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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 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!

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Prelude

“The Lord is My Shepherd”

Healey Willan

Welcome, Announcements & Question of the Week

All stand as able

Opening Hymn

“I want to walk as a child of the light”

[Hymnal 490](#)

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.

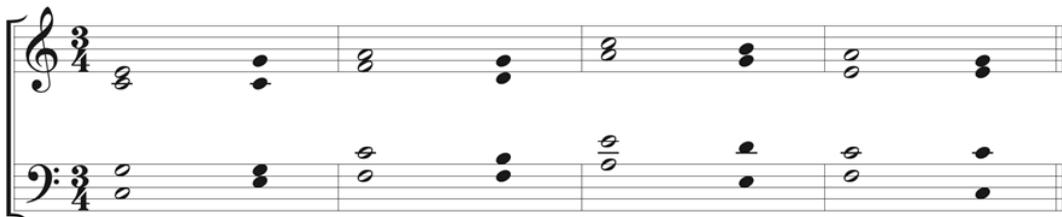
The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together. **G**racious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Psalm 23 *Sung together in unison, seated.*



- 1 The LORD is my *shepherd*; *
I shall not be in *want*.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green *pastures* *
and leads me beside still *waters*.
- 3 He revives my *soul* *
and guides me along right pathways for his *Name's sake*.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no *evil*; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they *comfort me*.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who *trouble me*; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running *over*.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my *life*, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for *ever*.

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

John 11:1-6,14-17,20-25,32-34

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

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live." When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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

“Ancient of Days”

Though the nations rage
Kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King, reigning over all
So I will not fear, for this truth remains
That my God is the Ancient of Days

Chorus

*None above Him none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain
and ever stand
All the power all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of days*

Though the dread of night
Overwhelms my soul
He is here with me, I am not alone

O His love is sure, and He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see
What the future brings
I will watch and wait
For the Savior king
Then my joy complete
Standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days
For my God is the Ancient of Days

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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
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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

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

“What the Lord Has Done in Me”

Let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Let the blind say I can see
It's what the Lord has done in me

Chorus

Hosanna hosanna

To the Lamb that was slain

Hosanna hosanna

Jesus died and rose again

Into the river I will wade
There my sins are washed away
From the heaven's mercy stream
Of the Savior's love for me

I will rise from waters deep
Into the saving arms of God
I will sing salvation songs
Jesus Christ has set me free

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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

“Awake, O sleeper, rise from death”

Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
And Christ shall give you light,
So learn his love its length and breadth,
Its fullness, depth, and height.

To us on earth he came to bring
From sin and fear release,
To give the Spirit's unity,
The very bond of peace.

There is one Body and one hope,
One Spirit and one call,

One Lord, one Faith, and one Baptism,
One Father of us all.

Then walk in love as Christ has loved,
Who died that he might save;
With kind and gentle hearts forgive
As God in Christ forgave.

For us Christ lived, for us he died
And conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
And Christ shall give you life.

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Dismissal

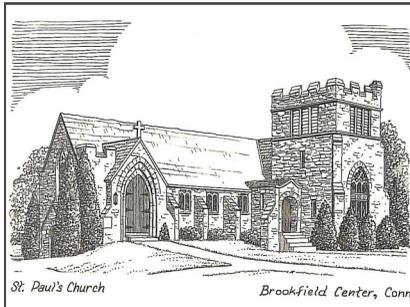
Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Postlude in E Minor”

Johann Sebastian Bach



"Celebrating 241 years in the Spirit"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHLIGHTS:

Sunday Lenten Book Study Groups - At 9:30, following coffee hour, 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.

Drive-Thru Food Collection - Our next Drive-Thru Food Collection will be this Wednesday, March 18th from 11 am to noon. This will be our 155th food drive since we started in April 2020!

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 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
- Mon., Mar 16 7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
- Tue., Mar 17 9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
- Wed., Mar 18 10:00 am - **Holy Eucharist & Healing** (YouTube Live)
 11 - Noon - Drive Thru-Food Collection #155
 11:30 am - Noonday Prayer Meeting, Guild Room
 12:00 pm - Lent Book Group, Guild Room
 6:30 pm - Lenten Soup Supper Series #4, Crocker Hall
 7:00 pm - Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom
- Thu., Mar 19 9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room
 7:00 pm - Lent Book Group, (Zoom)
 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- Fri., Mar 20 10:00 am - St. Paul's Walking Group, Richter Park, Danbury
- Sat., Mar 21 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)
 11:00 am - St. Paul's Quilters, Crocker Hall
- Sun., Mar 22 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 Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate Lee

Readings for March 22nd

[Ezekiel 37:1-14](#) - [Psalm 130](#) - [Romans 8:6-11](#) - [John 12](#)

