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# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER FEBRUARY 26, 2023 | 10:00 AM



# 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 & Youth at SPR**

## KidZone (Nursery), 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Professionally staffed nursery care is available for children ages 0–4 in our KidZone, located down the southwest stairs. Changing tables are in the downstairs restrooms and the KidZone.

## Children's Chapel, Sundays during sermon

During the sermon at the 10:00 service, children from preschool to second grade are invited to a special liturgy in the children's chapel, featuring songs and a Bible story.

#### Children's & Youth Formation, Sundays after church

We welcome all ages to join our formation (Christian education) gatherings, downstairs from 11:05 to 11:50 AM:

Godly Play: Preschool to grade 2

• Junior Youth Group: Grades 3 to 5

• Youth Group: Grades 6 to 12

Adult Formation: Teens and adults
 High-school youth are welcome to attend either youth group or adult formation.

#### 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.

## **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.

## 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!

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#### **About the Cover Artwork**

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# Welcome to Lent.

#### What Is Lent?

Lent is a 40-day season of preparation 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, 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 simply 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:

#### 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.)

#### Shoesmith School | Kenwood, Chicago

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

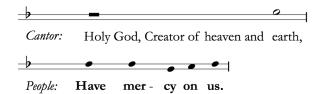
Offering envelopes for both ministries are in the seatbacks. Please make checks payable to St. Paul & the Redeemer and put "Shoesmith" and/or "Haiti" in the memo line.

# **THE WORD OF GOD**

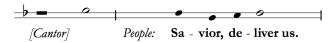
When the bell rings, please stand as able and sing.

# **The Great Litany**

The Great Litany is a centuries-old way of marking the first Sunday of Lent. After each petition, the people chant the response (R) indicated.



Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world, R Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful, R Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God, R



From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent, R

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws, R From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil, R

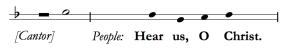
From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared, R

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment, R

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience;

by your baptism, fasting and temptation, R

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign, R
By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial, R
By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit, R



Hear our prayers, O Christ our God. R

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will. R Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations. R

Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word. R

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit. R

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived. R

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet. R

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice. R

Give your wisdom and strength to Joe, the President of the United States, J.B., the Governor of this state, and Lori, the Mayor of this city, that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good. R

Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth. R

Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people. R

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all. R

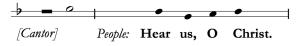
Bless and keep all your people, including those celebrating birthdays this week: **Peter** Stewart (3/2) and **Ron** Thisted (3/2) and those celebrating anniversaries, including **Padma** Vundi & **Barnabas** Pusnur (2/27) and **Crystal & Bruce** Plummer (2/27). R

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved, and the oppressed. R

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril. R

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit, especially **Karen** Davenport, **Shirley** Knight, **Anna** Bohrer, **Ann** Rigney (friend of Mary Naftzger), **Larry** Evans (father of Jason Evans), **Becky** Kruse, **Carolyn** Strong (sister of Twila Jones), **Deborah** Caldwell-Stone, **Susan** McNeill (stepmother of Melissa McNeill), **Audrey Lisa** Tate (friend of Shirley Knight), **Teresa** Massie Peterson, **Marian** Elliott, **Pauline & Bill** Reynolds (parents of Liza Reynolds), **Jake** Dombroski (friend of Ryan Bailey), and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute. R

Guard and protect all children who are in danger. R

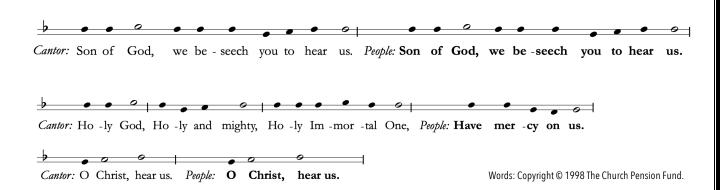


Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble. R

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word. R

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts. R

Hear us as we remember those who have died, especially **Michael** Towns (parishioner, 2/26/2022), **Lois** Cline Ireland (mother of Valerie Tonsgard, 2/29/1980), **Al** Baker (parishioner, 3/1/2022), **Anna** Hass (grandmother of Deb Hass, 3/3/2005), and **Andrew** Mowatt (husband of Leatrice Mowatt, 3/3/2010), and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory. R



