



The Ten Young Women, JESUS MAFA.

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER

NOVEMBER 12, 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.



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Children & Youth at SPR

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

Professionally staffed nursery care is available for children ages 1-4 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.

Christian Formation

From September through May, we welcome all ages to join our formation (Christian education) gatherings, downstairs from 11:05 to 11:50 AM. See the back of the bulletin for more information about today's offerings.

- 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. From *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Intermezzo

Jack Hawes (1916-2004).

Entrance Hymn

All sing.

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
*4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica*, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

The Hymnal 1982 #436 "Lift up your heads"

Words: Georg Wiessel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878).

Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica*, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

Welcome

+ Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Mother of us all.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

All sing.

In 2 *f*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God, hea - ven-ly King, al -

- might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

poco rit.

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

a tempo *mp* *poco cresc.*

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son — of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin — of the world; have

mer - cy on us; — you are seat - ed at the right

ff

hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our — prayer. For

you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, —

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

Music: *Enriching our Music, Vol. 1*, from *Music for the Holy Eucharist: Rite II*, Peter Crisafulli (b. 1946).

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**O God, whose blessed Son came into the world
that he might destroy the works of the devil
and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life:
Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure;
that, when he comes again with power and great glory,
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

Please be seated.

Song of Praise

Sung by the Saint Nicholas Choir, led by Megan Cather.

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.

Love before us, love behind us, love under our feet.
Love within us, love over us, let all around us be love.

Light before us, light behind us, light under our feet.
Light within us, light over us, let all around us be light.

Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet.
Christ within us, Christ over us, let all around us be Christ.

MHSO #152 "Peace before us"

Music: David Haas (b. 1957), Words: David Haas, based on a Navaho prayer.

The Lessons

First Reading

A reading from the book of Joshua.

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord,

choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-7 *Attendite, popule*

Choir sings verse 1, congregation joins where indicated.



- 1 Choir Hear my teaching, | O my | people; *
incline your | ears to the | words of my | mouth.
- 2 All I will open my | mouth in a | parable; *
I will declare the | mysteries of | ancient | times.
- 3 Choir That which we have heard and known,
and what our | forebears have | told us, *
we will not | hide | from their | children.
- 4 All We will recount to generations to come
your praiseworthy deeds and your | power, O | God, *
and the wonderful | wörks | you have | done.
- 5 Choir You gave your decrees to Jacob
And established a | law for | Israel, *
which you com|manded them to | teach their | children;
- 6 All That the generations to come might know,
and the children | yet un|born, *
that they in their turn might | tell it | to their | children;
- 7 Choir So that they might put their | trust in | you, *
and not forget your deeds,
but | keep | your com|mandments;

	= corresponds to bar line
*	= indicates half-way point
••	= 2 notes for 1 syllable
<u>Hyde Park</u>	= 2 syllables for 1 note

Psalm 78:1-7, *St. Helena Psalter*, Order of Saint Helena.
Music: C. Hylton Stewart.

Second Reading

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up

in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as able. Choir will sing leader part.

Thu - ma mi - na, Thu - ma mi - na, Thu - ma mi - na, Thu - ma
Je - sus, send me Je - sus, send me

mi - na, So - man - dla.
Je - sus, send me Lord. Send me Lord.

1. - 3. Send me Lord, 4.

Additional verses

3. *Call:* Lead me, Lord, *Response:* Lead me, Jesus.
4. *Call:* Fill me, Lord, *Response:* Fill me, Jesus.

WLP #800: "Thuma Mina"

Words: South African. Music: *Thuma mina*, South African.

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 25:1-13

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other

bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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 Lindsey Strieter and Megan Cather. 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

Lord God, may you know us and open the door to your abundant grace as we offer our prayers for the church and the world.

God who wakens us, grace us your church with the wisdom and capacity to serve you and those you would have us serve.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of Moses and Joshua, grace our leaders both local and remote with the wisdom to recognize when foolishness becomes harmful; grace us with the wisdom to close our doors to that foolishness.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God who provides hope in times of grief, grace our world, now torn apart by violence and abandonment and indifference, with a banquet of blessings that will bring us all together in justice and peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Be present with those who are sick or in distress of any kind, especially especially **Jacky** Corey Hain, **Jennifer** Penn, **Lissa** Hodder (sister of Mary Naftzger), **Becky** Kruse, **Dom** Piantedosi (brother-in-law of Val Tongsgard), **Pamela** Anderson, **Ann** Rigney (friend of Mary Naftzger), and **Rosalyn** Hill (friend of Cecilia Mowatt).

