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## **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER**

**March 27, 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](http://sprchicago.org/new) to complete a *Let's Get Connected* form.



### 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.

### 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](mailto: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](http://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!



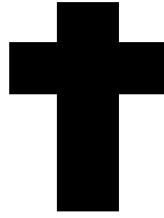
### Join the SPR Choirs

The children's choirs, St. Nicholas Choir (SNC) for children in grades 2 and below, and the SPR Choristers for children and young people from grade 3 up rehearse on Thursdays at 6pm. SNC finishes at 6:30; and the Choristers will finish at 7pm, inclusive of snack time. Contact Gretchen Eng ([eng@sprchicago.org](mailto:eng@sprchicago.org)) to learn about SNC, and Christian Clough ([clough@sprchicago.org](mailto:clough@sprchicago.org)) for the Choristers. The adult choirs for the 9:15 & 11:15 liturgies rehearse together beginning at 7pm. Contact Christian for more information. Visitors are welcome!

### 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, 11:15am** | Today we will have youth group at 11:15am directly following formation and visit the DuSable Museum of African American history at 57th Street and Cottage Grove Ave. For more information contact director of youth formation Ross Fogg ([fogg@sprchicago.org](mailto:fogg@sprchicago.org)).



## Welcome to Lent

### What Is Lent?

The season of Lent is a 40-day season of preparing for Easter. This preparation traditionally includes practices like fasting, almsgiving, confession of sin, and prayer. More broadly, it's a time for simplifying or reordering our lives in order to be more fully alive: One may give up something good in order to better appreciate it after Easter. One may give up something not-so-good in order to eliminate it once and for all from one's life. One may take up a new practice, like daily prayer or scripture reflection or a service project, in order to find new grounding in the life of God.

### Our Worship Space

At St. Paul & the Redeemer, we usually worship in the round, with the altar in the center and all of us gathered around it. In Lent, as you can see, we change things up.

One reason we do this is just for the sake of changing things around because that's something that Lent is about: reordering our lives in order to wake up to ourselves and to the world around us a bit more – to unsettle us from our usual habits and perspectives.

The particular arrangement of our space in Lent reflects how many monastic communities worship. Such communities are places of service, fasting, and deep prayer. Lent is our chance to walk in such ways for a season. This arrangement also brings the choir into the midst of us, helping us to sing more boldly.

### Giving in Lent

Our version of "almsgiving" at SPR is financially supporting the important work of two of our partners:

#### **Teachers' Salaries at St. Patrick's School | Tom Gateau, Haiti**

During Lent, SPR raises money for teachers' salaries at the school run by our partner parish, St. Patrick's in Tom Gateau, Haiti. Your generosity is appreciated: \$5 pays for a day of one teacher's salary; \$25 for a week; and \$100 for a month. (This is different from the money we raise for the St. Patrick's school lunch and music programs each fall.)

#### **Shoemith School | Kenwood, Chicago**

SPR partners with Shoemith School, our neighborhood elementary school, to support programming for students. This year the money raised will go towards enhancing the gardens & outdoor spaces at Shoemith and for purchasing needed supplies for students.

Offering Envelopes for both are in the seatbacks.  
Please make checks payable to "SPR" and put "Shoemith" and/or "Haiti" in the memo.

# THE WORD OF GOD

## Prelude

6. Méditation from *6 Romances sans paroles, Op.76*

Music: Cécile Chaminade (1857-1944)

*When the bell rings, please stand as able and sing.*

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
word of grace, in strength of which we  
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with  
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.  
us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.  
heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

*The Hymnal 1982 - #343 "Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless"*

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1845), alt. Music: *St. Agnes*, CM, melody John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876); harm. Richard Proulx (b. 1937), after John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876). Harm. © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc. All rights Reserved. Used by permission. Reprinted and streamed under OneLicense.net #A-704721.

## A Penitential Rite

+ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**God's mercy endures for ever.**

*The Choir sings:*

Jesus said: "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Music: Charles Rus (b. 1960), © 1990 Charles Rus

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All kneel or bow.*

**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.**





*Choir* Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not / **stay néar** you."

*North* Great are the tribulations of the **wicked**; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in / **the Móst** High.

*South* Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in **Gód**; \*  
shout for joy, all who / **are trúe** of heart.

Psalm 32; translation from *The Saint Helena Psalter*, © The Order of Saint Helena. All rights reserved. Used by permission.  
Music: Plainsong, Tone II.1; harm. Christian M. Clough

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

*2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able and sing.*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Bless the Lord, my soul". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the vocal line and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the vocal staff: "Bless the Lord, my soul. And bless God's ho -ly Name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in to life." The music is a simple, plainsong-style setting with a harmonized accompaniment.

