

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

The Fifth Sunday in Lent April 6, 2025 • 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer and is printed here in its entirety.

The Prelude Meditation

R. Barnwell

The Opening HymnTake up your cross, the Savior

Hymnal 675

The Welcome

The Children's Corner Anne Graner

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue

Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who

brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not commit murder. **People** Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery. **People** Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in

us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our

sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister 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 says

The Absolution

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**.

The Kyrie Hymnal S 91

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The First Reading ~ Isaiah 43: 16 - 21

Thus says the LORD,

who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse,

army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise,

they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

Do not remember the former things,

or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing;

now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness

and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honor me,

the jackals and the ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness,

rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,

the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Lector The Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.

The Psalm ~ 126 (Sung by the choir)

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
 "The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, * like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Second Reading ~ Philippians 3: 4b - 14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel ~ John 12: 1 - 8

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Nicole Walters, Seminarian

A period of silent prayer.

The Nicene Creed

All say together

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.

The Prayers of the People ~ Form I

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

Leader For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God,

and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Bishop, Robert, our Rector,

Winston, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For our Vestry members, Mary Frances, Roy, Marge, Anne, Sarah, Jeff,

Katie, Elizabeth, and J.R., let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For our President, Donald, our Governor, Brian, our Mayor, Keith, for

the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For this city, Newnan, for every city and community, and for those

who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and

the suffering, especially Cody and David, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Toby, Lily, JoAnna,

Jennifer, Ben, Anna, and Scott, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the

departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let

us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

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Leader That we challenge ourselves and the world to love like Jesus as we worship

joyfully, serve compassionately, and grow spiritually, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader In the communion of Saint Paul and of all the saints, let us commend

ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People To thee, O Lord our God.

The Prayer In Times of Conflict [prayed by all]

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. {BCP page 824}

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Announcements

The Blessings and Thanksgivings

The Offertory Sentence

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem God So Loved the World

John Stainer

The Presentation Hymn Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church

Hymnal 149

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer D

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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

The Sanctus Hymnal S 124

Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

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The Celebrant and people say

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Paul and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

The Great Amen Hymnal S 143



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.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S 161

Holy Communion is offered via the common cup for sipping or intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine). A mobility-impaired individual can receive communion at your seat by raising your hand. Gluten-free wafers are available and will be served by the verger behind the altar. Please approach the gluten-free station by walking around on the right side to the back of the altar.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion Anthem

Drop, Drop Slow Tears
Orlando Gibbons

The Communion Hymn

Let thy Blood in mercy poured Hymnal 313

The Lay Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant and People

In the name of this community of St. Paul's, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary

Postlude in A Minor
J.S. Bach

Remember in your Prayers

From The Daughters of the King: O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may learn to serve thee with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP)

We pray for those with timely concerns: Mary Ben Christiansen, Barbara Marshall, Ann Cook, Jason Redding, Kelsey Crow, Gail Furniss, Pamela Waldron, Ron Wilson, Janice Kenner, Mike Scott, George T. Wells, Jr, Cody Ainsworth, David Waldron.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Greg Parsons, Annie Bulford, Bo Warren, Ernie Williams, Jason Reynolds, Greg Olsan, Candy Waldron, Bob Lewis, Andy West, Dean Henderson, Diane Pitzl, Candace Weems, Rev. Joseph Pennington, Thomas Fox, Belinda & Jeff Shover, Bill Garrett, Pearl Chamberland, Elbert Sauls, Kelly Haggard, Eric Flock.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Mary Frances, Roy, Marge, Anne, Sarah, Jeff, Katie, Elizabeth, and J.R., and for the Staff: Fr. Winston, Nicole, Rev. Deandre, Rhett, Dawn, Geoff, Cole, Nicole, Kimberly.

We pray for our Community of Hope, Inc. Chaplains: Chris Borders, Bill & Dawn Harrison, Mary Frances Honea, Katie McBride, April Roberts, Linda Tudor, Nicole Walters, and Frank West.

We pray for members of our armed services and their families: Kevin Bradley, Joe Clay, Tom Choate, Linda Boyce, Dariel Johnson, Sean McGraw, Steven Puckett, Luke White, Tommy White, Zach Simkins, Jacob Britt, Morgen Davis, Luke Eason, Michael Rafferty, David Norwood, Arron Essex, Adam Harrison, Sam Vermilyea, Charles Mathews, Cameron Everett, Lanier Sealy, Beau Massenburg, Ryan Whitfield, Stephen Malcom, Victoria Eversoll, Trey Bland, Ethan King, Alex Eversoll, Phillip Beatty.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Toby Olmstead, Lily Mattera, JoAnna Thomasson, Jennifer Thomasson, Ben Paschal, Anna Williams, and

Scott Seiler.

We pray for those who have died. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.

Service Participants

Vestry Person of the Week Roy Reynolds

Vergers Frankey Henderson & Daryl Jones **Eucharistic Ministers** Carolyn Masters & Elizabeth Pape

Acolytes Jaden Reynolds (1st); Sydney Pape (2nd); Pearl Borders

(Banner); Cora Border & David Pape (Torchbearers);

India Camp (Thurifer)

Reader(s) Lauren Gallagher

Prayer Intercessors Tammy Martin & Frank West

Ushers Mike Scott, Mike Gallagher, Chris Howell, Amy Jones,

Daryl Jones, Brother Massenburg, Michele Mattera, &

Bill Stemberger

Altar Guild Polly Hopkins & Wendy LeVan

Java Christian Llosa

Year-to-Date Giving Through February 28, 2025*

	Projected to Receive	Received	
Non-Pledged	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 64,473.00	*The budgeted numbers are preliminary since the 2025 Budget hasn't been finalized and our 2025 Pledge Campaign is ongoing.
Open-Plate	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,620.10	
Pledged	\$ 83,981.54	\$ 95,581.21	

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CLERGY AND Staff

Father Winston Arthur, Rector; Nicole Walters, Seminarian; Rev. Deandre Bruton, CYF Director; Rhett Barnwell, Organist/Choirmaster; Dawn Harrison, Music Associate; Geoff Mattera, Communications Director; Cole Hankins, Multimedia Associate; Nicole Edwards, Parish Administrator; Kimberly Stokes, Financial Administrator.