Prayer List: Shirley Knight, Anna Bohrer, Ann Rigney (friend of Mary Naftzger), Larry Evans (father of Jason Evans), Becky Kruse, Carolyn Strong (sister of Twila Jones), Deborah Caldwell-Stone, Susan McNeill (stepmother of Melissa McNeill), Audrey Lisa Tate (friend of Shirley Knight), Teresa Massie Peterson, Jake Dombroski (friend of Ryan Bailey), Mel Hodder (brother-in-law of Mary Naftzger), Jennifer Penn, Hyacinth Evans, Rahsaan Clark Morris, Tim Sehr, Pamela Anderson, D. Maria Neighbors, Dan Goering (brother of Barbra Goering), Barbara Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), Stacey Morris, 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), and Rock Sehr, as well as their caregivers.

# The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

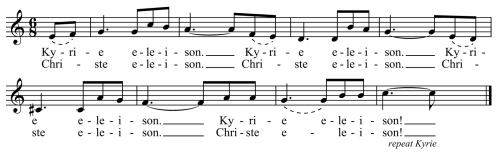
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Members of the St. Nicholas Choir will lead all in singing the Kyrie in three parts.



My Heart Sings Out #13: "Kyrie eleison" Words: The Book of Common Prayer

Music: Paraguayan © World Council of Churches

## The Lessons

## **Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) Reading**

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 32

The Choir sings the first verse. The psalm is then sung antiphonally by full verse, alternating among the Choir, the North Side, and the South Side of the church, as indicated.



Choir Happy are they whose transgressions are forgíven, \* and whose sin is / put áway!

North Happy are they to whom God imputes no **gúilt**, \* and in whose spirit there / **is nó** guile!

South While I held my tongue, my bones withered **á**way, \* because of my groaning / **all dáy** long.

Choir For your hand was heavy upon me **dáy** and night; \* my moisture was dried up as in the heat / **of súm**mer.

North Then I acknowledged my **sín** to you, \* and did not con/**ceal ´my** guilt.

South I said, "I will confess my transgressions to **Gód**." \*

Then you forgave me the guilt / **of 'my** sin.

Choir Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of **tróub**le; \* when the great waters overflow, they shall / **not réach** them.

North You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from **tróub**le; \* you surround me with shouts of de/**livér**ance.

South I will instruct you and teach you in the way that **you** should go; \*
I will guide you / **with 'my** eye.

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 **wíck**ed; \* 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.

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#### **Epistle (New Testament) Reading**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Please stand as able and sing.



"Bless the Lord, my soul"

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# **Gospel Reading**

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 Matthew.

Matthew 4:1-11

## Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.""

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

# Children's Chapel

Children in preschool to second grade are invited to attend their own liturgy in the chapel, led by children's ministry staff Megan Cather and Lindsey Strieter. Participants under age 3 are encouraged to bring a parent. The children will return to the main service at the peace.

# Sermon

Today's Preacher: The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur, Associate Rector

# **Apostles' Creed**

Please stand as able.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
+ the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

# **Confession and Absolution**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will.
Amen.

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

### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to greet those around you with the words "Peace be with you," accompanied by a wave, peace sign, or handshake. 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

Katharine Christensen, cellist

Intermezzo, Op. 9

Jeraldine Saunders Herbison\* (b. 1941)

# 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.

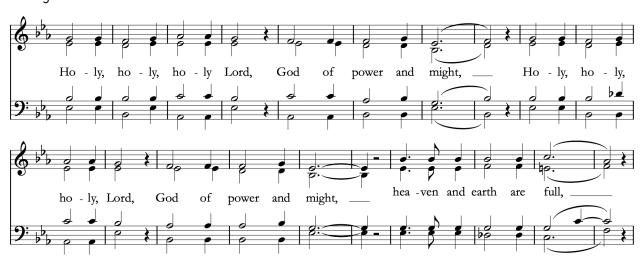
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

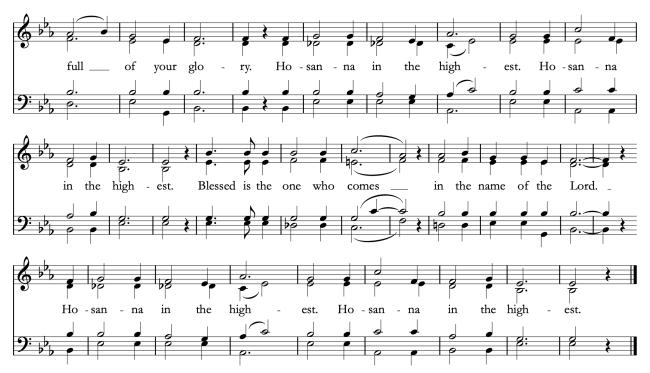
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you and glorify your Name as we sing (say),

All sing.





