



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
St. Paul & St. James

Holy Eucharist

March 01, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday in Lent

JAZZ AND JUSTICE, GROUNDED IN JESUS

Welcome to St. PJ's! Wherever you find yourself on life's journey, whatever questions dwell in your heart, and whatever your race, age, sexuality, gender identity, income, nationality, or beliefs, you are loved, affirmed, and welcomed here as we worship God and honor God's image in one another.

Today's order of service is taken from the Book of Common Prayer. Text in bold is read by everyone together. Our average Holy Communion service is typically around 75 minutes long.

At St. PJ's, our music is in the jazz tradition, a special musical gift to express our joy and spirituality.

Single-user restrooms are in the hall to your right (with changing table and diaper pail) and the narthex/entryway at the back. A blue lost-and-found bin is in the church office.

This service is live-streamed online. By attending, you acknowledge that you may appear in the video.

FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

Jesus loves the crying, laughing, and wandering little feet, and we do too! Please sit anywhere you like; the special Pray and Play area in the back is just one fun option. Most Sundays, we also offer the optional Children's Garden Sunday School in the 2nd floor classroom in the hallway to your right. Children depart the sanctuary at the beginning of the service, and return during the announcements.

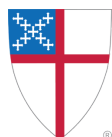
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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We honor and give thanks for the Quinnipiac, Paugussett, and Wappinger nations who resided on this land before it was taken from them, and we confess Christianity's role in forced colonization. We ask God to help us to learn from our past mistakes, to remember that the Earth does not belong to us, and to live humbly in right relationship with all God's creation as instruments of love, justice, and peace.



ST. PJ'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship | 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary
Wednesday Eucharist | 12:30 p.m. | Sanctuary
Wednesday Afternoon Prayer | 2:00 p.m. | Chapel





ANNOUNCEMENTS



Lenten Adult Formation: Kelly Park will begin weekly series in the chapel after Coffee & Community today, on the devotional “Harden Not Your Hearts” from the Ignatian Solidarity Network. Kelly has also been providing an optional daily Lenten email devotional, which began on Ash Wednesday. Email kelly.park@yale.edu to receive them.

What is Lent? From “An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church”: Early Christians observed “a season of penitence and fasting” in preparation for the Paschal feast, or Pascha. The word Lent is from an Old English word meaning “spring,” the time of lengthening days. Originally, in places where Pascha was celebrated on a Sunday, the Paschal feast followed a fast of up to two days. Eventually this fast became attached to, or overlapped, another fast of 40 days, in imitation of Christ's fasting in the wilderness. The 40-day fast was especially important for converts to the faith who were preparing for baptism, and for those guilty of notorious sins who were being restored to the Christian assembly. In the western church the 40 days of Lent extend from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, omitting Sundays. The last three days of Lent are the sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Today Lent has reacquired its significance as the final preparation of adult candidates for baptism. Joining with them, all Christians are invited “to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.”

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher:
The Rev. Nathan Empsall

Liturgical Assistant:
David Tate

Lector: Maurice Harris &
Susan Yates

Altar Guild: Suzy McDowell

Bread Baker: Pam Sayre

With thanks to all others
who made today happen!

ST. PJ'S PRAYER LIST: Rachel, Doug Parker, Anne Matthies, Calvin Griffin, Rev. Walter MacNutt, Kevin Gerbe, Leota Tucker, Edwina Johnson, Cynthia King, Paul D'Agostino, Richard Holcomb, Tiras Jaske, Uli Mackert, Charlie & Bridget Farrell, Alyce, Pam, Tommy, Beverly Lett, Stephen Lett, Vanetta Lloyd, Janea Barthle, Lydia Hamnquist, Rita Valenti-Piovane, Rev. Nihal de Lanerolle, Heather de Lanerolle, Marietta D'Albero, Maria Rodriguez, Marietta Coppola, Paul Mangels, Alexandra Sanseverino, Dr. Milton Coke, Pam Yesner, Rev. Carl Scovel, Karl Mini, Patrick Reynolds, Margaret Perry, Ryan Welch, Jack Welch, Andy & Karla Codney, Kyle Park, Carol Brennan, Fr. Tom, George Moore, A. J. Crosby, Adrienne Brady, Jeannie & Clemente Campos, Marilyn Bergen, Lydia Albers, Jean Douglas, Melissa & George Cunningham, Joan Cappella, Ruby Slade-Wooten, Yvonne Scott ✠ **Postulant for Ordination:** Milton Gilder

Birthdays: Sue Galvin (03/02), Danielle Reed (03/07) ✠ **Departed:** Robert Mann

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ORDER OF SERVICE, PART 1: THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

OPENING HYMN

The God of Abraham Praise

Please rise in body or in spirit

1. The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove; An -
2. He by him - self hath sworn; we on his oath de - pend; we
3. There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness, tri -
4. The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing, and
5. The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high; "Hail
-cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love; the
shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend: we
-um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace; on
"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King! Who
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry; hail,
Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed; we
shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore, and
Zi - on's sac - red height his king - dom he main - tains, and
was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be: e -
14 A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise; all
bow and bless the sac - red Name for ev - er blest.
sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
- ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Source: George Hunt Smytten (1822-1870), alt.

Tune; *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Bless our God, who forgives all our sins.

People: God's mercy endures forever.

