



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all, and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The First Sunday in Lent

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March 10, 2019 10:15 a.m.

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Whether this is your first visit or you have been a member for years, we're glad you're here! This bulletin is designed to guide you through the service. Hymnals, Bibles and the Book of Common Prayer are in the pews and available for your use as well.

Our youngest guests are welcome to attend services or may join Miss Wendy in the nursery (room 2) where we have toys, Bible Stories, music and art projects available.

Our Sunday school program (K-grade 5) begins at 10am on the Labyrinth. After joining the procession in the church, our program continues in room 14 where they participate in Children's Chapel, hear a Bible story, and enjoy fun and engaging activities related to that story. Children return to the church to join their families for Eucharist.

Youth Group (grades 6-12) meets in the Youth Center at 10am for the opportunity to explore the Bible, express their faith through art and discuss important questions. They join us for Eucharist.

Again, welcome and please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your time with us more enriching and enjoyable.

Holy Eucharist ***A Penitential Order for Lent***

Prelude

Strengthen for Service, Lord

arr. David Ashley White

Silent Procession

At the sound of the bell, please stand as you are able.

Celebrant
People

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
His mercy endures for ever.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 351

Celebrant

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

Please remain standing or kneel as you prefer.

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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

Liturgy of the Word

Trisagion

Hymnal S102

Please stand as you are able.

The service music can be found in the front of the hymnal.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by evil: 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.**

Please be seated.

As Episcopalians, our custom is to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Holy Scripture. You are invited to do so right here in your bulletin.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us."

When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
 abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD,
 "You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
 my God in whom I put my trust."
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
 and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
 neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
 to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
 lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
 you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
 therefore will I deliver him; *
 I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
 I am with him in trouble;
 I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
 and show him my salvation.

Second Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans.

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

God be in my head

Hymnal 694

All stand to sing.

Holy Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Remain standing and face the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Ed Steever

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Credo from St. Paul's Mass

All stand as able and together sing.

Felix Eisenhauer



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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.



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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.



A - men.

Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

Deacon

In this holy season let us turn to God in prayer, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader

For all the people of God, that we may be led by the Spirit to hunger for the word of life, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the peoples and nations of the world, and for those in authority, that power and glory may not turn us from the way of justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who are afflicted and oppressed, that God will open our ears to their cry, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer, for the sick and infirm, especially *(the people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*, and for those affected by recent violence, or recovering from fires and floods, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the faith of Christ, *especially Lauren Parker (the people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*, and for the promise of resurrection to be fulfilled, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon

Strong and faithful God, hear us as we cry to you. Stretch out your hand to save us, that we may praise you for your mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries and Other Special Occasions

For other prayer requests, trained lay prayer ministers will be available in the chapel or beside the vigil candle rack during Eucharist to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed.

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

I appeal to you brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Romans 12:1

Thank you for your donation. Your generosity is appreciated. We look forward to doing great things in the name of Christ with whatever you are able to give.

Offertory

Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me

K. Lee Scott

Presentation Hymn

Lord, who throughout these forty days

Hymnal 142

Please stand as you are able.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord 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 God thanks and praise.**

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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Be known to us Lord, Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

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.

Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. Our custom is to receive the bread in your open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer or sulfite-free juice. Sip the wine, if you wish it, from the common cup, guiding the chalice gently with your hand or the Eucharistic Minister will dip the bread for you. Otherwise, cross your arms over your chest as a sign you wish a blessing from the priest.

After you receive communion you are invited to meet with our lay prayer ministers in the chapel. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed. Rejoin the other worshipers for the post communion prayer.

Communion Music

On Eagle's Wings

Michael Joncas, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

*Smücke dich, O liebe seele/Deck thyself, my soul with gladness
arr. Charles Callahan*

Wait for the Lord

Words and music on the following page

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Let us pray.

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

When the Eucharist is being taken out to those who are sick or shut-in, we will pray together.

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.

Solemn Prayer over the People

Remain standing or kneeling.

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant Grant, Almighty God that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; and may the blessing of God Almighty rest upon you and remain with you, this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

Concluding Hymn

Please stand as you are able.

Go Ye Now in Peace

Words and music on the following page

Joyce Eilers



Go ye now in peace and



know that the love of God will guide you. Feel His pres - ence



here be - side you show - ing you the way. In your time of



trou - ble when hurt and des - pair are there to grieve you,



know that the Lord will nev - er leave you. He will bring you



cour - age. Know that the God who gave him - self to



die that you might live will nev - er leave you lost and a - lone in



His be - lov - ed world. Go ye now in peace

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Silent Recession

Please stand as you are able.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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Welcome! We're so glad you're here.

- Our ushers welcome your inquiries. They can provide assisted listening devices, information about our ministries, as well as directions to the restrooms, nursery, and classrooms.
- Please take the brochure from the pew and learn more about St. Paul's and our traditional worship, dynamic preaching and a call to serve.
- You are invited to join us for coffee and refreshments following the service and we hope you will stay for Fellowship & Formation from 11:30-noon. For information on today's topic, please see the announcements below.
- Infants and children are welcome here. Children under five years old may receive care in the nursery (room 2) from 10-noon. Parents are also welcome to keep their children with them and may have access to the nursery for their convenience. The service can be heard from the narthex (lobby) and activity bags for children can be found there.

