

# Saint Paul's Parish

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## The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

**Celebrant & Preacher - The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee**

**10:30 am - Holy Eucharist**

We extend a warm welcome to everyone who has joined us this morning.  
We pray you experience the presence and love of Christ  
as we worship together!

### **Saint Paul's Staff**

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**Prelude**

“Blessed Jesus, We Are Here”

Johann Sebastian Bach

**Welcome, Announcements & Question of the Week**

*All stand as able*

**Opening Hymn**

“Come, thou fount of every blessing”

[Hymnal 686](#)

## Liturgy of the Word

**Kyrie**

*All kneeling as able.*

Celebrant: Lord have mercy.

**People: Christ have mercy.**

Celebrant: Lord have mercy.

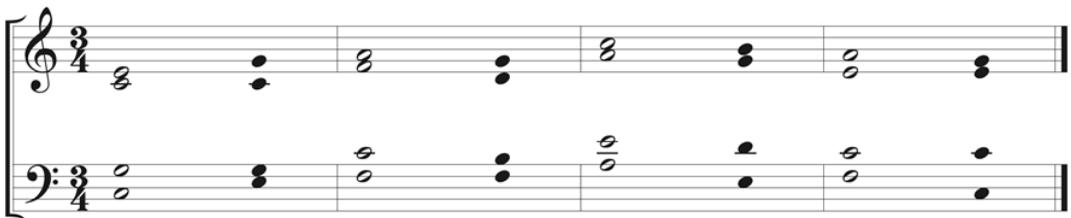
**The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together. **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**

**Psalm 121** *Sung together in unison, seated.*



- 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 a-*sleep.*
- 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 ever-*more.*

*(Please stand as able for the Gospel)*

## **The Gospel**

**John 9**

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

**People:** **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?’ Jesus answered, ‘Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.’ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, ‘Go, wash in the pool of Siloam’ (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, ‘Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?’ Some were saying, ‘It is he.’ Others were saying, ‘No, but it is someone like him.’ He kept saying, ‘I am the man.’ But they kept asking him, ‘Then how were your eyes opened?’ He answered, ‘The

man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, “Go to Siloam and wash.” Then I went and washed and received my sight.’ They said to him, ‘Where is he?’ He said, ‘I do not know.’

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, ‘He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.’ Some of the Pharisees said, ‘This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.’ But others said, ‘How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?’ And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, ‘What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.’ He said, ‘He is a prophet.’

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, ‘Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?’ His parents answered, ‘We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.’ His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, ‘He is of age; ask him.’

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, ‘Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.’ He answered, ‘I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.’ They said to him, ‘What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?’ He answered them, ‘I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?’ Then they reviled him, saying, ‘You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.’ The man answered, ‘Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.’ They answered him, ‘You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?’ And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, ‘Do you believe in the Son of Man?’ He answered, ‘And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.’ Jesus said to him, ‘You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.’ He said, ‘Lord, I believe.’ And he worshipped him. Jesus said, ‘I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.’ Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, ‘Surely we are not blind, are

we?’ Jesus said to them, ‘If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, “We see”, your sin remains..

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee

The Nicene Creed *(Please Stand As Able)*

**W**e believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

**W**e 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.

**W**e 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**

*Please stand, sit, or kneel as able for the prayers.*

Intercessor: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.  
For the Church throughout the world, and for all who minister in Christ's  
name. *[Silence]* Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: For the nations of the earth, and for those in authority, that they may serve  
justice and peace. *[Silence]* Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: For this community, our common life, and all our daily needs. *[Silence]*  
Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: For those who are sick, suffering, impoverished, or in any trouble. *[Silence]*  
Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: For the departed, especially Doug Melody in whose memory the altar  
flowers are given, that they may rest in peace, and rise in glory. *[Silence]*  
Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

## **Prayer Requests**

### **Confession of Sin**

*Please kneel as able*

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*Silence may be kept.*

**All:** 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.

### The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

### Offertory Praise

“Blessed Assurance”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*Chorus*

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

*Chorus*

Words by Fanny J. Crosby; Music by Phoebe P. Knapp

### Doxology *(a capella)*

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

Praise him above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

Celebrant: 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

William Schull  
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1  
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - - ly Ho - ly,

6  
Ho - ly, Ho - - ly Lord God of po - wer and might,

10  
Hea - ven and earth are full of Your glo - - ry. We praise You join -

14  
ing our voice to pro - claim Your glo - ry Ho - sa - na in the

20  
high - - est Ho - sa - na in the high - - est

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a measure rest followed by the lyrics 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - - ly Ho - ly,'. The second staff continues with 'Ho - ly, Ho - - ly Lord God of po - wer and might,'. The third staff continues with 'Hea - ven and earth are full of Your glo - - ry. We praise You join -'. The fourth staff continues with 'ing our voice to pro - claim Your glo - ry Ho - sa - na in the'. The fifth staff continues with 'high - - est Ho - sa - na in the high - - est'. There are first endings marked with a '1' at the beginning of the first staff and a '3' above the notes in the second, third, and fourth staves.

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Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - sa - na

31

in the high - - est Ho - sa - na in the high - - est

37

Ho - sa - na in the high - - est.

*You may stand, sit or kneel.*

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, who for us and for our salvation became obedient unto death.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat: This is my Body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, shed for you and for many. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We offer this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we pray that by your Holy Spirit it may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of love and justice, making all things new in 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 forever. **AMEN.**

## The Lord’s Prayer

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

**All: 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 brief silence is kept.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**All: Therefore let us keep the feast.**

### The Invitation

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.