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We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

The Book of Common Prayer, 1979. Eucharistic Prayer D.

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.





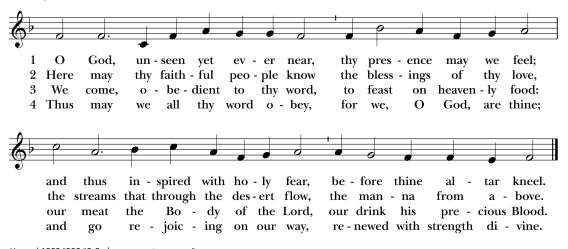
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The gifts of God for the people of God.

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 Music**

All sing.



Hymnal 1982 #332 "O God, unseen yet ever near"

Words: Edward Osler (1798-1863).

Music: St. Flavian, from Day's Psalter, 1562.

# All sing.



LEVAS II #170 "Yield not to temptation"

Words: Horatio R. Palmer (1834-1907).

Music: Horatio R. Palmer; arr. Carl Haywood\* (b. 1949), from "Songs of Praise." Harm. @1992 Carl Haywood.\*

# **Sending Forth**

Please stand as able.

Let us pray.

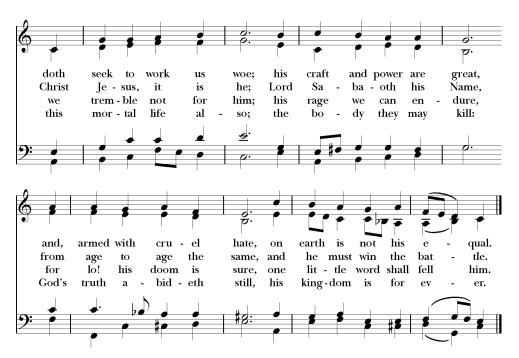
God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

# **Blessing**

+ Holy eternal Majesty, Holy incarnate Word, Holy abiding Spirit, bless you for evermore. **Amen.** 





Hymnal 1982 #688 "A mighty fortress is our God"

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Frederick Henry Hedge (1805-1890); based on Psalm 46. Music: *Ein feste Burg*, melody Martin Luther; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

# **Dismissal**

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.** 

# **Postlude**

"Fugue in F Minor" from *Adagio and Fugue* Adolphus Hailstork\* (1941)



## **Lenten Small Groups: Resurrection Hope**

Our five-week Lenten small groups will begin the week of March 5. Together, we'll read *Resurrection Hope: A Future Where Black Lives Matter*, by Kelly Brown Douglas. Copies are available for purchase at church for \$29 (financial assistance is available). Sign up in the narthex!

## **Spiritual Care Visitor Training**

Do you have a passion for helping others? Consider the Bishop Anderson House Spiritual Care Visitor Training Program, which begins on **Saturday**, **March 25**. The program includes a retreat, seven online modules, and providing two hours of spiritual care weekly at the direction of your faith community leader. The full cost of this training is \$50. **Apply by Monday**, **March 13**. Learn more at bishopandersonhouse.org.

## SPR Sleepaway Camp: Save the Date!

Children entering grades 1-6 are invited to join the SPR crew attending Camp Lutherwald in Howe, Indiana, from **Sunday**, **July 23 to Friday**, **July 28**. Please register your camper directly through the camp website; scholarship help from SPR is available. For more information, contact Lindsey Strieter (strieter@sprchicago.org).

#### Vacation Bible Camp: Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible Camp from Monday, July 31 to Friday, August 4, 2023. VBC is focused on helping kids develop a progressive and joyful sense of faith. Children (ages 3-10) & volunteers (youth and adults, ages 11 and up) are invited to participate. Registration coming soon! For more information, contact Lindsey Strieter (strieter@sprchicago.org).

# Adult Formation: User's Guide to the Bible, Part 3: Four Perspectives on Jesus

Today after the 10:00 service, join the Rev. Catherine Healy to explore the different perspectives on Jesus presented by the four Gospels and learn how they work together to give us a fuller picture of Christ.

