

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church



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Sunday Worship: 10:00AM

Office Hours: 8:15am until 1:00pm Monday – Thursday

Serving Montrose and surrounding communities  
With God's Love through Jesus Christ  
Since 1831

**Welcome to St. Paul's**, Montrose, PA. We are so thankful that you are worshipping with us on this day. We have served Montrose and surrounding communities with God's love through Jesus Christ since 1831; and invite you to join with us in this long tradition of service. Please accept our hospitality; any member can assist you to our Coffee Hour in the Parish House following the worship service. Thank you for joining us this day. We invite you to come again and, with God's love, be a part of St. Paul's.

**OUR VISION:** To be a community of faith that shares the transforming love of God with all people through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**OUR MISSION:** To proclaim God's love by word and example and to seek Christ in one another.

### **The Holy Eucharist**

Announcements

The Prelude

*Preluding*

J.S.Back

The Gathering Hymn

*The God of Abraham praise*

Hymn 401

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

**Celebrant:** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

**People:** **His mercy endures forever.**

**Celebrant:** *Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,*

**People** ***Have mercy upon us.***

The Collect of the Day

BCP page 218

**The Old Testament:**

**Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will

make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God**

**The Response:**

**Psalm 22:22-30 BCP page 610**

**The Epistle:**

**Romans 4:13-25**

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. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his

faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God**

The Sequence Hymn      *I can hear my Savior calling*      LEVAS 144

## **The Gospel**

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

***People:* Glory to you Lord Christ**

### **Mark 8:31-38**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Homily

The Prayers of the People

As those called to take up the cross and follow Christ, let us offer our prayers for all God's people that they may come to know the fullness of God's promises, saying: *Lord, have mercy.*

For the Church, and especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean our bishop, the Diocese of Northwestern PA, and for all other ministers that the prayer, fasting and almsgiving of Lent may bring forth a new springtime of faith in our lives, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For this parish family, that we who are the heirs of Abraham and Sarah may be signs of God's justice and mercy in our world, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For each of us on our Lenten journey, that we will allow God to turn our hearts and enable us to put on the mind of Christ in all we do, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all whose lives have been touched by shootings and violence, that God will bring an end to their suffering, and give them the blessings of peace promised to the descendants of Abraham, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, hear mercy.***

For all who are oppressed, afflicted or in need, and for the sick and the suffering, remembering especially Margaret, Brad, Joe, Esther, Rick, Sarah, Becky, Sara, Kyle, Kathy, Janice, K'ann, Pat, Charles, Roselyn & Charlotte.....; that they may know the compassion and love of Christ's healing touch, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For those who have died, remembering especially ..... that having taken up the cross of Jesus, they may share in the glory of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.  
**To you, O Lord our God.**

*Celebrant: Blessed are you, God of Abraham and Sarah, who made of your people a great nation. Receive the prayers we offer this day for all in need and grant that we may trust in your promises and share in the glory of Christ's inheritance, through the power of your Holy Spirit. **AMEN.***

Confession and Absolution  
The Peace

BCP page 360

## HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory	<i>O Love of God, how strong and true</i>	Hymn 455
The Doxology:	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow</i>	Hymn 380, v3
The Eucharistic Prayer D		BCP page 372
The Sanctus		Said, not Sung
The Lord's Prayer		
The Breaking of the Bread		
The Fraction Anthem		S161
The Communion		

*Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table to receive the Sacrament or a Blessing.*

*Please cross your arms over your chest if you wish to receive a Blessing.*

The Hymn during Communion	<i>Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult</i>	Hymn 550
The Post Communion Prayer		BCP page 365
The Blessing		
The Parting Hymn	<i>Spread, O Spread, thou mighty word</i>	Hymn 530, v1-3

The Dismissal

The Postlude

*Recessional*

Humphrey Turner

### **Our Ministers Today:**

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. John Wagner

Organist: Catherine Hammons

Choir Director: Catherine Hammons

Altar Guild: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth & Amber Crawford

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski & Sean Eckert

Counters: Vicki Calby & Sandy Seeger

Chalice Bearer: Lynne Graham

Lector: Nancy Dooling

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Greeter/Usher: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones

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**Envelopes for Easter Flowers** are available at the back of the church. Easter Lilies are \$20.00. I will need all envelopes to the office by Sun. March 25th for Memorials to be in the Easter Sunday Bulletin.

## **Scripture study for Lent and Easter-tide**

*Forward Movement* (a publishing arm of The Episcopal Church), has developed an on-line study of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. The suggested schedule for reading the Gospel of Luke runs through and including Holy Saturday. During the season of Easter-tide, the readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles. Please do visit [www.goodbookclub.org](http://www.goodbookclub.org) for a more complete description of the program.

I do wish that distance didn't at all influence the amount of time I'm able to spend in Montrose but, realistically, it does. One way to increase out time together is for me to spend some additional time following the Coffee Hour; in discussion and general conversation with members of the community. During the Lenten and Easter-tide Seasons, I'd like to suggest that that time be spent in discussing that which we'll be learning through our reading of Luke and Acts.

So, if you are interested, please do visit [www.goodbookclub.org](http://www.goodbookclub.org), download the reading schedule, and then plan on spending an hour or so following the Sunday Coffee Hours discussing the Scripture which we will have just read.

Should you have any questions, please do feel free to contact me. The easiest way to do that is by e-mail at [frjohn@ptd.net](mailto:frjohn@ptd.net). I do try to respond to e-mail quickly.

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