

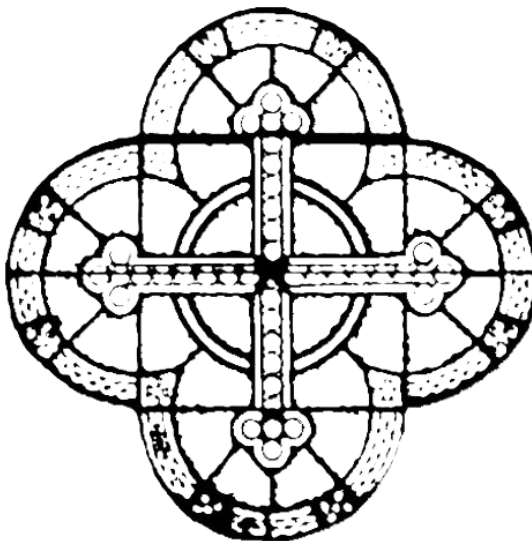
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Brunswick, Maine

The Second Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2026

10:30 a.m. Life Together Eucharist with Music in the Nave

Livestreamed on www.stpaulsmaine.org



WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S

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

ST. PAUL'S TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

(In accordance with Diocese resolution and approved by Vestry in winter/spring '23)

We acknowledge that we stand on territory that was taken from the Abenaki people of the Wabanaki Confederacy, the people of the Dawnland. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us, that we belong to the Earth, and that we are all companions in life. May we learn from our past sins and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world. We ask for inspiration that we might be compelled to take action and support our native neighbors as they continue to seek their sovereignty here in Maine.

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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.

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WELCOME

The Rev. Katie Holicky

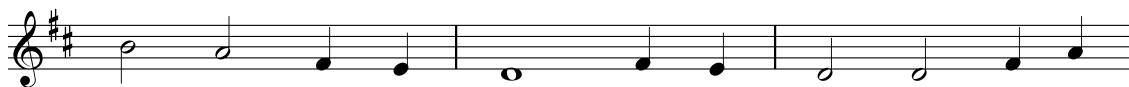
OPENING HYMN (All standing as able)

Come, thou font of every blessing

The Hymnal 1982 #686



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



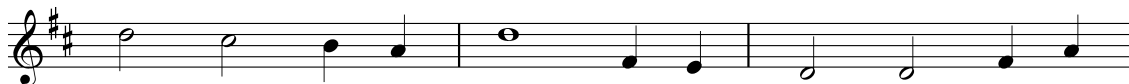
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

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

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON *(seated)*

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.

THE PSALM 121 (*spoken*)

from the *St. Helena Psalter*

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from God, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 God will not let your foot be moved; *
the One who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, the One who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Holy One watches over you *
and is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 God shall preserve you from all evil, *
and is the One who shall keep you safe.
- 8 God shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

GOSPEL HYMN
(*standing as able*)

Create in me a clean heart

by Mary Rice Hopkins

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Sing 2 times:

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
that I might serve you;

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
that I might be renewed.

So fill me and heal me
and bring me back to you.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
that I might serve you

THE GOSPEL

John 3:1-17 adapted

Celebrant: 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 God 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.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Matthew R. Scott

AFFIRMATION *(led by the Celebrant)*

Daily Prayers for All Seasons

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 (*standing as able*)

(*As we pray, please respond to "we pray to you, O Lord," with "Lord have mercy."*)

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.*

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” - consecrated bread only or consecrated wine only. In the Episcopal Church, receiving in one kind is considered full communion. If you would like gluten-free consecrated 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

OFFERTORY HYMN

Down to the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good lord, show me the way!

O siblings, let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
O siblings let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good lord, show me the way!

O parents, let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
O parents let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good lord, show me the way!

O sinners, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O sinners, let's go down
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good lord, show me the way!

(Stand as able as gifts are presented.)

Unison or harmony

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

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The Celebrant continues:

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues:

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Blessed Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

Celebrant and People:

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

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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 of the world: Give us your peace.

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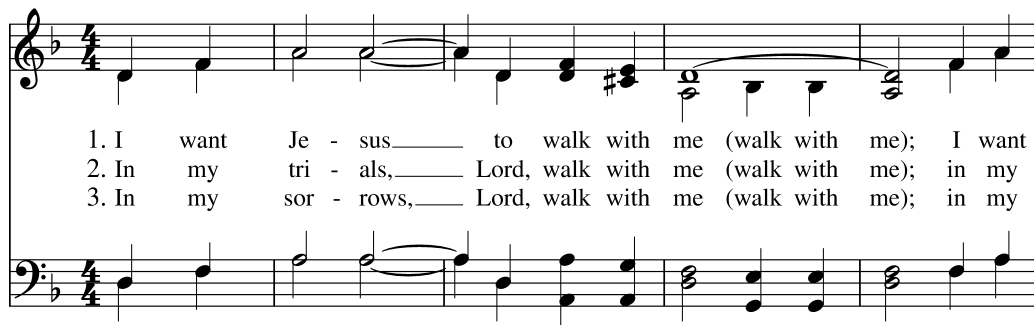
THE INVITATION