## **Black History Month Resources**

Celebrate Black History Month with books, movies, music, and other media by Black creators. Pick up a copy of recommended resources from our Anti-Racism Working Group at either door to the sanctuary.

## **Volunteer Opportunity: Refugee Family Visiting**

Through the Syrian Community Network, we are resuming visits to the family we were visiting in 2020, with three children (ages 15, 12 and 10). Visits are **Saturdays at 10:30 AM** at their Rogers Park apartment. Visitors may help with homework or English practice, take the family on outings, or just provide good company. Two or more volunteers are needed for each visit; children are welcome. If you would like to visit this family on at least two Saturdays in March or April, sign up in the narthex or contact Robert Bator (rbator@aol.com).

# VIRTUAL Volunteer Opportunity: Conversational English Practice

Chat via Zoom with adult Syrian Community
Network clients to help them improve their
English! The sessions will meet **Tuesdays at 10:30 AM** through April 4. To get involved, sign up in the narthex or contact Robert Bator (rbator@aol.com).



## **Music During Black History Month**

SPR seeks to program music which is inclusive, vibrant, and which reflects both our past and present journeys together. February offers a unique time to acknowledge the music of Black musicians. During this month, all preludes, postludes, choral anthems, and offertories will be Black musicians, and will be denoted with an "\*" as a small step to increase the visibility of these under-represented artists and the music which contributes to our worship on a weekly basis.

## **February Music Fund Drive**

Oxford University Press has just published a new collection of choral anthems, called **The Oxford Book** of Choral Music by Black Composers. It is a landmark collection of 35 non-idiomatic compositions from the sixteenth century to the present day, providing a comprehensive introduction to an area of choral music that has been historically underrepresented. In alignment with our anti-racism vision statement, SPR seeks to invest in these artists, and in this music by purchasing 40 copies of this brand-new anthology. A \$30 gift to the Music Fund purchases one anthology for SPR. We will include a dedication/acknowledgment of your gift in each anthology. For more information about the anthology, and to give online, visit www.sprchicago.org/musicfund, or speak to director of music Mark Bilveu (bilyeu@sprchicago.org).

#### **About This Week's Music**

The **offertory** is by Jeraldine Saunders Herbison\*, who earned a degree in music education with a major in violin and double minors in voice and piano from Virginia State College. During her 34-year career teaching music in the Virginia public schools, she received commissions for works ranging from chamber music to symphonies. She is the widow of the renowned cellist Dr. James P. Herbison, who often premiered her cello works, including the *Intermezzo* heard today. Adolphus Hailstork\* is the composer of the **postlude.** He studied with Nadia Boulanger at the prestigious American Conservatory in Fontainebleau, France, before receiving degrees at the Manhattan School of Music and Michigan State University. His works have been performed and recorded by major orchestras, such as the Chicago Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra, and New York Philharmonic. His most recent major work, A Knee on the Neck: A Requiem for George Floyd, was premiered by the National Philharmonic in March of 2022.

#### **Call for Submissions: Visual Epiphanies**

The arts committee's spring show theme is *Epiphanies*. All artists are invited to submit two-dimensional works that evoke an epiphany or new insight. Works should be in the church office and ready to hang by **Sunday, March 5**. The show will be on exhibit in the chapel from March through May. For more information, contact Carolyn Pereira (pereira1700@yahoo.com).







# **Serving Today**

February 26, 2023: 10:00 AM

Presider: The Rev. Catherine Healy Preacher: The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur Music Leaders: Mark Bilyeu, Megan Cather Lectors: Andrew Chipman, Tom Irving

Prayer Writer: Joshua Daniel

Chalice Ministers: Kenji Kuramitsu, Gail Williams,

Meryl Prochaska, Jonathan Foiles Usher: Alicia Chipman, George Chlipala

Vestry Greeter: Celia Paris Altar Guild: Andrew Rostan Prayer Writer: Twila Jones

Communion Bread Baker: Michelle Dassinger

Livestream: Matthew Erlec

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The Rev. Catherine E. Healy, *Rector*The Rev. Barnabas E. Pusnur, *Associate Rector*The Rev. Jack Seymour, *Deacon (on sabbatical through March 2023)* 

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Celia Paris

# **Partners in Ministry**

# **American Red Cross of Greater Chicago**

We partner with the Red Cross to provide emergency shelter for those displaced by disasters.

## **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 Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, led by our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Paula Clark.

## **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.

# **Shoesmith Elementary School**

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

# **Syrian Community Network**

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