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Recall to remembrance our beloved dead, especially **Kristina** Berry (sister of Pat Swanson, 11/3/2023), **Mel** Hodder (brother-in-law of Mary Naftzger, 11/7/23), and Charles **Ran** Lincoln (father of Sarah Lincoln, 11/15/2007):

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We celebrate with those marking birthdays, especially **Bob** Naftzger (11/12), **Ari** Karafiol (11/13), **Paul** Calio (11/15), **Megg** Hoover (11/15), **Stephenie** Landers (11/15), **Jim** Tongsgard (11/15), **Ellie** Wildenberg (11/15), **Tim** Sehr (11/16), and **Declan** Bigger (11/18), and with those marking anniversaries, including **Bob & Mary** Naftzger (11/15).

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation. I invite you to offer your own prayers and thanksgivings, ending each with "Lord, in your mercy."

God whose glory is found in your grace and mercy, let it fall in abundance on those who suffer; and inspire us to be imitators of that glory through the example of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayers written by Joshua Daniel.

Prayer List: Pamela Anderson, Sheila Bator, Jacky Corey Hain, Marian Elliott, Susan Hartger, Naomi Haynes, Brenda Kilpatrick, Becky Kruse, Rahsaan Clark Morris, John Mulholland, D. Maria Neighbors, Jennifer Penn, Peter Pereira, Celia Scott, Alarra Tozin (friend of Twila Jones), Hilton Clark (friend of Cecilia Mowatt), Alphonso Guerrero (nephew of Cecilia Mowatt), Rosalyn Hill (friend of Cecilia Mowatt), Brenden Jones (godson of Cecilia Mowatt), Tim Brown (cousin of Maureen Jesuthasan), Lissa Hodder (sister of Mary Naftzger), Ann Rigney (friend of Mary Naftzger), Amelia Dammen (grandniece of Lisa Rademacher), and Penny & Dom Piantedosi (sister and brother-in-law of Val Tongsgard), as well as their caregivers.

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.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done.
Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

"Keep Your Lamps"

Music: African American Spiritual, arr. André J. Thomas

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

The Presider adds a proper preface.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

After introduction, all sing.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, — Ho - ly, ho - ly,

The first line of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in B-flat major. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. 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, —

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line. The lyrics are: "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.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010).

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are the Lord.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Sanctify these gifts by your Holy Spirit, to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Source: *All Creation Sings: Thanksgiving at the Table, Form 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.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, Lamb of God: — have mer - cy on — us. — Je - sus, bear - er 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 score includes a treble clef and a bass clef for each part, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests and ties. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding vocal lines.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010).

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.

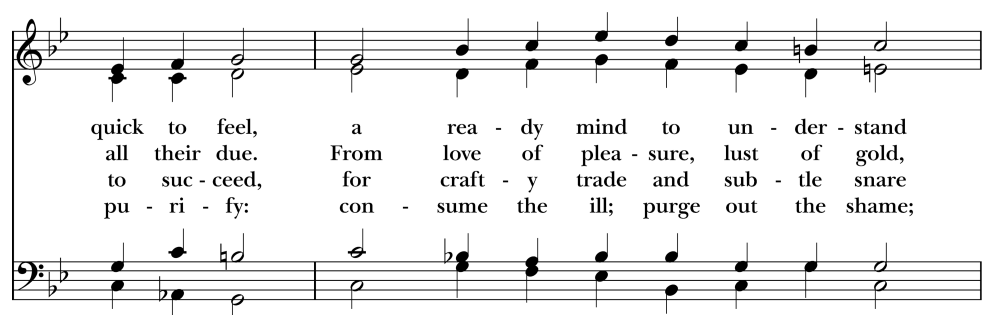
No matter whether or how you choose to receive the Eucharist, may this time in the service be one of contemplation and prayer, enabling you to draw nearer to the quiet presence of God.

