



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

**The Second Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2023 • 10:30 AM
Holy Eucharist Rite II**

The service begins on page 351 of The Book of Common Prayer. The service is printed here in its entirety.

The Opening Voluntary

Silent processional

The Opening Hymn

*Take Up Your Cross
Hymnal 675*

The Liturgy of the Word

All standing, as able, and say the following

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

The Celebrant continues

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.

The Priest stands and says

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 eleison

Hymnal S 86

Children ages 4-10 are invited to follow the Children's Cross to attend the Children's Chapel, returning during the Peace.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.*

The First Reading — Genesis 12:1-4a

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 The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm — 121

The Psalm is sung by the Choir

- 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 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself 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 he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

The Second Reading — Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is

written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Sequence Hymn

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word
Hymnal 440

The Holy Gospel — John 3:1-17

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 he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him 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. Mark S. Johnson

The Nicene Creed

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 VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Lector For all people in their daily life and work;
People *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

Lector For this community, the nation, and the world;
People *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

Lector For the just and proper use of your creation;
People *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

Lector For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Lector For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Lector For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Rob, our Bishop; and for
Hazel, our priest, and for all bishops and other ministers;
People For all who serve God in his Church.

For those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Kim, Stella, Catherine, Beth,
Clarke, and Kasey.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation and all those on our prayer
list, especially Tara, Bob, and Joan.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lector Hear us, Lord;
People For your mercy is great.

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

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

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

We pray for all who have died, especially Carolyn and Joe, that they may have a
place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

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

The Concluding Collect

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God
Carl F. Mueller

The Presentation Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise
Hymnal 401

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.*

The Celebrant proceeds

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Hymnal S 124

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.

The Great Amen

Hymnal S147



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.

Holy Communion is offered via the common cup for sipping or intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine). Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Agnus Dei

Hymnal S 161

The Communion Anthem

God So Loved the World
Donald Busarow

The Communion Hymn

Lord Jesus Think On Me
Hymnal 641

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

The Closing Hymn

How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord
Hymnal 636

The Solemn Prayer over the People

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people leave in silence.

Remember in your prayers:

A Prayer for Love (From The Daughters of the King): Bless us with Love, O Merciful God; That we may love as you love. That we may show patience, tolerance, kindness, caring, and love to all. Bless us with your love.

We pray for those with timely concerns: Alice Jakubiak, Anne Petrey, Amaya Wills, Ramsey Hopkins, The Walker Family, Vincent Cardinalli, Bob Kirk, David Waldron, Karen Dean, Tara Poindexter, Bob McKoon.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Brink Howard, Wendy Llosa, David Bottoms, Greg Parsons, Melanie Patton, Father Bruno, Ed Sergent, Ernie Williams, David Sandlin, Mark Starr, Annie Bulford, Joan Doggrell.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Marianne, Mark, Frankey, Marge, Mary Frances, Polly, Tony, Roy, Virginia and for the Rector and Staff: Hazel, Mark, David, Dawn, Cynthia, Geoff, Cole, Nicole, Kimberly.

We pray for members of our armed services and their families: Phil Kearney, Kevin Bradley, Joe Clay, Tom Choate, Linda Boyce, Dariel Johnson, Sean McGraw, Steven Puckett, Bill Tudor, Jr., Scott Woodward, 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.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Kim McManus, Stella Janas, Catherine Mathews, Beth Hendricks, Clarke McManus, and Kasey Bulford.

We pray for those who have died, especially Carolyn Correard and Joe Monti. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.*

Service Participants

Vestry Person of the Week	Marianne Lawhead
Vergers	Frankey Henderson & David Martin
Eucharistic Ministers	Carolyn Masters, Elizabeth Pape & Mike Scott
Acolytes	Jude Henderson (1st); Lanie Mae Henderson (2nd); Sydney Pape (Banner); Elijah & James Edwards (Torchbearers)
Reader	Nicole Walters
Healing Intercessors	Betsy Candler & Sherry Cook
Ushers	Bob Heaberlin, Heather Heaberlin, Rick Candler, David Carver, Sarah Huxford, Jeff Lawhead, Scott Seiler, J.J. Thomasson

Parish Notices

Pledge Envelopes Booklet: If you would like a booklet of envelopes to submit your pledges, please contact Nicole parishadmin@stpaulsnewnan.org.

Adult Formation: Instead of meeting as a separate group, we encourage those who participate in Adult Formation to join Rev. Hazel as she teaches Episcopal 101. The sessions are Sundays, March 5th and March 12th at 9:30 a.m. in the Lower Level Conference Room. Please join us and all are welcome to come!

Episcopal 101: Episcopal 101 will be offered at 9:30 a.m. in the Lower Level Conference Room. We'll explore the faith, history, structure, and practices of the Episcopal Church. This course will be taught by the Rev. Hazel Glover and is a requirement if you wish to be confirmed, received, or reaffirmed. Confirmation will take place at the Cathedral of St. Philip on March 19th at 4 p.m.

Let's Dance: The Rutledge Center, a nearby non-profit providing person-centered services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Rutledge clients and staff will be in the Parish Hall on the third Tuesday of every month from 9:00 - 9:45 a.m., experiencing a joyful dance-centered time facilitated by Anne Graner. If you are available to assist Anne in setting up the space, interacting with our Rutledge friends, and dancing your heart out, please contact her at 404.444.6015 or anne.graner@gmail.com. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 21st.

