Prelude: “Qui Tollis” (Thou that takest away) from *Solemn Mass for Parish Use* 
Francois Couperin (1668-1733)

**The Great Litany (in a time of pandemic)**

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mercy upon us.

Spare us, good Lord, spare your people, whom you have redeemed with your most precious blood, and by your mercy preserve us through this crisis and forever.

From all evil and wickedness, from disease and illness, especially this coronavirus,

Good Lord, deliver us.

*(this same response is sung after the petitions that follow)*

We your children beseech you to hear us, O Lord God, to look upon this world struck by pandemic, and drive from us this disease,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

*(this same response is sung after the petitions that follow)*
Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.
Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People: God’s mercy endures forever.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.
Celebrant: 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.
First Reading: Genesis 9:8 – 17

Reader: A Reading from the book of Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Lenten Prose

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:

for we have sinn'd against thee.

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory: lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings: listen, O Jesu, to our supplications. Refrain.
Psalm 25:3 – 9  Setting by Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944) and Kevin R. Hackett (b.1956)

*All sing the antiphon; the choir sings the verses*

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18 – 22

*Reader: A Reading from the First letter of Peter.*

Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

Lenten Gospel Acclamation

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Stephen Pishner

based on WONDROUS LOVE

Praise and honor to you, O Lord, O Lord.

Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9 – 15
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you
Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.
In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon
Fr. Jarred
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 and the Son,
  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: Form IV
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence
Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence
Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence
Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence
Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Among those who have asked for our prayers, we pray for:

Donald Peck – Brother of Doug Peck
Rev. Connie Reinhardt – Friend of St. Paul’s Church
Alan White – Friend of Susan Flint
Tim Coco – Friend of Susan Flint
Barbara Barnes – Cousin of Joyce Thayer
Jessica, Owen & Family – Friends of Gail Bishop-Davis
Alexander Schumann – Cousin of John Neale
Corey – Friend of Alison & Peter Novello
Kathy Steele – Friend of Ed Winslow
Richard Ellis - Friend of Pat Maslen

Silence
Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.
We commend to your mercy all who have died especially Walter Blumenscheid, Seth Bossung, Frances Caulkins and Patricia Wall, and all those whose anniversary falls at this time, especially Charles Phillips and Norm LeBuff, that your will for them be fulfilled and that they may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Rejoicing in our fellowship with Blessed Mary, Paul and all your saints, we offer our whole lives to you and in a moment of silence our own prayers.

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Confession & Absolution**

*Clergy:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Leader & People*

*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.*

*The Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*

**The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be with you always.

*People:* And also with you.

*All share signs of Christ’s peace with one another,*
especially seeking to amend any hurts or conflicts.
MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

The offering is taken and the altar is set for the Eucharist.
Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name, bring offerings and come into his courts.

Offertory Hymn: “O love, how deep, how broad, how high”  #449 The Hymnal 1982

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing
2 For us baptized, for us he bore his holy
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
4 For us to wicked hands betrayed, scourged, mocked, in
5 For us he rose from death again; for us he
6 All glory to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of
2 fast and hungered sore; for us temptations
3 daily works he wrought: by words and signs and
4 purple robe arrayed, he bore the shameful
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trinity whom

1 God, should take our mortal form for mortals’ sake.
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.
3 actions, thus still seeking not him self, but us.
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dying breath.
5 Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
6 we adore for ever and for ever - more.
The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:
Sanctus: “Holy, holy, holy Lord”

The Celebrant continues

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

*We remember his death,*

*We proclaim his resurrection,*

*We await his coming in glory;*

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Mary, Paul, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

*The Celebrant continues with the Doxology, to which all respond with the “great Amen.”*

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the

unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor,

glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *A-Men.*
The Celebrant then continues
As our Saviour taught us, now we pray:

*People and Celebrant*

**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*

*Celebrant:* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ

*People:* We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.
Agnus Dei “Jesus, Lamb of God”

Cantor sings verse 1; all repeat verse 1 then all sing verse 5

1. Jesus, Lamb of God, Bearer of our sins,
2. Jesus, Lamb of God, Savior of the world, have
3. Jesus, Lamb of God, Bread come down from heav’n,
4. Jesus, Lamb of God, Shepherd of our souls,
5. Jesus, Lamb of God, gentle Prince of peace,

Assembly: repeat as needed
mercy on us, have mercy on us.
grant us peace, grant us peace.
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People: **Lord I am not worthy to receive you,**
        **but only say the word, and I shall be healed**

**Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

Celebrant: As we are not all gathered to receive the sacrament together, we pray this prayer of spiritual communion:

All: Jesus, **I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)
Post Communion Hymn: “You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord”

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,
2. Snares of the fowler will never capture you, and say to the Lord: “My
3. For to the angels God’s given a command to under God’s wings your

bide in his shadow for life, say to the Lord: “My
famine will bring you no fear; under God’s wings your
guard you in all of your ways; up-on their hands they will

peace, my rock in whom I trust!”
refuge, with faithfulness your
bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.
Refrain

“And I will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.”
After communion the Celebrant continues:
Let us pray.
Celebrant & People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

The celebrant pronounces a blessing, after which all respond
Amen.
Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Closing Hymn: “Lord, who through out these forty days”

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The postlude is omitted during Lent.

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Cycle of Prayer
Today as we worship we keep in our prayers the Parishes of the Cape & Islands Deanery; St. Barnabas’ Church, Falmouth; Christ Church, Harwich Port; St. Andrew’s Chapel, Hyannis Port; St. Paul’s Church, Nantucket; Congregations: Wardens, Treasurers & Clerks, and in the local cycle of prayer: Central Congregational Church, Newburyport.

Prayer List
Person to Pray for and Relationship
Allison Flynn – Niece of Sue Olson & Nancy Jukins
Eve Steinberg – Friend of Sue Olson & Nancy Jukins
Judy Abby – Parishioner
Debby Demopoulos – Sister of Pat Maslen
Marya Toffey – Niece of Ann Winslow
Keetah Life – Parishioner
Stephen Mathis – Friend of Priscilla Bellairs
Talia Duff—Niece of Lorrie and Jeff Jones
Stephen Jones—Nephew of Lorrie and Jeff Jones
Betty Moberger – Sister-in-law of Ingrid Sanborn
Marilyn Diehl – Friend of Ingrid Sanborn
Jill Davila – Niece of Carole Bishop
Tony Broer - Brother of Carole Bishop
Joanne Norris – Friend of Sheila & Jack Butler
Karen – Friend of the Budzyna family
Theresa Winslow – Mother of Ed Winslow
Olin Braids – Brother of Priscilla Bellairs
Karen & Richard Greene – Family of Wendy Colby
Betty Trowbridge – Friend of Donna Northam
Marie Buckman – Mother of Linda Davis Siess
Lois Schofield – Parishioner
Mary Snowdon – Parishioner
Ken Leistler – Friend of Susan Flint
David Sanborn – Brother of Wayne Sanborn
Laura Hobbs – Friend of Susan Flint
Jeanne Rainoldi – Friend of Ann Staffeld
Vikas Chandhoke – Friend of Alison & Peter Novello
Richelle Stephens – Friend of Susan Flint
Paul Lucas – Parishioner
John Coliano – Friend of Cathleen Williamson
Ann Davis – Friend of Cathleen Williamson
Donna & Bob Northam – Parishioners
Larry Blondin – Parishioner
Bethany Albritton – Grandniece of Judy Jester
Kristin Corning – Parishioner
Ron Trieff – Husband of Sheila Trieff
Nancy Burkholder – Sister-in-law of Pat Maslen
Jori Guldenstern
Susan Smith – Sister of Anne Tuthill
Donald Peck – Brother of Doug Peck
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George Partaledis – Friend of Joyce Thayer
Mike Dichiara Jr. – Friend of Susan Flint
Statement of Call - St. Paul's Church

St. Paul's is a Christian community where people are met and accepted without judgment for who they are and are adopted into a loving and caring family. Our faith provides a framework within which we explore, honor and celebrate the presence of God in daily experiences, especially in the crises, conflicts and transitions of life, and are thereby equipped to live fully in an increasingly complex and changing world.

We believe we are called to center our life in Jesus Christ through a regular discipline of Eucharistic worship, scripture study and prayer.

We believe our faith leads us to fulfill our mission, which is to share ourselves and our resources with each other, our community and the world.

We believe we are called to discover and affirm our spiritual gifts and be responsible and committed ministers of these gifts in the name of Jesus Christ.
St. Paul’s 2020 Vestry
Bronson de Stadler – Senior Warden
Ed Winslow – Junior Warden
Stu Tuthill – Treasurer
Clare Keller – Clerk

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John Neale
Alison Novello

Class of 2022
Vanessa Ayersman
Jane Niebling
Sam Walker

Class of 2021
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