VESTRY

Mary Frances Honea, Senior Warden; Roy Reynolds, Junior Warden; Marge Bass, Senior Ministry; Anne Graner, Outreach; Sarah Huxford Camp, Engagement & Belonging; Jeff Lawhead, Formation; Katie McBride, Health & Healing; Elizabeth Pape, Parish Life; J.R. Roberts, Stewardship.

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Parish Notices

Youth, grade 8 and above, who are interested in **Confirmation** should complete the form indicating their interest. <u>Click here</u> to access the form.

'Sleep in Heavenly Peace' bed build event on March 29th. Forty of the ninety volunteers were from St. Paul's. We had all ages and skill levels. Together we created 31 beds for children in our community who don't have their own bed. A third of these beds were delivered this past week. Our church sponsored the cost of the bed build-\$5,000 and also provided coffee and donuts. It was a time of great fellowship for such a worthy cause!

The final session of our annual **Community Lenten Preaching Series** is Wednesday, **April 9th** at Newnan Presbyterian Church where Fr. Stephen Lyness of St. George Catholic Church will be preaching. All offerings received at these services will be given to Coweta Samaritan Clinic. For more details about Coweta Samaritan Clinic, **click here**.

Wednesday Night Supper: There is no Wednesday Night Supper on April 9th.

GROWING UP IN CHRIST! Under the direction of Bishop Wright, the theme for this year's Lenten series is *Growing Up in Christ!* This theme is in response to the opportunity and necessity of us all becoming more mature Christians. Our marriages, families, vocations, state, nation, and world will all be better when we decide, with new resolve, to *Grow up in Christ!* Above all, Growing up in Christ is an active friendship with Jesus that changes us and points us toward the world that he loves.

This Lent, let's take a trip together toward a new depth of Christian maturity to know God and live for God. St.Paul's invites you in Christ's name to the keeping of a Holy Lent. Our St. Paul's Lenten programming concludes on **April 9th**. Sessions will begin at 6:30 pm and conclude at 7:15 pm. *Please join us!*

Holy Week at St. Paul's begins on Sunday, **April 13th** with Palm Sunday, the Passion of Christ according to Luke. We are looking for readers to participate in the reenactment of the passion. A quick rehearsal will be held today after the 8:30 am service and after the 10:30 am service. You can pick up a copy from the Narthex or **click here**.

Easter brings members and friends of St. Paul's the opportunity to thank God for the blessings and the special people in their lives and to remember loved ones at this holy time of the year by donating to the Music and Flower ministries. A **dedication** from the donor will be included in the two Easter Day bulletins. Dedications are due no later than Tuesday, **April 16th**. **Click here** to submit your dedication.

Please help the **Flower Guild** decorate the church for Easter. Experience is not necessary, just willing hands. On **April 18th**, 2-4 pm in the parish hall is for prep work, and on Easter Saturday, **April 19th** at 9:30 am in the Nave.

New St. Paul's T-shirts! Many of you have asked for an updated St. Paul's T-shirt. Here's your opportunity to order one! The beautiful design will be printed on extra-soft, Comfort Colors navy blue shirts. Sizes range from youth small to 4XL for short sleeves (\$20) and adult S-XXL for long sleeves (\$25). **Click here** to place your order in Realm or contact Sarah Huxford Camp (**sarah.huxford@gmail.com**) with any questions. Shirts should be ordered by April 21st, and any proceeds will benefit the ministries of St. Paul's. Thanks for helping represent St. Paul's in our community!

American Red Cross Blood Drive, will be held on **May 5th** at 1:30 pm. If you want to schedule an appointment, please <u>click here</u>.

Save the Date: VBS will be on **July 7th - 11th**. This year's theme is "Rocket Racers: On Track with our Powerful God." Volunteers are needed. Questions and to show interest? Contact Rev. Deandre, **revdeandre@stpaulsnewnan.org**.

Save the Date: Men's Retreat at Camp Mikell, August 1-3, 2025.

Do you have a gift for compassionate listening? Are you empathetic towards people? If you answered yes to these questions, you may surely enjoy becoming a COHI chaplain. Community of Hope, International (COHI) is an organization for those who would like to minister to our shut-in community and ones going through life crises. A 12-week Zoom course will be offered beginning August 3rd and commencing on October 26th. To learn more about this ministry, please speak to one of our current chaplains: Chris Borders, Bill Harrison, Dawn Harrison, Katie McBride, April Roberts, Linda Tudor, Nicole Walters, or Frank West.

Father Winston has set some **office hours** for in-person pastoral visits and appointments. The hours are Mondays, 12 - 3:30 pm; Tuesdays, 10 am - 3:30 pm; and Wednesdays, 10 am - 3:30 pm.

Salvation Army: The Children's Ministry has partnered with the Men's Ministry and Salvation Army to help combat hunger. As an effort to do so, we are asking children to bring a canned good with them on Sunday as their offering and contribution.

2025 Pledge Campaign: The 2025 Pledge Campaign is now open! Information about the campaign and pledge cards are available in the Narthex or can be obtained from an usher. You can <u>click here</u> to access the pledge page. If you need assistance setting up your 2025 pledge, please contact Nicole at <u>admin@stpaulsnewnan.org</u>.