

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Brunswick, Maine

## First Sundays Life Together Second Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m. Celtic Morning Prayer in the Nave\*

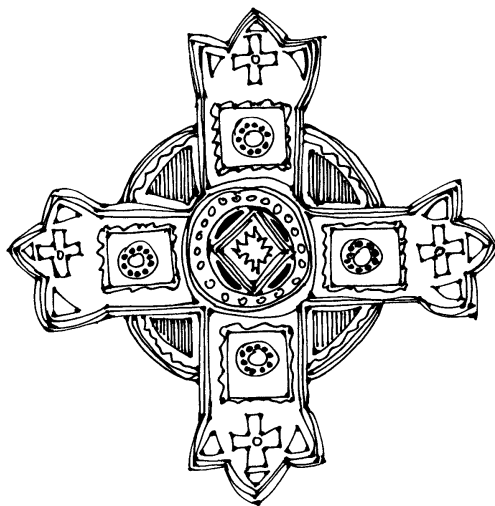
10:30 a.m. First Sundays Life Together Eucharist in the Nave\*

\*Live-streamed on <https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsBrunswick/live>

March 5, 2023

Welcome to St. Paul's

We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us today!



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# HOLY EUCHARIST 10:30 A.M.

*If you find yourself in physical discomfort when standing, especially for extended periods, please feel free to be seated at any time. If kneeling is difficult for you, either stand or sit instead.*

PRELUDE *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* setting by Wayne L. Wold

TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WELCOME The Rev. Katie Holicky and  
The Rev. Carolyn H. Eklund

OPENING HYMN *Wade in the Water* Wonder, Love and Praise #740

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

Wade in the wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. Fine

1. See that host all dressed in white,  
2. See that band all dressed in red,  
3. Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see? God's a-gon-na trou-ble the  
4. If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,

wa - ter. 1. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - elite,  
2. Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,  
3. The Ho - ly Ghost a - com-ing on me,  
4. Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,

*D.C.*

God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The piece ends with a double bar line and the instruction 'D.C.' (Da Capo).

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

**OPENING SENTENCES** (*all standing as able*)

*Celebrant:* God is here!

*Response:* God is here!

*Celebrant:* Let us bless God!

*Response:* Let us bless God!

*Celebrant:* Glory to you, God, for ever!

*Response:* Glory to you, God, for ever!

*Celebrant:* God be with you.

*Response:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray together.

**THE COLLECT**

from *Common Prayer for Children and Families*

God of mercy and forgiveness, you made us to love you and your creation, and to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we fall into sin when we choose to do hurtful things; guide us through the forty days of Lent, to come closer to you with prayer, fasting, and giving. *Amen.*

**FIRST READING**

Genesis 12:1-4a (NRSV)

*Lector:* A reading from Genesis.

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 121 (adapted)**

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*

from where is my help to come?

- 2 My help comes from the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 They will not let your foot be moved \*  
and the one who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, they who keep watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is the Lord who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

GOSPEL HYMN

*I want to hear somebody pray*

(Sung 3x)

I want to hear somebody pray  
I want to hear somebody pray  
Down in the valley, over yonder  
I want to hear somebody pray.

THE GOSPEL

John 3:1-17 (adapted)

*(The Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying)*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that they gave their only Son, so that everyone who believes in God may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Katie Holicky

AFFIRMATION

Daily Prayers for All Seasons, Holy Week, Discernment

As children of God, we affirm:  
That God, who is Love, created all and called it good,  
that God is present with all of creation, and that,  
in darkness and in light, God is faithful;  
therefore we, too, seek to be faithful.

That Jesus came to show us Love with a human face,  
that he taught justice and reconciliation and suffered on our behalf,  
and that through his faithful example, he embodies hope;  
therefore we, too, seek to be people of justice, reconciliation, and hope.

That the Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us,  
that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment,  
and that, when we are open, the Spirit can always find a way;  
therefore, we seek to be people filled with God’s Spirit:  
discerning, loving and transforming our world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Is there anything you did that you are sorry for? Silently think about it in your mind.*

*Celebrant:* Lord God, we are sorry for the times we have been unkind, Lord have mercy.  
*ALL:* Lord have mercy.

*Celebrant:* Lord God, we are sorry for the times we have forgotten you, Christ have mercy.  
*ALL:* Christ have mercy.

*Celebrant:* Lord God, we ask you to forgive us, Lord have mercy.

*ALL:* Lord have mercy.

#### PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

*Celebrant:* Holy God, have mercy upon you, forgive you all your sins, and bring you to eternal life.

*ALL:* Amen.

**BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER** (*Those celebrating a birthday or anniversary are invited to come forward. It has been our custom for generations to bring forth, if possible, offerings of coins in the amount of your age.*)

*The people stand and say together.*

Watch over your children, God, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Bring them comfort when they are sad or sick, help them up if they fall, and bring your peace into their hearts. *Amen.*

#### ST. PAUL'S COMMISSIONING OF TORCH BEARERS AND ACOLYTES

*The presenters, acolytes and torch bearers are invited to the chancel step for the commissioning*

*Celebrant* Dear people of God, we are baptized into the Body of Christ. God invites you to share in the ministries of the Church and serve in the world for the common good. Thank you for saying, "yes" to be a torch bearer/acolyte bearers in worship.