Facing the people, the celebrant says the following invitation

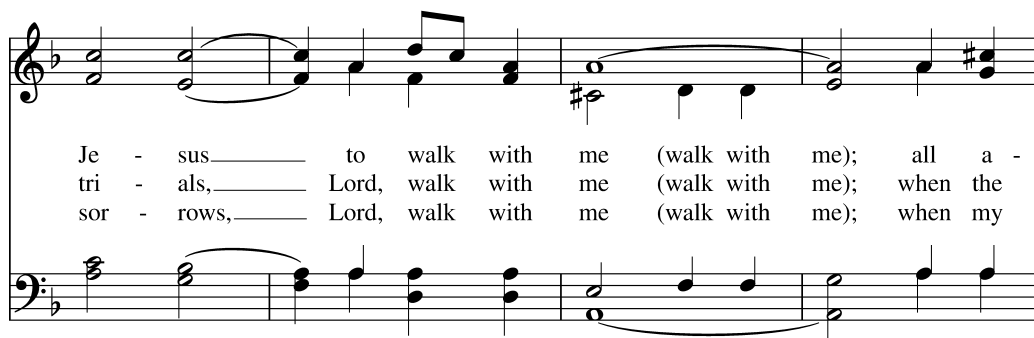
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ushers will guide the people, pew by pew, to the altar rail. You may kneel or stand to receive the Sacrament. (Gluten Free is available.) Clergy will distribute the consecrated host to each person. Eucharistic Ministers will hold the cup in front of each person saying, 'The Blood of Christ; the Cup of Salvation.' If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms indicating you'd like a blessing instead.

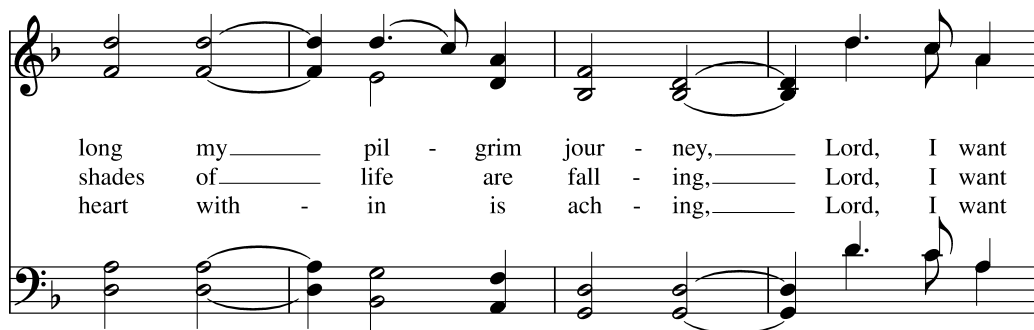
Then is said, The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.



1. I want Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me); I want
2. In my tri - als, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); in my
3. In my sor - rows, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); in my



Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me); all a -
tri - als, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); when the
sor - rows, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); when my



long my _____ pil - grim jour - ney, _____ Lord, I want
shades of _____ life are fall - ing, _____ Lord, I want
heart with - in is ach - ing, _____ Lord, I want



Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).
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Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

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Detailed description: This is the first system of a musical score for 'Bless the Lord'. It features a treble and bass clef with a 4/4 time signature. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, starting with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The bass line consists of a steady accompaniment of quarter notes: G2, Bb2, C3, and D3. The lyrics are 'Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.' with a long line following 'name.'.

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Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

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Detailed description: This is the second system of the musical score. The melody continues with quarter notes D5, E5, F5, and G5, ending with a double bar line. The bass line continues with quarter notes: E2, F2, G2, and A2. The lyrics are 'Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.' with a double bar line at the end.

THANKSGIVING (POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER, said together)

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

Enriching Our Worship

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.*

CLOSING HYMN

Guide my feet

WLP #819

1. Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
2. Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
3. Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.

Detailed description: This is the musical score for the closing hymn 'Guide my feet'. It is in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, starting with a half note G3, followed by quarter notes A3, Bb3, and C4. The bass line consists of a steady accompaniment of quarter notes: G2, Bb2, C3, and D3. The lyrics are presented in three numbered lines: '1. Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.', '2. Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.', and '3. Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.'.

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
 Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
 Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I
 Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I
 Stand by me Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I

don't want to run this race in vain. _____
 don't want to run this race in vain. _____
 don't want to run this race in vain. _____

Music: African-American spiritual, arr. Carl Harris, Jr. (b. 1935).

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.

MUSIC FOR EXITING

MINISTRIES	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
CELEBRANT		The Rev. Katie Holicky The Rev. Matthew R. Scott
PREACHER		The Rev. Matthew R. Scott
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Celtic Morning Prayer Leader Bill Edman	Leslie Brancart Hugh Savage
LECTORS		Rob King, 1st Lesson Johanna Wigg Ps Ariel Elwell Pr
MUSIC		Susan Brown
ACOLYTES		Billy Boutte Estella Wigg, torchbearer
GREETER		Ariel Elwell
USHERS		Nancy and Rob King
ALTAR GUILD	Michael Anne Banks and Leslie Walter	
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS	Carol Lord and the Banks	

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