Communion Music

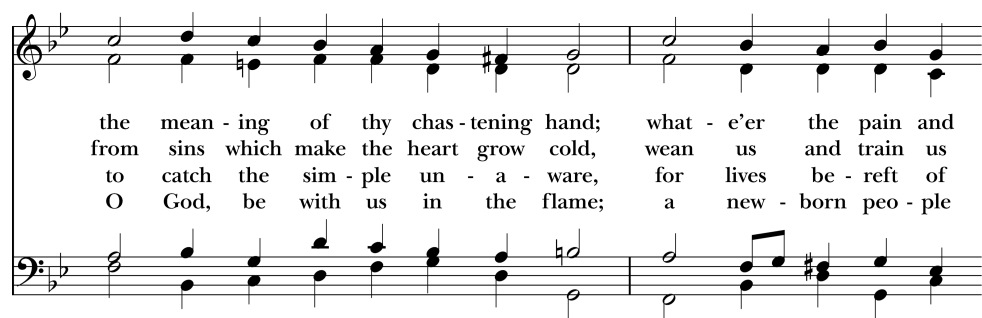
All sing.



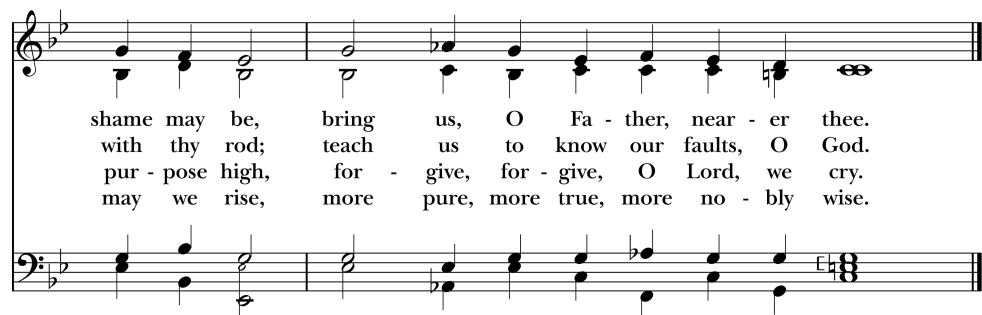
1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con-science
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits



quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand
all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold,
to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare
pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame;



the mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
from sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
to catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of
O God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple



shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.
pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.
may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

Hymanl 1982 #575 "Before thy throne, O God, we kneel"

Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt.

Music: *Vater unser im Himmelreich*, melody from *Gestliche lieder auff's new gebessert und gemehrt*, 1539; adapt. Martin Luther (1483-1546);
harm. Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612).

All sing.

Refrain

We've come this far ___ by ___ faith, Lean - ing on the Lord;
Trust - ing in His ho - ly word, He's nev - er failed ___ me yet.
O ___ can't turn a - round. ___ We've come this far ___ by ___ faith.

1. Don't be dis cour - aged ___ when trou - ble's _ in your life. He'll bear your
bur - den and move _ all mis - er - y and strife. That's why we've faith.

2. Just the o - ther day ___ I heard some - one say ___ that he didn't be - lieve in God's
word; But I can tru - ly say ___ that God had made a way _ And
He ne - ver failed ___ me yet. That's why we've faith.

LEVAS #208 "We've come this far by faith"
Words and Music: Albert A. Goodson

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.**

The Presider blesses the people.

✦ May the Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Source: Celtic traditional, *Enriching Our Worship 1*, p. 71.

All sing.

1. Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine!— O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine!—
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light,— Vis - ions of rap - ture now burst on my sight;—
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest,— I in my Sa - vior am hap - py and blest;—

Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,— Born of His spi - rit, washed in His blood.—
 An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove— Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.—
 Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,— Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love.—

REFRAIN

This is my sto - ry, this is my song,— Prais - ing my Sa - vior all the day long;—

This is my sto - ry, this is my song,— Prais - ing my Sa - vior all the day long.—

LEVAS #184 "Blessed Assurance"

Words: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915).

Music: *Assurance*, Phoebe P. Knapp (1839-1908).

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Scherzetto

Jack Hawes (1916-2004).

Joyful Future:

St. Paul & the Redeemer Annual Giving 2024

All our ministries are possible because of the generosity of our members.