*Katie+* I present (NAMES). You have been called by God to be a torch bearer in worship.

*Tom* I present (NAMES). You have been called by God to serve at the altar as an acolyte.

*Celebrant* Will you serve as a torch bearer in worship with reverence, joy and care?

*Candidates* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you serve as an acolyte at the altar and in worship with reverence, joy and care?

*Candidates* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

*People* Worship God in the assembly of the people and in the beauty of holiness.

*Celebrant* Let us pray (*silence*)

O Creator God, Bless these torch bearers and acolytes of your Church. May they serve at the altar with reverence, joy and care. In the love of Christ. *Amen.*

*Katie+*

*Tom* In the Name of God, we give you this cross/pin as a mark of your holy service.

THE PEACE

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

RECEIVING COMMUNION

*You may,*

1. *Receive communion in "one kind" - bread only or wine only. In the Episcopal Church, receiving in one kind is considered full communion. If you would like gluten-free bread, please place your hands facing down.*
  2. *Drink from the common cup.*
  3. *Cross hands over chest after receiving the bread and the Chalice Bearer will say, "the blood of Christ" but will not distribute the wine.*
- Please help the Lay Eucharistic Ministers by choosing one of these three options. Please do not dip the wafer into the chalice.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*(You may also make an electronic contribution to the glory of God and the missions of St. Paul's on our website <http://stpaulsmaine.org/giving>)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Dona Nobis Pacem*  
St. Paul's Choir

arr. Hal H. Hopson

*(Stand as able as gifts are presented.)*

*The Celebrant receives the offerings and lifts them up to God.*

PRESENTATION HYMN

Doxology The Hymnal 1982 #380, v. 3

(TUNE: Tallis)

- 3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer written by Rev. Carolyn H. Eklund)

*Celebrant:* God be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* We lift them up to the Lord.

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Celebrant:*

God, you are the Creator of the heavens and the earth. You have filled the world with the beauty of oceans and rivers; mountains, granite, apple trees and lupine; moose, deer, chickadees, cats, dogs and lobsters. Thank you for this earth "our island home." You sent Jesus your Son to be one of us. He died to redeem us and all Creation. Jesus rose from the dead

to give us new life and make the world new. That's why we shout out our praise! We shout with the throngs of angels, archangels and with all the heavenly host. We shout our praise together:

*All:* Holy, Holy, Holy LORD,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We bring you bread and wine as our offering. Bless them with your Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus. On the night of his last supper with his friends, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to God for it, broke it apart, shared it with his friends, and said, "Take, eat. This bread is my Body which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

After they finished supper, he took the cup of wine. Jesus gave thanks to God and said to his friends, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood which is poured out for you. It is poured out for all to save us from our sins. Drink this to remember me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All:* Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Gather us up by this bread and wine and make us the Body of Christ in God's church. Make us new people in Christ's Spirit. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN!*

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Celebrant and People:*

Our God 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.

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*



THE FRACTION

*The Celebrant says*

Be known to us Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We are the communion of Christ's Body.

*All: We share one bread together.*

THE INVITATION

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Then the Celebrant says* The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation

COMMUNION HYMN

*My faith looks up to thee*

The Hymnal 1982 #691

*All are invited to sing.*

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.  
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Welcome to our digital congregation. We invite you to connect with Christ's communion by saying the following prayer.

### A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Loving God, we are grateful for the love that we share in this community and in Your Holy Food. Send us into the world to listen to our neighbors with hearts of love, and to share the Good News of Jesus. Amen.

### THE BLESSING

from *Enriching our Worship*

Holy eternal Majesty,  
Holy incarnate Word,  
Holy abiding Spirit,  
Bless you for evermore. Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN

*Shall we gather at the river* (Vv. 1 & 2)

LEVAS #141

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; \_\_\_\_\_  
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease, \_\_\_\_\_

1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the\_\_ throne of\_\_ God?  
2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py\_\_ gold - en\_\_ day.  
3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a\_\_ robe and\_\_ crown.  
4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of\_\_ peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful\_ riv - er;

Gath - er with the saints\_ at the riv - er That flows by the throne of\_ God.

Words: Robert Lowry (1826-1899). Music: Robert Lowry.

DISMISSAL (*sung*)

*Go Now in Peace*

by Natalie Sleeth

(*sung in unison, then in a round*)

Go now in peace, go now in peace,  
 May the love of God surround you  
 Everywhere, everywhere  
 You may go.

POSTLUDE

*My Song is Love Unknown* setting by Ralph Vaughan-Williams

MINISTRIES	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
CELEBRANT	The Rev. Carolyn H. Eklund	
PREACHER	The Rev. Katie Holicky	
DEACON	The Rev. Mary Lee Wile	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Celtic Morning Prayer Rev. Kitty Garlid, leader	Lois Kwantz Tom Nugent
LECTORS		Helen Walter OT The Titcomb Family Ps The Ranen Family Pr
MUSIC		Randy Day and St. Paul's Choir
GREETERS		Cricket, Toby and Ellen Ranen
USHERS		Deborah Goodwin Cliff Ruprecht
ACOLYTES		Neveah Lucas-Wallace Linnea Hoenen-Arnberg
ALTAR GUILD	Connie Barras and Nancy Johnson	
FLOWERS	Abigail Manny and Susan Martens	
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS	Caroline Chinlund and Ellen Hall	

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