly to cook meals for Kenwood UCC's Feed the People Soup Kitchen.

St. Patrick's Church & School, Haiti

Our collaboration with St. Patrick's in Tom Gateau, Haiti, includes school lunch and music programs, teacher salaries, and capital projects.

St. Paul & the Redeemer Food Pantry

Our food pantry is open to the community every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 PM.

Syrian Community Network

Each year, SPR sponsors a newly resettled refugee family from Syria through visits, tutoring and more.