"Bless the Lord, my soul"

Words & Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

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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 15:1-3, 11b-32*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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. Barnabas Pusnur (Associate Rector)*

## Nicene Creed

Let us confess the faith of the church.

*Please stand as able.*

**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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for security for the people of Ukraine and for wisdom for all the nations.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for the birthdays of **Val** Cavin (3/27), **Irene** Daniel (3/27), **Ann** Evans (3/28), **Wendy** Olmsted (3/29), **Catherine** Eng (3/30), **Gabriel** Stonor Saunders (3/30), **Christian** Clough (3/31), **Ruchika** Jain-Bala (3/31), **William** Johnson (3/31), and **Alexander** Stonor Saunders (4/1); and for the anniversaries of **David** Follmer & **Anita** Samen (3/28) and **Sarah** Kennedy & **George** Chlipala (3/31).

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for **Bill** Wood, **D. Mariah** Neighbors, **Greg** Papisch, **Billie** Paige (sister of Carol Moseley Braun), **Dan** Goering (brother of Barbra Goering), **Stacey** Morris, **Rock** Sehr, **Amelia** Dammen (grandniece of Lisa Rademacher), **Barbara** Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), and all those on our prayer list.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for, **Uchenna** Michael Agina (3/27/2015, son of Michael Agina) and **Earle** Tongsgard (3/27/2002, father of Jim Tongsgard).

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

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: Bill Wood, D. Mariah Neighbors, Greg, Billie Paige (sister of Carol Moseley Braun), Dan Goering (brother of Barbra Goering), Manohar Kamat, Barbara Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), Klara Burger (godmother of Kerstin Wellbery), Stacey Morris, Jacquelynne Corey Hain, David Daniels, Marian Elliott, Naomi Haynes, Amelia Dammen (grandniece of Lisa Rademacher), Pauline and Bill Reynolds (parents of Liza Reynolds), Tim Brown (cousin of Maureen Jesuthasan), William Jenkins (uncle of Twila Jones), Chloe Riethmiller (granddaughter of Mary & Bob Naftzger), Rock Sehr, and Tim Sehr, as well as their caregivers.

## **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**

*Sung by the Choir.*

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
And cast a wishful eye,  
To Canaan's fair and happy land,  
Where my possessions lie.

Oh, the transporting, rapt'rous scene,  
That rises to my sight,  
Sweet fields arrayed in living green,  
And rivers of delight.

There generous fruits that never fail,  
On trees immortal grow;  
There rocks and hills and brooks and vales,  
With milk and honey flow.

All o'er those wide, extended plains  
Shines one eternal day!  
There God the Son forever reigns,  
And scatters night away.

No chilling winds, nor poisonous breath,  
Can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death,  
Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place,  
And be forever blest?  
When shall I see my Father's face,  
And in his bosom rest?

Filled with delight, my raptured soul  
Would here no longer stay;  
Though Jordan's waves should round me roll,  
I'd fearless launch away.

O I am bound for promised land,  
Bound for the promised land.  
O who will come and go with me,  
Bound for the promised land?

*Words: The Easy Instructor, 1815. Music: New Jordan, CMD, 1787, Samuel Stennett (1727-1795)*

## **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 him our 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. 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:

All sing.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, — Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of power and might, — hea - ven and earth are full, — full — of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the one who comes — in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #S-130

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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.**

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.**

*The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, Eucharistic Prayer A*

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

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

*All sing.*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: — have mer - cy on — us. — Je - sus, bear - er

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Je - sus, Lamb of God'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a range of one octave. The accompaniment is a simple harmonic accompaniment, primarily using chords and moving lines in the bass.

of our sins: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er,

re - deem - er of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #S-164

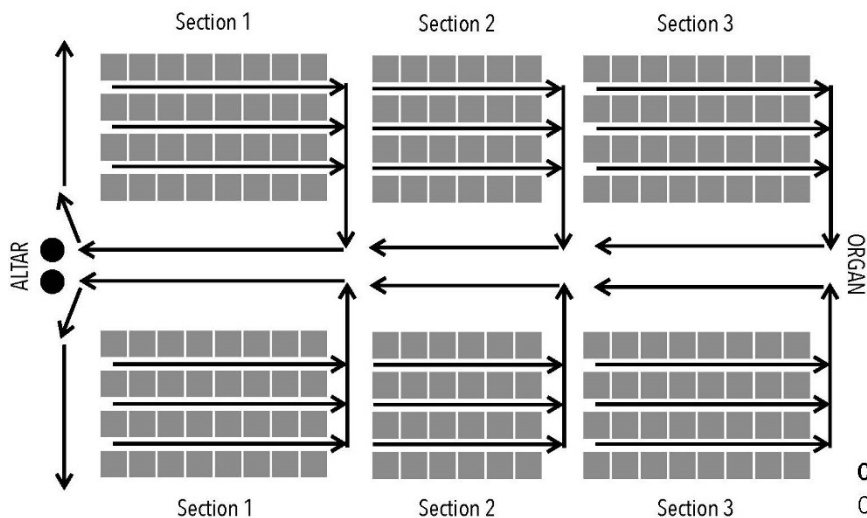
"Jesus, Lamb of God" (Agnus Dei)

