

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
Foley, Alabama
March 12, 2023

Hymns

Silent Entrance

"Come thou fount"

Hymnal 1982 #686

"As the deer"

Renew Song Book #9

"Eternal Lord of love"

Hymnal 1982 #149

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Lessons

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so,

in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

Psalm 95 Read responsively

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

**4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

**6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**

7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.**

9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.

**10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."**

11 So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

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 4:5-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is

coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For healing: Adrienne, Al, Alice, Ame, Bernice, Butch, Carol, Chuck, 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 Century Correctional Institution, Century, FL.

For birthdays: John Ochs and Evelyn Holloway.

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

TUESDAY

- 10 am ECW 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 Agape Garden at the Foley's
- 10 am-AA Meeting

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.

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 6:30PM

PROGRAM OR ART PROJECT AFTER

ANNUAL FISH FRY - MARCH 29 AT 6 PM

PLANTING OUR AGAPE GARDEN 3/18/23

Trixie & John Foley have graciously offered to provide an area for a garden on their property for our St. Paul's family. The plot is ready for us to get together to plant our vegetables on 3/18/23 at 10 am. Please come to dig in the dirt. There is also a portion designated for children.

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 will be 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

Pancake Mix, Syrup, and canned vegetables.

**BRING TISSUE, DISINFECTANT WIPES AND LYSOL SPRAY
FOR THE FOLEY SCHOOLS**

There is a bin in the Parish Hall to put these items

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Come thou fount of every blessing

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