When you give to SPR, you are investing in:

- **Connection** to God and one another through worship, formation, fellowship, and service.
- **Creation** of beautiful music, art, and writing that gives glory to God.
- **Community** engagement and renewal to transform our city.



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pledge online*

With gratitude, the vestry and church leadership invite you to make a financial pledge for 2024 by **Sunday, December 10**. You may place a pledge card in the offering plate, return your card by mail, or pledge online at sprchicago.org/giving. Thank you for your investment in our joyful future.

Coming Up at SPR

Adult Formation Series: Stories of Vocation

Join us at **11:05 am on Sundays** in the parish hall for our newest adult formation series: Stories of Vocation. Hosted by the Revs. Barnabas Pusnur & Catherine Healy, each session will feature a panel of 3-4 parishioners who will speak about their vocations and the journeys that have led them there. We hope to learn from each other and appreciate the different walks of life that shape our community.

- Stories of Vocation: Lay Ministry | Sunday, Nov 12
- Stories of Vocation: Arts | Sunday, Nov 19
- Stories of Vocation: Healthcare | Sunday, Nov 26

Connect With Our Newest Neighbors

SPR members will be providing breakfast **every Sunday** for the migrants and others staying at local police stations. We need **volunteers to shop, cook, and deliver food**. Guests at police stations and local shelters have also asked for the opportunity to cook for themselves. We will need people to transport small groups to and from the SPR kitchen, accompany guests while they cook, and help with cleanup. To learn more, contact Jason Evans: jasoncoryevans@gmail.com.

Jazzing Up Coffee Hour This Fall

Bring a treat to share for coffee hour after the 10:00 service! Sign up at tinyurl.com/SPRCoffee10.

Job Opportunity: Sexton @ SPR (12-15 hrs/week)

We are hiring for a permanent sexton (with abundant thanks to Tony George for doing such a wonderful job as our interim sexton). Do you know someone who would be a great fit for building management and maintenance at SPR? Contact the Rev. Catherine Healy: healy@sprchicago.org.

Volunteer Opportunity: Migrant/Refugee Visitors

SPR is providing resettlement assistance for two adult men from Venezuela, who have recently moved into an apartment in Hyde Park. We need you to assist our new neighbors in learning English and becoming familiar with the many resources available to them in the neighborhood. To get involved, contact Sheila Bator (sbator@aol.com).

Save the Date: Holiday Art Fair

SPR's Faith in Action Team (FIAT) will host a holiday gift fair on **Saturday, December 2, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Sunday, December 3, after the 10:00 AM service**. This special event will raise funds to support SPR's new migrant/refugee ministry. We are looking for donations of items such as artwork, fiber arts, theatre tickets, and pottery, and for help setting up and organizing on November 30 & December 1. If you know what you would like to donate, or would like to volunteer, contact Sheila Bator (sbator@aol.com).

Diocesan Convention 2023

The 186th annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago will be held on November 17 & 18. SPR will be represented by clergy Catherine Healy, KJ Oh, Barnabas Pusnur, and Jack Seymour; delegates Toni Daniels, David Fleer, and Twila Jones; and alternate Shirley Knight. Learn more: episcopalchicago.org/governance/2023-diocesan-convention.

Volunteer Opportunity: 500 Hats for Refugees

All knitters, crocheters, and other fiber artists are invited to contribute to the local 500 Hats for Refugees project, making handmade hats for new arrivals to Chicago. All sizes are needed! Send hats to: 500 Hats for Refugees, c/o Margie Chan, 6412 N Magnolia, Chicago, IL 60626.

All Saints' Sunday & Giving to the Music Fund

There is still time to give to the **Music Fund**, a designated fund which helps SPR continue our mission of mirroring the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus through our musical offerings. This includes welcoming guest musicians, purchasing new music, and offering unique and meaningful works such as the *The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass*, and the Duruflé *Requiem* within our worship services. You can use the special giving envelopes found in the seat backs, and indicate your gift for the Music Fund.

NEW Arts Committee Fall Show in the Parish Hall

Inspired by Psalm 118:24, "This is the day the Lord hath made; rejoice and be glad in it!", you are invited to experience "JOY!" This exhibit features the artwork of parishioners Bob Bator, Anne Harlan, Carolyn Pereira, and Val Tonsgard.