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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.*

### How to Line Up for Communion



#### Order for Lining Up

Choir Goes First | Then Section 1 | Then Section 2 | Then Section 3

## Communion Hymns

All sing.

Give me a clean heart so I may serve Thee. Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by thee.

For I'm not wor - thy of all these bless - ings. Give me a clean heart and I'll fol-low thee.

1. I'm not ask-ing for the rich - es of the land. I'm not ask-ing for the proud to know my name.  
2. I am up and some-times I am down. Some-times I am al-most lev - el to the ground.

Please give me, Lord, a clean heart, that I may fol-low thee. Give me a clean heart, a clean heart

and I will fol-low thee. 2. Some - times

Lift Every Voice and Sing II #124 "Give me a clean heart"

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All sing.

Deep ri - ver, my home is o - ver Jor - dan,

Deep riv - er, Lord, I want to cross o - ver in - to



camp ground. Oh don't you want to go to that gos - pel

feast, That prom - ised land where all is peace? Oh

Deep riv - er, Lord, I want to cross o - ver in - to camp ground.

*Lift Every Voice and Sing II #8 "Deep river, my home is over Jordan"*

Words: Traditional. Music: Negro spiritual, arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals*. © 1992.

## 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.**

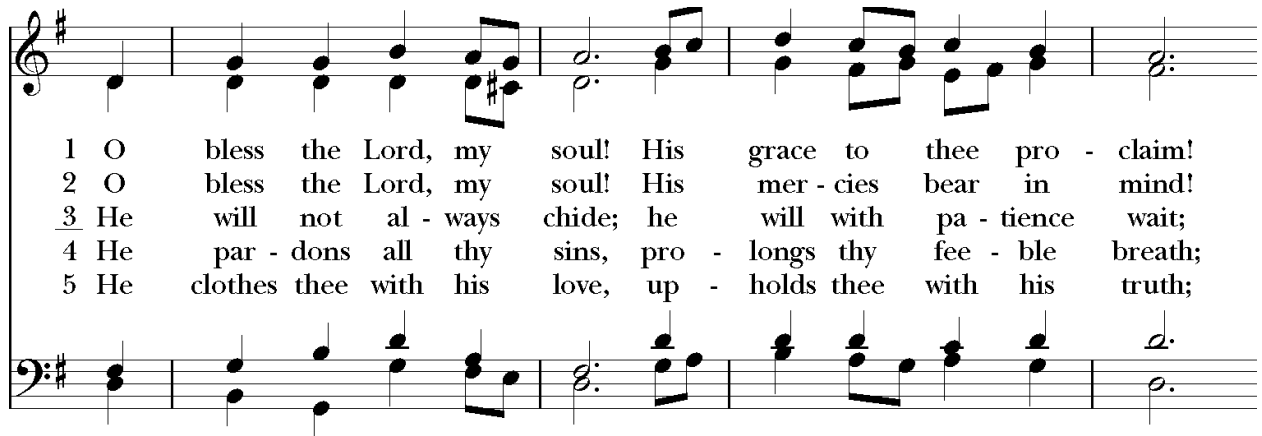
**Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

All sing.



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!  
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!  
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;  
4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;  
5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;



1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!  
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.  
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.  
4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.  
5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,  
whose grace hath made thee whole,

*The Hymnal 1982* - #411 "O bless the Lord, my soul"

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103.

Music: St. Thomas (Williams), SM, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

Choral Paraphrase on *Attende Domine* (plainsong hymn for Lent)

Setting: Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)

**Music Notes:** At SPR we are committed to including an increasingly diverse collection of voices in our liturgy to represent the boundlessness of God and the diversity of God's people. In celebration of Women's History Month, today's music features the work of several women poets and composers. Throughout the month, we have been using psalm translations from The Order of St. Helena an Episcopal community of women religious in South Carolina, who discerned a need for worship texts that moved beyond the traditional masculine language used for God. They were approved for liturgical use in the Episcopal Church at General Convention 79, Austin, Texas, July 2018. We also invite you to explore more about the women composers we feature today: Cécile Chaminade, Jeanne Demessieux, and Margaret J. Douroux.



