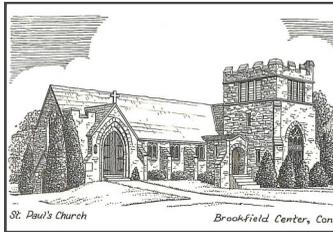


Saint Paul's Church

(Episcopal/Anglican)

Brookfield, Connecticut

*Third Sunday in Lent
March 4, 2018*



"Celebrating 233 years in the Spirit"

*Preacher & Celebrant
The Reverend Joseph Shepley
Rector*

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

*When you enter church, talk to God. When you worship, let God talk to you. After church, talk to each other.
Please be mindful of others' need for silence before the service.*

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We extend a warm welcome to everyone who has joined us for worship this morning. We pray you experience the presence and love of Christ as we worship together! We invite you to join us after the service for coffee and fellowship in Crocker Hall. Please join us!

Prelude

Meditation on "Mendon"

F. Ritter

Opening Hymn

"Kind Maker of the World, O Hear"

Kind Maker of the world, O hear
The fervent prayer, with many a tear
Poured forth by all the penitent
Who keep this holy fast of Lent!

Each heart is manifest to thee;
Thou knowest our infirmity;
Now we repent and seek thy face;
Grant unto us thy pardoning grace.

Spare us, O Lord, who now confess
Our sins and all our wickedness,

And, for the glory of thy Name,
Our weakened souls to health reclaim.

Give us the discipline that springs
From abstinence in outward things
With inward fasting, so that we
In heart and soul may dwell with thee.

Grant, O thou blessed Trinity;
Grant, O unchanging Unity;
That this our fast of forty days
May work our profit and thy praise!

Words: Gregory the Great (540-604); Music: *Winchester New*

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: *His mercy endures for ever.*

Celebrant:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

“You Shine Through”

You shine brighter when we're broken
With our hearts stretched out upon the floor
In our weakness and our failures
Your light shines beauty to this world
From our broken hearts we're crying out
 Through the cracks in all of us
 Through the fractures and our dust
You shine through You shine through
In the darkness You're the dawn

Blazing like the morning sun
You shine through You shine through
No our sin will not define us
For Your cross it speaks the final word
Guilt and shame are now behind us
And You are making us brand new
From our broken hearts we're crying out
From our deepest scars we're singing out

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Children's Sermon

Stephen Nagy

Collect of the Day (Celebrant and People)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading:

Reader: A reading from Exodus. (20:1-17)

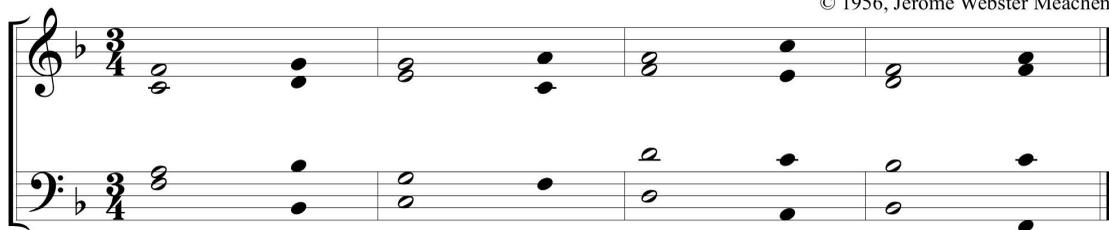
Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 19

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- 1 The heavens declare the glory of **God**, *and the firmament shows his **handiwork**.
- 2 One day tells its tale to an-**other**, *and one night imparts knowledge to an-**other**.
- 3 Although they have no words or **language**, *and their voices are not **heard**,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all **lands**, *and their message to the ends of the **world**.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the **sun**; *it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its **course**.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it a-**gain**; *nothing is hidden from its burning **heat**.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the **soul**; *the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the **innocent**.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the **heart**; *the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the **eyes**.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for **ever**; *the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous alto-**gether**.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine **gold**, *sweeter far than honey, than honey in the **comb**.
- 11 By them also is your servant en-**lightened**, *and in keeping them there is great re-**ward**.
- 12 Who can tell how often he of-**fends**? *cleanse me from my secret **faults**.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over **me**; *then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great of-**fense**.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your **sight**, *O LORD, my strength and my re-deemer.

Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son**,* and to the Holy **Spirit**:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall be**,

*world without end. A-men.

Second Reading:

Reader: A reading from First Corinthians. (1:18-25)

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

"More Love, More Power"

More love, more power,
More of You in my life;
More love, more power,
More of You in my life.

And I will worship You
With all of my heart,

And I will worship You
With all of my mind;
And I will worship You
With all of my strength,
You are my Lord, You are my Lord,
You are my Lord, You are my Lord.

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Gospel Reading: John 2:13-22

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

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

“More Love, More Power”

And I will worship You
With all of my heart,
And I will worship You
With all of my mind;

And I will worship You
With all of my strength,
You are my Lord, You are my Lord,
You are my Lord, You are my Lord.

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Sermon

The Reverend Joseph Shepley

Nicene Creed (Please Stand As Able)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People (You May Stand, Sit, or Kneel)

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For our Bishops, and all bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your name for ever and ever.

We remember the faithful departed this day in whose memory the altar flowers are given:
Donald and June Pomeroy, Kim Webb, George Schofield, and Julia Delores Williams.

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Officiant adds a concluding prayer.

Confession of Sin (Please Kneel)

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Priest and People.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

Peace (Please Stand As Able)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory (Please Stand As Able) “Reckless Love”

Before I spoke a word
You were singing over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath
You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

O the overwhelming never-ending
Reckless love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending
Reckless love of God

When I was Your foe
Still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth
You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

Presentation

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above Ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Amen

Great Thanksgiving (Please Stand As Able)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

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

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

Hymnal, S129

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.

The Celebrant continues (You may stand, sit or kneel)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Agnus Dei

John Merbecke, 1549



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive in one kind is considered full communion. If you choose to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please let the priest know as you kneel at the altar rail. For those who wish to intinct the Bread, by dipping it in the Wine rather than drinking directly from the Chalice, you may signify this choice by holding the consecrated Bread between your fingers. Please intinct the Bread in the small Chalice which will come before the larger Chalice. After you leave the altar rail, please know that we have prayer servants in the hallway available to pray with you.

“The Law of the Lord is Perfect”

The law of the Lord is perfect,
Reviving the soul;
The testimony of the Lord is sure,
Making wise the simple.

Chorus

*More to be desired are they than gold,
Even much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey
And the honeycomb.*

The precepts of the Lord are right,
Rejoicing the heart;
The commandments of the Lord are pure,
Enlight'ning the eyes. *Chorus*

The fear of the Lord is clean,
Enduring forever;
The judgments of the Lord are true,
And righteous all together. *Chorus*

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“Yes And Amen”

Father of kindness You have poured out grace
You brought me out of darkness
You have filled me with peace
Giver of mercy You're my help in time of need
Lord I can't help but sing

Faithful You are
Faithful forever You will be
Faithful You are
All Your promises are Yes and Amen
All Your promises are Yes and Amen

Beautiful Savior You have brought me near
You pulled me from the ashes
You have broken ev'ry curse
Blessed Redeemer You have set this captive free
Lord I can't help but sing

I will rest in Your promises
My confidence is Your faithfulness

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“Worthy of All Praise” (Please Stand)

One name above all names
Worthy of all our praise
We bow our hearts,
And lift our hands to you Lord
One song that we will sing
To praise the King of Kings
We bow our hearts,
And lift our hands to you Lord
To you Lord

We cry out to you and say, Abba Father
Holy is your name

All the earth proclaim
You are worthy of all praise
You are worthy of all praise

The host of heaven sing
All creatures of our King
We bow our hearts,
And lift our hands to you Lord
To you Lord
Holy, holy, Lord, You are holy
Worthy, worthy, Lord, You are worthy
You are worthy of all praise

