

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

God is love	Hymnal 1982 #379
Jesu, Jesu	Renew Songbook #289
God is love and where true love is	Hymnal 1982 #577
Sent forth by God's blessing	Renew Songbook #307

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

LESSONS

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26:1-8 *Read responsively*

1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

**2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.**

3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.

**4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.

**6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

**8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.**

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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THE GOSPEL

7:30 am Gospel Acclamation

Lord to whom shall we go.

You have the words of eternal life.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "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 will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For healing: Adriene, Al, Alice, Ally, Amy, Arlene, Audrey, Bernice, Butch, Carol, Dave, David, Dennis, Donna, Eloise, Esther, Fred Freda, Gary, Henry, Jenny, Jerry, Joey, John, Julie, Kate, Kay, Kathy, Kim, Kirsten, Lane, Larry, Leah, Leigh, Leslie, Louise, Margaret, Marie, Marilyn, Mary, Massey, Mike, Milton, Myrna, Nelda, Nicolas, Ora, Rhonda, Rita, Rosellen, Rosemarie, Sandy, Sarah, Scott, Shari, Sherry, Steve, Tony, Vaughn, Vera, Wayne and those who care for them.

For those serving in the military: Fury, Gerromy, Chris, Noel, Drew, Dalton, Kyle, Brad, Ben, Taylor, Jacob, Andrew, Neil, Wayne & those serving with them.

For those in prison: for the prisoners, staff and families of prisoners and staff at Crenshaw County Jail, Luverne, AL.

Birthdays: Stacey Krauss, Bernice Helton and Katie Goodson.

BLESSING BOX AT SAINT PAUL'S

Saint Paul's own Blessing Box needs to be filled! This box can have nonperishable items such as cereal, snack food, baby food, Pop-Tarts and canned vegetables & fruit.

REMEMBER ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES WHEN YOU SHOP

Powdered milk, mashed potatoes, canned fruit, syrup and tuna helper.

SAINT PAUL'S THIS WEEK

TODAY

- 7:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 9 am Choir Practice
- 10 am Holy Eucharist
- 7 pm NA Meeting

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

- 8 pm AA Meeting

TUESDAY

- 10 am Prayer Shawl Meeting

WEDNESDAY

- Noon Holy Eucharist-Healing
- 7 pm NA Open Meeting

THURSDAY

- 4 pm Women's Bible Study
- 6 pm AA Meeting
- 8 pm AA Open Meeting

SATURDAY

- 10 am AA Meeting

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