

Saint Paul's Parish

174 Whisconier Road

Brookfield, CT 06804

(Episcopal/Anglican)

(203) 775-9587 (Office)

www.SaintPaulsBrookfield.com

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 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

Priest-in-Charge

Priest Emeritus

Wardens

Warden Emeritus

Vestry Members:

Organist and Choirmaster

Sunday School Administrator

Operations Director

The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee

The Rev. John E. Morrison, III

Chris Barrett and Mary Beth Durkin

Lois Hunt

Jim Miller-*Treasurer*, David Williams-*Clerk*, Jeff Chowanec, Geoff Dent,

JoAnn Hornak, Tim Huber, Mike Kirner, Kagan Kronberg,

Ned Marcalus, Diane Peterson, Bill Schrull, Andrea White

Kirsten Peterson

Kagan Kronberg

Mary Perry

Prelude

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Malcolm Archer

Welcome, Announcements & Question of the Week

All stand as able

Opening Hymn

“Love divine, all loves excelling”

[Hymnal 657](#)

Liturgy of the Word

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

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.**

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. **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**

Psalm 95 *Sung together in unison, seated.*



- 1 Come, let us sing to the **LORD**; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal-*vation*.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanks-*giving* *
and raise a loud shout to him with *psalms*.
- 3 For the LORD is a great **God**, *
and a great King above all *gods*.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the *earth*, *
and the heights of the hills are his *also*.
- 5 The sea is his, for he *made it*, *
and his hands have molded the dry *land*.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the *knee*, *
and kneel before the LORD our **Maker**.
- 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his *hand*. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his *voice!*

- 8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the *wilderness*,*
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they *tempted me*.
- 9 They put me to the *test*,*
though they had seen my *works*.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and *said*,*
"This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my *ways*."
- 10 So I swore in my *wrath*,*
"They shall not enter into my *rest*."

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

John 10:7-10,14-18,22-31

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

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

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

The Jews took up stones again to stone him

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)*

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

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, that they may rest in peace, and rise in glory. *[Silence]*
Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Prayer Requests

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Offertory Praise

“Tis so sweet”

“Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at his Word
Just to rest upon His promise
Just to know thus sayeth the Lord
O how sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to trust His cleansing blood
And in simple faith to plunge me
Neath the healing cleansing flood

Chorus:

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er*

*Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus
O for grace to trust Him more*

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace

Source: Musixmatch; Songwriters: Fernando Ortega / Jadon Lavik;
Tis So Sweet lyrics © Lavikmusic, Thirsty Moon River Publ. Inc.

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 Schrull
(c) 1993



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

26
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

“I surrender all”

All to Jesus I surrender

All to Him I freely give

I will ever love and trust Him

In His presence daily live

Chorus: I surrender all

I surrender all

All to Thee my precious Savior

I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender

Humbly at His feet I bow

Worldly pleasures all forsaken

Take me Jesus take me now

All to Jesus I surrender

Lord I give myself to Thee

Fill me with Thy love and power

Let Thy blessings fall on me

Judson Wheeler Van DeVenter, Lavik, Jadon, Winfield Scott Weeden
 Words: Public Domain; Music: 2008 Lavikmusic; Thirsty Moon River Publishing
 CCLI Song #5619807 CCLI License #33760

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

“Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”

[Hymnal 690](#)

Dismissal

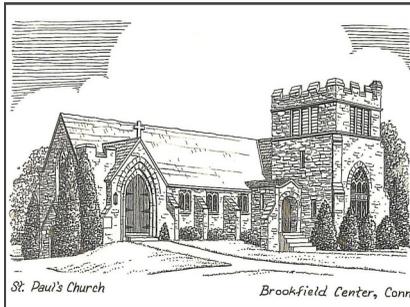
Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“My Soul, Now Bless thy Maker”

Johann Christoph Bach



"Celebrating 241 years in the Spirit"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHLIGHTS:

Sunday Lenten Book Study Groups - At 9:30, between the services, our book groups meet in either the Guild Room or Classroom #9 as assigned.

Young Adult Forum - Our new Young Adult Forum will meet following the 10:30 service, creating space for connection and thoughtful discussion among those navigating faith in this season of life. They'll meet in the Guild Room at 11:45.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

***"Low Anthropology"* Lenten Book Studies:**

- Wednesdays, 12:00 noon (in-person)
- Thursdays, 7:00 pm (Zoom)
- Sundays, 9:30 am (in-person)

***"Les Misérables"* 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.

Sunday School - Sunday School classes start at 11:45 am. Please bring your children directly to their classrooms.

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)

- Sun., Mar 8 8:00 am - **Traditional Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)
9:30 am - Lent Book Groups, Guild Room & Classroom #9
10:30 am - **Contemporary Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)
11:45 am - Sunday School
11:45 am - Young Adult Forum, Guild Room
- Mon., Mar 9 7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
- Tue., Mar 10 9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
- Wed., Mar 11 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 #3, Crocker Hall
7:00 pm - Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom
- Thu., Mar 12 9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room
7:00 pm - Lent Book Group, (Zoom)
7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:30 pm - Vestry Meeting, Guild Room
- Fri., Mar 13 10:00 am - St. Paul's Walking Group, Fairfield Hills Loop, Newtown
- Sat., Mar 14 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 15 8:00 am - **Traditional Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)
9:30 am - Lent Book Groups, Guild Room & Classroom #9
10:30 am - **Contemporary Holy Eucharist** (YouTube Live)
11:45 am - Sunday School
11:45 am - Young Adult Forum, Guild Room



Next Sunday - The Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate Lee

Readings for March 15th

[1 Samuel 16:1-13](#) - [Psalm 23](#) - [Ephesians 5:8-14](#) - [John 11](#)