# Coming Up at SPR

## **Funeral Service for Al Baker**

A funeral service for late parishioner Al Baker will take place at St. Paul & the Redeemer on **Saturday, April 2, at 11:00 am**. All are invited to attend the service and a reception afterward in the parish hall.

## **20s/30s Potluck**

All 20s & 30s at SPR are invited to a potluck dinner on **Sunday, March 27, at 6 pm**, in the Byllesby Room. If you are interested in attending, please let Ross Fogg (fogg@sprchicago.org) know what you might bring. If you cannot bring anything, please bring yourselves anyway for an evening of what will be great food and fellowship.

## **CROAR Antiracism Training: Introduction to Systemic Racism**

The ARWG is thrilled to advertise the upcoming April antiracism training with CROAR. Participants will gain a shared language and frameworks for understanding systemic racism and develop plans for dismantling racism and cultivating antiracist practices in their institutions. The training is **Friday, April 22, and Saturday, April 23, 4:00-7:30pm each day, on Zoom**. Attendance at both sessions is required. (When done in person this is CROAR's one-day training.) SPR will cover the registration costs and can send up to 6 people. Interested? Email [antiracism@sprchicago.org](mailto:antiracism@sprchicago.org).

## **Calling SPR children for our Easter Play!**

This year's 9:15am Easter service (4/17) will include our first non-virtual Easter Play featuring the children of our congregation! There are a handful of characters with simple lines of dialogue and plenty of other opportunities for children young and old to help out and take part in the performance. We will have a brief rehearsal the evening of Thursday, April 7 at 6:00 pm and children with speaking roles will have the opportunity to run lines at Children's Chapel on April 10 and at the family Maundy Thursday service (April 14). Please reach out to Gretchen Eng ([eng@sprchicago.org](mailto:eng@sprchicago.org)) to express interest and indicate if your child is willing/able to memorize and deliver lines of dialogue.

## **Food Pantry Donations**

The SPR food pantry seeks donations of: Canned: sweet peas, green beans, mixed vegetables. | Canned or dry: black-eyed peas, pinto beans, garbanzo beans, black beans. 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.

## **Opportunities to participate in ministries at SPR**

*Pastoral Care Team:* The Pastoral Care team is seeking new volunteers. The team offers care and support to fellow parishioners by making check-in phone calls and writing postcards. We are a group of 6-8 members, who meet once a month for an hour via Zoom. We would love to welcome new volunteers to help us in the tasks & to share with us new ministry ideas. Contact Kerstin Wellbery ([kara.kerstin@gmail.com](mailto:kara.kerstin@gmail.com)).

*Food Pantry:* Volunteers able to do some lifting are needed for the Food Pantry. You can volunteer to help one or two Wednesday's a month from 3:30pm - 5:30pm. Contact Shirley Knight ([shirley4@yahoo.com](mailto:shirley4@yahoo.com)).

*SPR Garden:* The SPR garden is seeking volunteers throughout the growing season. Whether you are an experienced or inexperienced gardener, all are welcome to help grow fresh produce for our Food Pantry. Contact George Chlipala ([chlige@yahoo.com](mailto:chlige@yahoo.com)) or Melissa McNeill ([lokimc55@gmail.com](mailto:lokimc55@gmail.com)).

*Usher Team:* We are currently welcoming new ushers at both our 9:15 and 11:15 services. Ushers should be willing to commit to serving once every 4-6 weeks (although more often is always welcome). Contact Barnabas Pusnur ([pusnur@sprchicago.org](mailto:pusnur@sprchicago.org)).

## Serving Today

**March 27, 2022**

Presider: The Rev. Roger Ferlo

Preacher: The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur

Deacon: The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur

Music Leader: Christian Clough

Children's Chapel Leaders: Padma Vundi, Gretchen Eng

Acolyte: Mahrhotal Rosier (9:15)

Lectors: Kari Martin, Fran Spaltro, J'Heannhehbelle  
Rosier (9:15); Andrew Rostan, Camille Long, Rahsaan

Morris (11:15)

Ushers: Vincent Johnson, Connie Bonbrest (9:15), Kevin  
Baldwin, Romonda McKinney (11:15)

Altar Guild: Camille Long (11:15)

Vestry Greeter: Jason Evans (9:15), Mike Agina (11:15)

Livestream: Khushi Pusnur (9:15)

## 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.