

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
Foley, Alabama
March 19, 2023

Hymns

Silent Entrance

"Awake, O sleeper"

Hymnal 1982 #547

"Hosea: Come back to me"

Renew Song Book #126

"I'll praise my maker"

Hymnal 1982 #429

The Collect of the Day

Gracious 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.***

Lessons

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on

the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

7:30 am Psalm 23 *Read responsively*

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;

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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.**

10:00 am “My Shepherd will supply my need” Hymnal 1982 #664

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 John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 9:1-41

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already

agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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

This Weeks Announcements

SAINT PAUL'S THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

- 7:30 am-Holy Eucharist
- 9 am-Formation
- 9 am-Choir Practice
- 10 am-Holy Eucharist
- 6 pm-Iglesia Nueva Jerusalem
- 7 pm-NAR-NON & NA Open Meetings

MONDAY

- 8 pm-AA Meeting

WEDNESDAY

- 10:30-Bible Study
- Noon-Holy Eucharist with Healing

- 6 pm-Lenten Supper with Worship & Program
- 7 pm-NA-Open Meeting

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

- 6 pm-Iglesia Nueva Jerusalem

SATURDAY

- 10 am-AA Meeting

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For healing: Adrienne, Al, Alice, Ame, Bernice, Butch, Carol, Dave, Dennis, Derald, Donna, Eloise, Esther, Fred, Freda, Henry, Jenny, Jerry, John, Kate, Kathy, Kim, Kirsten, Lane, Larry, Leigh, Margaret, Marilyn, Massey, Meg, Mike, Milton, Myrna, Nelda, Nicolas, Rita, Rosellen, Sandy, Sarah, Sherry, Steve, Terry, Tony, 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 Graceville Correctional Facility, Graceville, FL.

LENT 2023 AT ST. PAUL'S

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Events and Worship Services

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT - 15 AND 22 - 6 PM

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER AT 6 PM WITH EVENING WORSHIP AT 6:30 PM

PROGRAM OR ART PROJECT AFTER

ANNUAL FISH FRY - MARCH 29 AT 6 PM

EASTER EGG HUNT 4/9/23 CANDY NEEDED

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be after the 10 am service on Easter Sunday. We are in need of pre-wrapped candy to fill our eggs. Please bring Sundays to the container in the Parish Hall or drop off at the office during the week.

LENTEN ART PROJECT

During Lent we will be doing an art project based on the Stations of the Cross. An individual, family, or group takes one of the Stations and creates a visual representation based on their prayer and meditation. We will use these Stations on Good Friday. Some of the Stations have already been claimed. You may claim a Station on Wednesday or on Sunday during Lent. If you have any questions contact Pastor Brent.

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. A bin is in the Parish hall and the office for items.

ONLINE DIRECTORY CHANGE

The online directory that was in use before our new, current system will cease working in late February. If you have not switched over to the new Church Connect directory please do so. If you need help getting online access please let the office know.

EMI SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

Rice, chicken broth, canned carrots and mixed vegetables

HOLY WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

EVENING PRAYER MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY,

APRIL 3, 4 & 5 AT 6:00 PM

AGAPE MEAL ON MAUNDAY THURSDAY, APRIL 6 AT 6 PM *

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY, APRIL 7 AT NOON

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, FRIDAY APRIL 7 AT 6 PM

EASTER DAY, SUNDAY APRIL 9 AT 7:30 AND 10:00 AM

EASTER EGG HUNT FOR THE CHILDREN

AFTER THE 10 AM SERVICE

***SIGN UP IN THE PARISH HALL FOR RESERVATIONS FOR**

MAUNDY THURSDAY AGAPE MEAL

You may also make reservations on line saintpaulsfoleyoffice.com
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Awake, O sleeper

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Hosea: Come back to me

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I'll praise my maker

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