Postcommunion Prayer (Remain Standing)

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

“Praise to the Living God”

Hymnal, 372

Dismissal

Lay Reader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“We All Believe in One God”

J. C. Bach



Easter Memorials

There are envelopes on the back table for anyone wishing to have flowers decorating the church on Easter Sunday, April 1, in memory of loved ones and friends. All memorials will be listed in the Easter bulletins and are due by Sunday, March 25. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Winkley, at [203-775-3343](tel:203-775-3343) or gailwinkley@yahoo.com.

Youth Auction—March 4th

On Sunday, March 4th, St. Paul's OWN will host its annual blind auction to raise funds for our summer mission trip to Chicago. And you are invited! Last years auction included gift cards to local restaurants, a family movie night gift basket, tickets to a local concert, music lessons, a gift certificate to a jewelry store, and more! We expect to have just as many fantastic items up for auction this year. There is no admission price, and families are always welcome and kids are invited to participate in our kids only raffle. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there!

Pray It Up!

Notice the Red and White prayer request cards in the pew? Each Sunday, fill out your request, put it in the red bowl on the table on the way to communion. Then take a card from the bowl either right then or after service. Pray for that request for one week. How comforting to know that your request is being prayed for and that you are praying for someone else's! You might just be praying for the person sitting next to you! Or, if you'd prefer - please send your request to St. Paul's at prayingnow2@gmail.com!

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Upon entering the church, please turn off your cell phone or switch it to a worship respectful setting. Please be sure to dispose of all food and drinks before entering the church. Thank You!

Synthesis CE Study Guide

You may pick up a copy of the week's Synthesis CE Study Guide, as well as the following week's, for your personal use. They are located at the back of the church. Thank You!

Prayer Servant Teams

Prayer for any need or request is available at each service. After you have received communion, please see one of our trained Prayer Servant Teams (with the Blue Name Badges) who are available at the open side door at the entrance to the Vesting Room. Prayer is available in the Vesting Room, Hallway or Back Room as space is available. Our Prayer Servants are ready to confidentially take your request and pray for you and with you. Should you wish to schedule a private prayer time, please let Fr. Joe or Mary Perry, Prayer Ministry Leader (maryperry2@me.com) know and we will work with you to schedule a convenient time. Your Prayer Servants today are 8:00 Pat Brought and Donna Cennamo, 10:30 Dave Williams and Walter Von Egidy.

Food Pantry

As part of our outreach, St. Paul's donates gift cards and non-perishable items to six area food pantries. Donations for the food pantry can be left in the basket at the back of the church or the collection bins in Crocker Hall. St. James' Episcopal Church, Danbury and their Daily Bread Food Pantry, is the recipient of our food basket collections for the month of March.

Calendar for the Week

(We welcome and encourage parishioners to come to any of these ministries.)

Sun., Mar. 4	-	8:00 AM	-	Traditional Eucharist
		9:30 AM	-	Rector's Forum
		10:30 AM	-	Sunday School
		10:30 AM	-	Contemporary Eucharist
		12:00 PM	-	Youth Auction
Mon., Mar. 5	-	10:00 AM	-	Christian Caring
		7:00 PM	-	Stephen Ministry
Tue., Mar. 6	-	9:15 AM	-	Ladies Bible Study
		5:45 PM	-	Boot Camp
Wed., Mar. 7	-	10:00 AM	-	Holy Eucharist and Healing
		6:30 PM	-	Lenten Series
Thu., Mar. 8	-	7:30 PM	-	Music Night
Sat., Mar. 10	-	7:30 AM	-	Men's Prayer Breakfast
		10:00 AM	-	PraiseMoves
		10:00 AM	-	Jericho Food Pantry

**Next Sunday - Fourth Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist at 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.**

The Reverend Joseph Shepley, Rector

Readings

Numbers 21:4-9; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

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