Anti-Racism Working Group (ARWG) Update

The ARWG coordinates churchwide efforts to live into our anti-racism vision statement. As of October, ARWG members are Baiju Markose, Bri Kuramitsu, John Mullholland, Sara Bigger, and Susan Hohl. We held our November meeting this past week and brainstormed various plans for the year. We will keep you posted through the e-News and bulletin. You may also sign up for our email list by writing to antiracism@sprchicago.org.

Blue Advent Service

The holidays are not always joyful. On Friday, **December 15, at 7:30 PM** in the chapel, all are invited to attend a quiet "Blue Advent" worship service to hold space for grief, lament, and hope as Christmas approaches. To assist with the service, contact Sara Bigger: sarafaganbigger@gmail.com.

About This Week's Music

The **prelude** and **postlude** both come from a set entitled "Miniatures" by the English composer/organist Jack Hawes. The set first premiered at the Suffolk Organists Association on January 7, 1984 by Robert Grower, the organist who commissioned the set. The offertory **anthem**, an arrangement by André J. Thomas, calls us to 'trim' our lamps: referring to oil lamps whose wicks needed constant maintenance for a clear, bright light.

Serving Today

November 12, 2023 | 10:00 AM

Presider: The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur

Preacher: The Rev. Catherine Healy

Deacon: The Rev. Jack Seymour

Music Leader: Mark Bilyeu

Children's Chapel Leader: Lindsey Strieter

Lector: Mel Parks, Mary Naftzger

Intercessor: Andrew Chipman

Chalice Ministers: Gail Williams, John Omoworare

Ushers: Alicia Chipman, Elder Chipman

Linen Washer: Pat Swanson

Vestry Greeter: Twila Jones

Communion Bread Baker: Jason Cather

Staff

The Rev. Catherine E. Healy, *Rector*

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

The Rev. Jack Seymour, *Deacon*

Mark Bilyeu, *Director of Music*

Megan Cather, *Children's Music Assistant*

Lindsey Strieter, *Director of Children's Formation*

The Rev. Roger Ferlo, *Priest Associate (on leave, fall 2023)*

Savannah Hegyi, Wesley Krist, Ian Murrell, & Ariana Strahl, *Staff Singers*

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

Tony George, *Interim Sexton*

Vestry

Twila Jones, *Warden*

Baiju Markose, *Clerk*

Nicholas Bellomy

Jason Evans

Anne Harlan

Rebecca Luttrell

Celia Paris

Frances Spaltro, *Warden*

Tayo Adegoke, *Treasurer*

Joshua Daniel

Jonathan Foiles

Vicky Legge

Andrew Rostan

Get Involved at SPR

Learn more about our ministries inside and outside the church walls at sprchicago.org, or contact a ministry leader to get started!

Connection (Education & Fellowship)

Children's Formation (grades PK-5) | Lindsey Strieter (lstriete@gmail.com)

Youth Formation (grades 6-12) | Jen Jackson (jenniferjeanjackson@gmail.com)

Adult Formation | Rev. Barnabas Pusnur (pusnur@sprchicago.org)

Thursday Bible Study | Anna Mary Wallace (amawallace29@gmail.com)

Women's Retreat | Toni Daniels (antoinettedaniels421@gmail.com)

Coffee Hour Fellowship | Cynthia Bagrowski (cbagrowski@gmail.com)

Life Groups | Rev. Barnabas Pusnur (pusnur@sprchicago.org)

Creation (Music, Arts & Worship)

St. Nicholas Choir (grades PK-2) | Megan Cather (cather@sprchicago.org)

Choristers (grades 3-8) | Mark Bilyeu (bilyeu@sprchicago.org)

Adult Choir | Mark Bilyeu (bilyeu@sprchicago.org)

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Food Garden | Mel Parks (mellemel83@yahoo.com)

Anti-Racism Working Group | Sara Bigger (sarafaganbigger@gmail.com)

Faith in Action Team | Brianna Kuramitsu (brianna.kuramitsu@gmail.com)

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Haiti Partnership | Gail Williams (gwilli8787@gmail.com)

Shoemith School Partnership | Carolyn Pereira (pereira1700@yahoo.com)