Celebrant: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

[Silence]

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 the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE TRISAGION



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 12: 1-4a

Please be seated.

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 121

**I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?**

**My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.**

**He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.**

**Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

**The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,**

**So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.**

**The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.**

**The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

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

1. I want Je - sus to walk with me; I want
 2. In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; in my
 3. In my sor - rows, Lord, walk with me; in my

6
 Je - sus to walk with me; all a -
 tri - als, Lord walk with me; when the
 sor - rows, Lord walk with me; when my

10
 - long my pil - grim jour - ney, Lord, I want
 shades of life are fall - ing, Lord, I want
 heart with - in is ach - ing, Lord, I want

14
 Je - sus to walk with me.
 Je - sus to walk with me.
 Je - sus to walk with me.

GOSPEL

John 3: 1-17

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Savior.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON WITH JAZZ RESPONSE

The Rev. Nathan Empsall

Please be seated

NICENE CREED

Please rise in body or in spirit

Celebrant: Let us join together as one church with fellow Christians across time and space, centuries and continents, to pray the historic Nicene Creed.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

God of Forgiveness, may we forgive as you have forgiven us.

We believe that God hopes and works for a world where all shall be included in the feast of life, and that in Christ we see how costly it is to bring that world about. We pray for God’s help with this work.

God of Forgiveness, may we forgive as you forgive us.

We pray for the Universal Church throughout the world. Equip us with compassion and love to seek healing and reconciliation for our failures.

God of Forgiveness, may we forgive as you forgive us.

We believe that God's strategy for a new world is to put the poorest first, and that it is of paramount importance for God's people to bring good news to the poor. We pray for God's help with this work.

God of Forgiveness, may we forgive as you forgive us.

We pray for all who live and work in this community, especially students, teachers, first responders, immigrants, and those who keep our cities and towns healthy and safe.

God of Forgiveness, may we forgive as you forgive us.

We believe that God made the good earth to sustain and delight us, and that we are called to take care of it and enjoy it. We pray for God's help with this work.

God of Forgiveness, may we forgive as you forgive us.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all we have injured or offended.

God of Forgiveness, may we forgive as you forgive us.

God of comfort, we pray for those on our prayer list, for those who live with violence and poverty, and for those we love and name now, either in our hearts or aloud...

We pray for those celebrating anniversaries or birthdays this week, especially Sue and Danielle.

And we pray for all who have died; may they rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal in God's loving arms.

God, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Guide us, O God, by your Holy Spirit, that all of our prayers and all of our lives may serve your will and show your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Greet one another with a sign of God's peace – a fist bump, side hug, peace sign, etc. – and be seated.

ORDER OF SERVICE, PART 2: HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY AND OFFERTORY HYMN

O Lord Hear my Pray'r Please rise in body or in spirit

O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r. When I call, an - swer me. O

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Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r, Come and lis - ten to me. O

Fine

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant: God 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 our thanks and praise.

[The celebrant continues until:] Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly - Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are

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full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

9
comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

[The celebrant continues until:] Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember Christ's death,

We proclaim Christ's resurrection,

We await Christ's coming in glory;

[The celebrant continues until:] By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, in the many languages of our hearts,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily
bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of
trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the
power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Padre nuestro que estás en el
cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre;
venga tu reino;
hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de
cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también *nosotros*
perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en la
tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, el
poder y la gloria,
ahora y por siempre.
Amén.

Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,
que ton nom soit sanctifié;
que ton règne vienne;
que ta volonté soit faite
sur la terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre
pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses,
comme nous pardonnons
aussi
à ceux qui nous ont offensés.
Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en
tentation,
mais délivre-nous du mal.
Car c'est à toi
qu'appartiennent le règne,
la puissance et la gloire,
pour les siècles des siècles.
Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

You may be seated when not in line

All are welcome at God's table. Any baptized Christian may receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church, and others may receive a blessing (and/or contact the priest-in-charge about becoming baptized, if interested!). To participate, come up the center aisle and join the line in front of the priest on your right. Approach the priest with your hands out, and they will place the bread in your palm with the words, "The body of Christ, the bread of heaven."

If you choose to receive the wine next, join the second line, then gently guide the chalice to your lips for a small sip while the server holds it and says the words, "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation." In order to protect the health of our community, we drink from the common cup and do not offer intinction (i.e. we do not dip the bread into the wine). Return to your seat via the nearest side aisle.

Communion is a Sacrament – a visible sign of God's loving grace within us – and you can participate fully in that sign by taking just the bread, without the wine. We offer consecrated gluten-free and alcohol-free alternatives; simply ask when you reach the front of the line. And if you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to either remain seated or come forward for a blessing. For a blessing, cross your arms on your chest, and the priest will touch your forehead to make a sign of the cross.

COMMUNION HYMN

Taste and See

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music. The lyrics are: "Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord, of the Lord." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence at the end.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Please rise in body or in spirit

Celebrant: God be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

***All:* Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

SOLEMN PRAYER

Celebrant: Bow your head before the Lord.

[silence]

Celebrant: Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GOING-FORTH HYMN

Love Divine all Loves Excelling

Please rise in body or in spirit



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
2. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
3. Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be;



fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee:



Je - sus, thou art all com pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
Thee we would be al - way bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,



vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
pray, and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Source; Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt.

Tune: *Deo Gracias*

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Our worship is over, our service begins. Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

After loving God with worship, come love your neighbors with Coffee and Community!

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