Healing Service: Wednesday Healing Services for March 8 - March 22 will be at 10:30 a.m. instead of 11 a.m.

Lay Reader Training: There will be a Lay Reader Training offered on Sunday, March 12th at 9:30 a.m. in the Nave. The training is being led by Tony King. Anyone, youth or adults, interested are invited.

Community Lenten Series: Join us for our annual Ecumenical Lenten Wednesday Series. The series will be held on Wednesdays at 12 p.m. through March 22nd. On March 8th, St. George Catholic Church will host and our very own Rev. Hazel Smith Glover will be preaching. A lunch will be provided and the cost of the meal is \$5 cash. The loose offering collected during the service will benefit Coweta FORCE, www.cowetaforce.org.

Wednesday Night Lenten Series: A Wednesday Night Lenten Series is being offered to discuss and explore biblical concepts of resurrection and how Jesus' resurrection influences his followers' every day life. Bishop Jake Owensby in his book, *A Resurrection Shaped Life*, shares his ideas on resurrection and its impact on our current every day life. The weekly 6:30 p.m. sessions will run through Wednesday, March 29th and are being led by Jeff Lawhead. Purchase of the book is not required but is recommended.

Wednesday Night Supper: Come and spend time with the St. Paul's family for Wednesday Night Supper! The cost is *free* for children under 3, \$3 for children 3-10, \$6 for children 11 and older, and adults. Families pay a maximum of \$20. A signup sheet is available on the bulletin board outside the Parish Hall, email admin@stpaulsnewnan.org, or register and pay via Realm. Please sign up before *Tuesdays at 12 p.m.* so that we can make sure to order enough food.

Day 1 75 Year Anniversary: Day 1, the voice of the historic Protestant churches, is celebrating more than 75 years! Join them for an evening of dynamic inspiration with The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry on Tuesday, March 21st at 6 p.m at the Cathedral of St. Philip, Child Hall. Please RSVP by March 14th. Registration is \$200/person and tickets are available online at <https://reverendmichaelcurry.eventbrite.com>.

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour will be available after the 10:30 a.m. service in the Parish Hall. For anyone who is interested in joining the Coffee Hour ministry please contact Nikki Henderson via email at Nikki.Henderson@cowetaschools.net for more information about how to get involved. Come for further fellowship with the St. Paul's family.

Prayer Requests: Prayer requests for the parish prayer list or the confidential Daughters of the King prayer list may be submitted online, via admin@stpaulsnewnan.org, or you may also contact Hazel+ directly.

Save the Date: Men's Retreat will be held at Camp Mikell, August 18-20. The Rev. Mark S. Johnson will be facilitating. Any questions, please contact Frank West, at 262.501.7547.

Altar Flower Dedications: A lovely way to remember a loved one or celebrate an anniversary or birthday is to donate altar flowers for that special day. The cost of the arrangements is \$60 per Sunday. Sign up for a particular Sunday at the bulletin board outside the Parish Hall or email admin@stpaulsnewnan.org. Please remember to submit payment via the collection plate or Realm and complete the "Flowers for the Altar" form by Wednesday at 12 p.m. to ensure that the commemorating announcement is placed in the bulletin.

2023 COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

March 8

St. George Catholic Church
The Rev. Hazel Smith Glover, Preacher

March 15

Central Baptist Church
Fr. Stephen Lyness, Preacher

March 22

Newnan First United Methodist Church
The Rev. Matt Sapp, Preacher

All offerings received at these services will be given to
the Coweta F.O.R.C.E., www.cowetaforce.org.

Each Community Lenten service will be held at noon at the respective
church, with a luncheon following. The cost for lunch is \$5 per person.

Coweta F.O.R.C.E.

Coweta F.O.R.C.E. exists to provide recovery support services in the community for individuals and family members impacted by addiction.

We envision a community that embraces recovery so that everyone has the opportunity to experience freedom from addiction.

What is a Recovery Community Organization (RCO)?

Recovery Community Organizations are independent, non-profit organizations led and governed by people in recovery. While each organization may have a mission that addresses the particular needs and concerns of its local community, all focus on the following core purposes:

- Education & Training
- Recovery Support
- Advocacy and Activism

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CLERGY AND Staff

The Rev. Hazel Smith Glover, Rector; **The Rev. Mark S. Johnson**, Deacon; **David Kinrade**, Interim Organist and Choirmaster; **Dawn Harrison**, Music Associate; **Cynthia Meisinger**, Children and Youth Director; **Geoff Mattera**, Communications Director; **Cole Hankins**, Multimedia Associate; **Nicole Edwards**, Parish Assistant; **Kimberly Stokes**, Financial Assistant.

VESTRY

Marianne Lawhead, Senior Warden; **Mark LeVan**, Junior Warden; **Marge Bass**, Outreach; **Frankey Henderson**, Parish Life; **Mary Frances Honea**, Health & Healing; **Polly Hopkins**, Formation; **Tony King**, Worship; **Roy Reynolds**, Communications; **Virginia Williams**, Stewardship.