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# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER
MARCH 19, 2023 | 10:00 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 & 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**

JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.



#### 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. (This is different from the money we raise for the St. Patrick's school lunch and music programs each fall.) There are 19 teachers at St Patrick's; we provide approximately \$70 per teacher per month.

- \$70 will pay a teacher's salary for one month.
- \$210 will pay a teacher for three months.
- \$350 will pay a teacher for five months (half the school year).
- \$700 will pay a teacher for the entire ten-month school year.

#### Shoesmith School | Kenwood, Chicago

SPR partners with Shoesmith School, the elementary school just across the park, to help enrich their students' educational opportunities. During Lent, we raise money to support their choir, led by a conductor from Uniting Voices Chicago (formerly the Chicago Children's Choir). They rehearse weekly learning music from an array of genres, and, as many of you know, they are exceptional performers. We look forward to having them sing with our choirs this spring. Our Lenten fundraising goal is \$5,000, the cost of hiring a Uniting Voices conductor for one academic year.

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

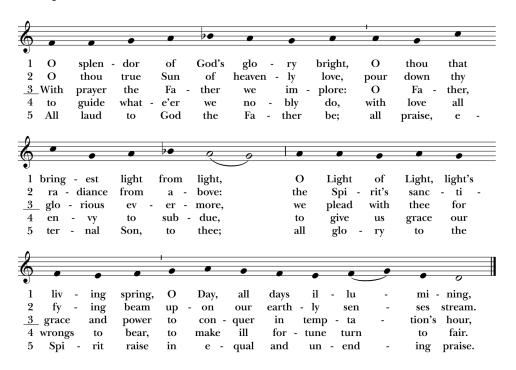
# **THE WORD OF GOD**

#### **Prelude**

Espressivo from Sonata No. 2 Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778).

# **Entrance Hymn**

All sing.



The Hymnal 1982 #5 "O splendor of God's glory bright"

Words: Ambrose of Milan (340-397), tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt.

Music: Splendor paternae gloriae, plainsong, Mode 1, Worcester MS., 13th cent.; acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

#### Welcome

Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures forever.

# The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Gracious Father,

whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven

to be the true bread which gives life to the world:

Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him;

# 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.



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

Music: Paraguayan © World Council of Churches.

#### The Lessons

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

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 23 Dominus regit me

The Choir sings the refrain, the congregation joins to repeat. The choir sings the verses, and the congregation joins on all refrains where marked [Refrain].

# Though I walk through the val-ley of the sha - dow of death, I shall fear no e - vil, for you\_\_ are with\_ me.



#### Verses:

- 1 The LORD is my 'shepherd; \*

  I / shall not 'be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green 'pastures \* and leads me be/side still 'waters. [Refrain]
- 3 He revives my 'soul \* and guides me along right pathways / for his 'Name's sake.
- Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of 'death,
  I shall / fear no évil; \*
- 4b for you are 'with me; your rod and your / staff, they 'comfort me. [Refrain]
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who 'trouble me; \* you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is / running óver.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of 'my life, \* and I will dwell in the house of the / LORD for éver. [Refrain]

Psalm 23, Translation from The Saint Helena Psalter, © The Order of Saint Helena. Antiphon text by Howard E. Galley, Jr., © Albert Rockenstein. Music: Plainsong, Tone VIII.1.

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

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light–for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Please stand as able and sing.



"Bless the Lord, my soul"

Words & Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994). © 1982, 1983, 1984 Les Presses et Ateliers de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc.

#### **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.

John 9:1-41

# Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man

called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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. Catherine Healy, 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.

# **Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for the church and for the world.

Lord, open our eyes to your presence, open our ears to your call, open our hearts to your love; that we may give ourselves to you through the One who is the Light of the World, Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

Creator of light, we remember all who misuse your creation and all who do not know your love. We pray that your church may empower each of us to bring healing and hope to the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, forgive the hurt we cause by our own ignorance. May the brightness of your light bring joy to our homes, new love to our relationships, and deep peace to our communities.

Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who seek healing in body, mind, or soul. We remember all whose minds are consumed by fear or sin, all who are beset by dark deeds of the past. We pray for the healing of the past in our lives and our communities. We pray for all who are consumed by hatred or by desire for revenge.

Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

We pray for all those among us who are sick, grappling with loss, or in any sort of distress, especially **Becky**Newman (sister of Mary Naftzger), **Pamela** Anderson, **Alarra** Tozin (friend of Twila Jones), **Rick** Heyman (brother of Steve Heyman), **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), **Susan** McNeill (stepmother of Melissa McNeill), **Audrey Lisa** Tate (friend of Shirley Knight), **Teresa** Massie Peterson, **Rahsaan** Clark Morris, **Barbara** Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), as well as their caregivers.
Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

We praise you for all who have entered into a fuller vision, all who have awakened to your glory in heaven. We remember **Madonna** Hoffman (mother of Doug Hoffman, 3/19/2020) and **Alexander** L. Corey III (husband of Jacqueline Corey, 3/22/1988). We pray that we may not sorrow for the departed but rejoice in their freedom. Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, including **Gomez** Charleston (3/19), **Karlin** Gatton (3/19), **Charlotte** Cary-Beckett (3/20), **Peter** de Jong (3/21), **Tom** Irving (3/21), and **Eleanor** Detlefsen (3/25) as they begin another year, and on **Esther & Jon** Foiles (3/21) and **David & Loretta** Daniels (3/22), as they celebrate their anniversary. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives.

Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

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

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer List: Becky Newman (sister of Mary Naftzger), Pamela Anderson, Alarra Tozin (friend of Twila Jones), Rick Heyman (brother of Steve Heyman), Shirley Knight, Anna Bohrer, Ann Rigney (friend of Mary Naftzger), Larry Evans (father of Jason Evans), Becky Kruse, Carolyn Strong (sister of Twila Jones), Susan McNeill (stepmother of Melissa McNeill), 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.

Prayers of the People: Adapted from David Adam, *Clouds and Glory: Prayers for the Church Year*, 2001.

Collect at the Prayers: Book of Common Prayer, 1979.

## **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

Sung by the Choir and Choristers.

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his Name; In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake his ways, And leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk thru the shades of death, thy presence is my stay; A word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; My cup with blessings overflows; thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may thy house be mine abode, and all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest (while others go and come),
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

Music: "My shepherd will supply my need," *Resignation*, American folk melody, arr. Virgil Thomson (1896-1989). Text: Psalm 23, adapt. Isaac Watts (1674-1748).

# 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.

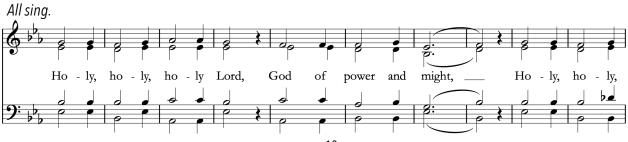
#### We lift them to the Lord.

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,





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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.** 

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.** 

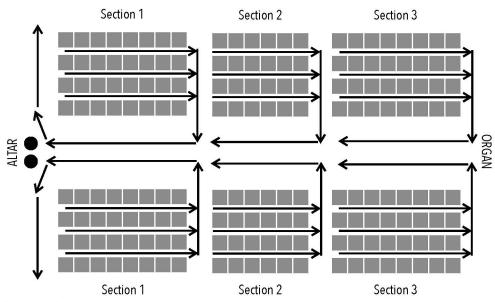


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#### The gifts of God for the people of God.

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.

# **How to Line Up for Communion**



#### Order for Lining Up

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

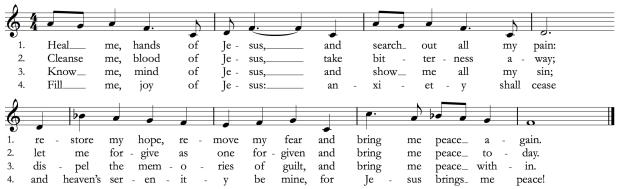
# **Communion Music**



Voices Together #373 (The Mennonite Church of Canada) "As the windsong through the trees" Words: Shirley Erena Murray (Aotearoa New Zealand), © 2004.

Music: Wairua Tapu, Lim Swee Hon (Singapore), © 2004.





Wonder, Love, and Praise #773 "Heal me, hands of Jesus"

Words: Michael Perry (1942-1996).

Music: Sharpe, SM, Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from Tunes for Grace.

# **Sending Forth**

Please stand as able.

Let us pray.

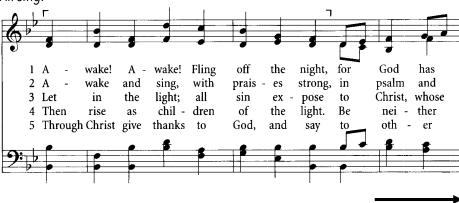
God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

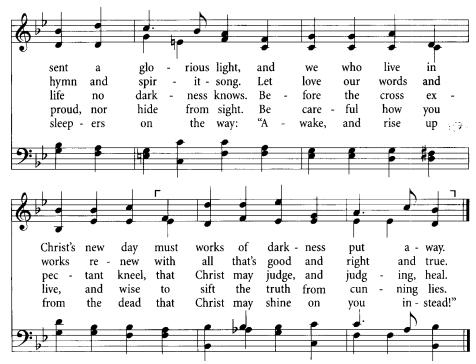
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

# **Blessing**

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







Common Praise #599 "Awake! Awake! Fling off the night" Words: J.R. Peacey (1896-1971). © Hope Publishing Co. Music: James William Elliot (1833-1915).

#### **Dismissal**

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

### **Postlude**

"O Day of Peace"
Based on *Jerusalem* by C.H.H. Parry
Charles Callahan (b. 1951).