- *Please follow the ushers directions for receiving the Eucharist communion in center aisle.*
- *Let an usher know if you prefer to remain seated at your pew for distribution of the Bread and Wine.*

### Communion Praise

### “You Alone”

You are the only One I need

I bow all of me at Your feet

I worship You alone

You have given me more

Than I could ever have wanted

And I want to give You my heart

And my soul

*Chorus*

*You alone are Father*

*And You alone are good*

*You alone are Savior*

*And You alone are God*

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### Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: God, you have made us your children and fed us with Jesus’ body and blood. Help us to live in peace with others, and give us the courage to love and serve you every day. We ask this through Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

Celebrant: All our problems.

**All: We send to the cross of Christ!**

Celebrant: All our difficulties.

**All: We send to the cross of Christ!**

Celebrant: All the devil's works.

**All: We send to the cross of Christ!**

Celebrant: All our hopes.

**All: We set on the RISEN Christ!**

Celebrant: Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you, always. **Amen**

## **Recessional Hymn**

“Lift high the cross”

[Hymnal 473](#)

## **Dismissal**

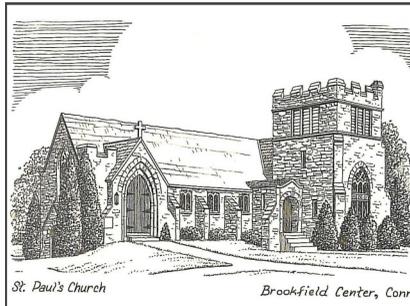
Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

“The Way of the Cross Leads Home”

**Tom Birchwood**



*"Celebrating 241 years in the Spirit"*

The altar flowers today are given by Heather Melody  
in memory of Doug Melody.

**Altar Flowers** - If you would like to request Altar flowers for a particular Sunday please see the 2026 Flower Chart in the back of the church, fill out an envelope located in the back of the church, send an email request to [dszen@yahoo.com](mailto:dszen@yahoo.com) or contact the parish office.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HIGHLIGHTS:

**Welcome** - Our preacher & celebrant today is The Rev. Dr. Todd Brewer. Todd is the managing editor of *Mockingbird Magazine* ([mbird.com](http://mbird.com)). He graduated from Durham University with a Ph.D. in New Testament Studies. His thesis, *Hermeneutics and Early Christian Gospels*, compared narrative and non-narrative interpretive approaches to the Jesus tradition through a study of the Gospels of Thomas, Matthew, Mark, and Luke. It was published by Mohr Siebeck. He also co-edited the *Cambridge Companion to the Gospels*, 2nd edition. He lives in Jersey City, NY with his wife, two kids, and two dogs.

**“Low Anthpology” Forum** - Following this service we’ll have a forum with Todd Brewer at 9:30 in Crocker Hall, discussing our Lenten Book Study.

**“Les Misérables”** - This afternoon Fr. John Morrison will kickoff our 2026 Lenten Series called “*Les Misérables*: More than Merely a Mega-Musical - A road to Redemption.” Session 1 which starts at 1 pm we’ll have a complete viewing of the movie in Crocker Hall.

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

**Lenten Book Study** - The book groups begin this week:

- Wednesdays, Feb 25, 12:00 noon (in-person)
- Thursdays, Feb 26, 7:00 pm (Zoom)
- Sundays, Mar 1, 9:30 pm (in-person)

**Lenten Soup Supper Series** - Our Lenten series continues each Wednesday at 6:30 pm with a soup supper in Crocker Hall, followed by Fr. Morrison’s session starting at 7 pm.

### OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE:

**Name Tags** - Please be courteous to fellow parishioners, visiting clergy, newcomers, and guests by extending a warm welcome to them and by wearing your name tag. You can leave them in the baskets at the doors as you leave for refiling. And remember to wear them to coffee hour.

**Our Facilities** - Our restrooms are located downstairs at the rear of our parish hall. Take the stairway to the right as you exit the sanctuary. The restrooms are located on the far left, across from the kitchen. A play area for our young ones is also set up in the parish hall as well as live streaming and audio of the service on a wide screen TV. In addition, coloring book packages are available for youngsters to use in the pews. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.

## Calendar for The Week

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

(Check website for up to date Zoom links - [www.SaintPaulsBrookfield.com](http://www.SaintPaulsBrookfield.com))

- Sun., Feb 22      8:00 am - **Traditional Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)  
9:30 am - Forum with Todd Brewer, Crocker Hall  
10:30 am - **Contemporary Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)  
11:45 am - Sunday School  
1:00 pm - Lenten Series Session #1, Crocker Hall  
2:00 pm - Les Misérables Movie, Crocker Hall
- Mon., Feb 23      7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
- Tue., Feb 24      9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
- Wed., Feb 25      10:00 am - **Holy Eucharist & Healing** (YouTube Live)  
11:30 am - Noonday Prayer Meeting, Guild Room  
12:00 pm - Lent Book Group, Guild Room  
6:30 pm - Lenten Soup Supper Series #2, Crocker Hall  
7:00 pm - Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom
- Thu., Feb 26      9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room  
7:00 pm - Lent Book Group, (Zoom)  
7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- Feb., Feb 27      10:00 am - St. Paul's Walking Group, Brookfield Greenway
- Sat., Feb 28      7:30 am - John 21:12 Group, Theo's Downtown Diner, New Milford  
8:00 am - Men's Prayer Breakfast, Crocker Hall  
10:00 am - PraiseMoves, Crocker Hall (Zoom)
- Sun., Mar 1      8:00 am - **Traditional Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)  
9:30 am - Lent Book Group, Guild Room  
10:30 am - **Contemporary Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)  
11:45 am - Sunday School



### Next Sunday - The Second Sunday in Lent

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate Lee

Readings for March 1st

[Genesis 12:1-4a](#) - [Psalm 121](#) - [Romans 4:1-5, 13-17](#) - [John 9](#)

