

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
Foley, Alabama
March 9, 2025

HYMNS

Now let us all	Hymnal 1982 #147
Purify my heart	Renew Songbook # 187
The glory of these 40 days	Hymnal 1982 #143

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

LESSONS

A reading from Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with

signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Read responsively by whole verse

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

**2 He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."**

9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,

**10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.

**12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

**14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; ***

I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *

I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

**16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.**

A reading from Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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THE GOSPEL

7:30 am Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go.

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 4:1-13

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to

protect you,'and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

LENTEN PROGRAMS

THE SEASON OF LENT IS NEAR. PLEASE BRING A FRIEND AND JOIN US FOR OUR SPECIAL EVENTS DESIGNED TO HELP YOU LIVE INTO A HOLY LENT.

TUESDAYS IN LENT–HOLY READING
***THE DREAM OF GOD* BY VERNA DOZIER**
10AM IN PERSON AND 6PM ON ZOOM

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT–MARCH 12, 19, 26 & APRIL 2 AT 5:30PM
SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER WITH PROGRAM
THE TASKS OF LENT IN THE PARISH HALL
TAIZE PRAYER AT 6:15PM
ANNUAL FISH FRY –APRIL 9 AT 5:30PM

THURSDAYS IN LENT–NOON
ECUMENICAL LENTEN BROWN BAG LUNCH AND DEVOTION
THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT
PINE STREET PARK (CORNER OF PINE & LAUREL)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For healing: Barbara, Ben, Linda, Adrienne, Amy, Cindy, Eloise, Gwen, Rosellen, Ralph, Pat, Lynn, Vera, Marilyn, Massey, Nancy, Arlene, Betsy, Sandy, Kirsten, Meg, Kate, Sarah, Wayne, Stacey and those who care for them.

For those serving in the military: Gerromy, Noel, Taylor, Wayne & those serving with them.

For those in prison: for the prisoners, staff and families of prisoners and staff at Century Correctional Institution, Century, FL.

SAINT PAUL'S THIS WEEK

TODAY

- 7:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 9 am Formation Class
- 9 am Choir Practice
- 10 am Holy Eucharist
- 7 pm NA Meeting
- Choir Practice
- 5 pm to 5:30 pm Choir Practice
- 5:30 Soup Supper with Program
- 6:15 Taize Prayer
- 7 pm NA Open Meeting

MONDAY

- Noon NA Meeting
- 8 pm AA Meeting

TUESDAY

- 10 am ECW Meeting
- 10 am Holy Reading

WEDNESDAY

- 10:30 am Pastor Brent's Bible Study
- Noon Holy Eucharist with Healing Service
- 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm Children's

THURSDAY

- 7 am Men's Fellowship Group
- 10 am Galilean Meeting
- Noon Ecumenical Brown Bag Lunch with Devotion- Pine Street Park
- Noon NA Meeting
- 8 pm AA Open Meeting

SATURDAY

- 10 am AA Meeting

REMEMBER EMI WHEN YOU SHOP

Graham crackers, pasta, Mac & Cheese and brownie mix.

BLESSING BOX

Our Blessing Box is in need of donations of food and toiletries. Drop off on Sunday's in the Parish Hall or in the office during the week. You are always welcomed to put food & supplies directly into the Blessing Box

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