# Youth Group Service Day: Greater Chicago Food Depository

Youth group members (grades 6-12) will volunteer at the Greater Chicago Food Depository warehouse in Archer Heights on **Saturday, March 25 at 8:00 AM** (carpool departing from SPR at 7:45 AM). Parent drivers are welcome too! RSVP by today to Lindsey Strieter.

# **Volunteer Opportunities with Refugee Ministry**

Get involved with our refugee ministry through the Syrian Community Network. Volunteers may chat with adults to help them practice English (**Tuesdays at 10:30 AM on Zoom**), or visit our partner family in Rogers Park, with children ages 10, 12, and 15 (**Saturdays at 10:30 AM**; kids are welcome). To learn more, contact Robert Bator (rbator@aol.com).



#### **SPR Open Kitchen Returns**

After a long hiatus due to COVID-19, SPR's Open Kitchen crew is back in action, gathering on the Sunday before the third Monday of each month to cook up a hearty stew for the meal program housed at Kenwood United Church of Christ. Join us in the kitchen on **Sunday, March 19, at 12:00 PM**. No skills are necessary; there will be step-by-step guidance! Youth accompanied by their adults are welcome. If you can shop, cook, or help with delivering the stew to KUCC, contact Fran Spaltro (pambasilea@qmail.com).

#### 20's/30's Events

Everyone in their 20's/30's is invited to the following events:

- Showing of "Jesus Christ Superstar" on April 1, in the SPR Youth Room, come at 6:30 PM for Pizza and 7 PM for the movie start time
- Repack Food with the Greater Chicago Food
  Depository on May 20, 1- 3:45 PM at the
  packing center in Archer Heights. Early dinner/
  drinks after.

Please RSVP to Julia McMillan, mcmillan013@gmail.com by March 30 for both events so that food, sign up, and carpool can be arranged.

RSVP for Maundy Thursday Meal & Easter Potluck RSVP to share a meal at church on Maundy Thursday, April 6, and/or Easter Sunday, April 9. Your response helps our chefs make sure we have

enough food for all! RSVPs are appreciated by Friday, March 31. To help prepare the Maundy Thursday meal, contact Lindsey Strieter.

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

This week's **prelude** is by Thomas Arne, who was a leading 18<sup>th</sup> century English theatre composer. He is best known for his songs "Rule, Britannia!," and "Ahunting we will go," which was featured in *The* Beggars Opera (and is better known to Americans as "The Farmer in the Dell"). The **anthem** is a setting by Virgil Thomson of the American folk hymn tune Resignation, which is the first of four anthems in his collection Hymns from the Old South. Thomson had a uniquely multi-faceted career as composer and music critic, and music is marked by a sense of clarity, joy, and overt playfulness (his opera collaborations with Gertrude Stein stand out on this front). The American composer and organist Charles Callahan arranged the tune *Jerusalem* heard in the postlude. The tune was written as a setting of the Blake poem "And did these feet in ancient times" at the request of then English poet laureate Robert Bridges, as a means to "brace the spirit of the nation [to] accept with cheerfulness all the sacrifices necessary" during the first World War. Jerusalem is found in The Hymnal 1982 as "O day of peace," with text by Carl Daw, Jr.

#### **Holy Week & Easter Worship**

Join us each day from **April 6 to 9** in remembrance of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. See our Holy Week service schedule in the weekly newsletter or on our website www.sprchicago.org

# **Serving Today**

#### March 19, 2023 | 10:00 AM

Presiders: The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur Preacher: The Rev. Catherine Healy

Music Leaders: Mark Bilyeu, Megan Cather

Lectors: Steve Heyman, Ian Murrell Prayer Reader: Joshua Daniel Prayer Writer: Twila Jones Acolyte: Andrew Rostan

Chalice Ministers: Peggy, Connie Bonbrest, Merl

Prochaska, Kelsey Shaw

Ushers: Joe Dunn, Kevin Baldwin Vestry Greeter: Joshua Daniel

Altar Guild: Twila Jones

Communion Bread Baker: Jason Cather

Livestream: Jared Beverly

#### Staff

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

The Rev. Jack Seymour, Deacon (on sabbatical

through March 2023)

Mark Bilyeu, *Director of Music* 

Megan Cather, Children's Music Assistant

Lindsey Strieter, Director of Children's Formation

The Rev. Roger Ferlo, *Priest Associate* The Rev. Lydia Gajdel, *Priest Associate* 

Lukasz Jedrzejewski, *Sexton*Savannah Hegyi, Dennis Kalup,

Ian Murrell, & Ariana Strahl, Staff Singers

Sabrina Foster, Ashley Lanfair, & Patricia Lanfair,

Nursery Teachers

# Vestry

Twila Jones, *Warden*Baiju Markose, *Clerk*Frances Spaltro, *Warden*Tayo Adegoke, *Treasurer* 

Nicholas Bellomy
Joshua Daniel
Jason Evans
Jonathan Foiles
Anne Harlan
Vicky Legge
Rebecca Luttrell
Andrew Rostan

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.