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Serving This Week

Acolytes	Henry Rose, Gabe Lamola
Chalice	Roger Crow, RoseAnn Hill
Psalm	Roger Crow
Lay Readers	Joseph Wareham, Lori Redding
Prayers of the People	Judy Wareham
Cantor	Diego Magaña
Eucharistic Prayer Ministry	Joanne Wakelee
Pastoral Care Team	Kathleen Crookston, Pam Owens
Ushers	Elizabeth Rose, Julie Braithwaite
Vestry Greeter	Woody Bretz
Welcome Ministry	Ernie Fickerson, Barbara Jakovich
Sunday School Leaders	Heidi Trevisan, Bridget Wareham
Hospitality	Bruce & Judy Kelly, Nate & Anne Alday, Greg & Karyn Jackson
Altar Guild	Pauli Powers, Ruth McCool, Rose Hayden-Smith
Counters	Louise Bretz, Brenda Christianson
Facility Lock Up	Miles Sexton

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 3/10	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Fair Trade Sales (Kahler Hall)
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	9:45 am	Praying the Rosary (Community Room)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation, Fair Trade Sales (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Mon. 3/11	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 3/12	10:00 am	Pastoral Care Committee
	1:00 pm	Comprehensive Growth Project Committee (Room 13)
	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #179 (Community Room, Kahler Hall)
Wed. 3/13	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	3:00 pm	Reach Committee (Room 13)
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Thurs. 3/14	8:30 am	Building & Grounds Committee (Community Room)
	10:00 am	Risk Management (Office)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Fri. 3/15	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
	6:00 pm	Evening Lenten Study with Soup Supper (Kahler Hall)
Sat. 3/16	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Sun. 3/17	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 am	Praying the Rosary (Community Room)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation,
	11:30 am	Rosary Making Workshop (Community Room)
	4:30 pm	St. Patrick's Day Dinner (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)

Prayer Intentions for the Week of March 10, 2019

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan
Diane Jardine Bruce, Bishop Suffragan

Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Liz Williams
Ed Steever, Dick Swanson
President Donald Trump, Congress, Federal Courts
Governor Gavin Newsom, Legislature, State Courts

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

Lillian, Wayne, Adele, Babs, Laura, Brenda, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Grace, Duncan, Steven, Sarah, Frank, Julie, Liz, Bruce, Charly, Paul, Mary, Carol, Stacy, Mary, Kathie, Tom, William

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rachel

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + The ministry of prayer, study and service of St. Paul's Men's Group, the Daughters of the King, Bible & study groups
- + U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- + Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles: *Hillsides, the Episcopal Home for Children, Pasadena, Neighborhood Youth Association, West LA; Holy Family Services, Ventura County*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiauso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Church of the Foothills, First Christian Church, Church of Christ*

IN MEMORIUM

Lauren Parker

Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month. Contact the office with your request which may be added at any time. If you prefer your prayers to remain confidential, the Daughters of the King will add them to their daily prayer list for one month. They may be requested and/or renewed by using the prayer cards in the pews.



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Announcements

*Thank you for joining us today!
As Ventura works to recover and find the way forward after fire and flood,
St. Paul's is here to help.
We're praying for you every day.
Please let us know what else you need. God bless you!*



Please help us thank the following people for our refreshments this morning:
8:00 am- Wes Cullins
10:15 am Bruce & Judy Kelly, Nate & Anne Alday, Greg & Karyn Jackson
(Next week for hospitality: 8:00am Bill Brewer, Dela Parker
10:15 am- Bill and Kathleen Crookston, Woody & Louise Bretz,
Paul & Marilyn Angelo)
If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.

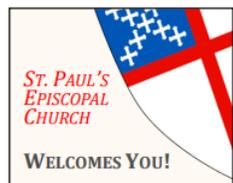
Please join us again next Sunday!



TODAY FAIR TRADE SALES After Sunday services buy a taste of fine chocolates, tea, coffee and baskets that are from businesses committed to providing fair wages and good employment opportunities to economically disadvantaged artisans and farmers. For more information speak with Joanne at joannewakelee@yahoo.com



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 REACH COMMITTEE
Want to help the members of St. Paul's MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD?
Join the REACH! Committee to help plan all the great projects that draw us together and inspire us to reach out to the world in the name of Christ. So much great work can be accomplished when we work together! *Laundry Love, Pet Rescue, School Supply Drive, Supplies for the Homeless, Toys for Christmas, Family to Family and the Food Pantry are just a few of the projects we have recently taken up.* Your generosity never fails. Join the meeting to offer your suggestions on future community outreach projects. Meet at 3pm in Room 13.



SUNDAY, MARCH 17 NEW MEMBER BLESSING
All are welcome and invited to become members of St. Paul's and join us on this journey of faith.
New Members will be Welcomed with a Special Blessing
at their choice of 8am or 0:15am service
All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend.
We look forward to seeing you there!



SUNDAY, MARCH 17 ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER 4:30 – 7:00PM KAHLER HALL
FEATURING LIVE MUSIC! TRADITIONAL CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER! DANCING!
Special Performance by Bows & Toes!
Last chance for advance purchase ticket prices-today!
Adults \$25, Kids (6-12) \$10, Kids 5 & Under Free
Family (2 Adults, 3 Kids) \$50.
\$5 increase at the door.



MONDAY, MARCH 18 EXPLORING OUR FAITH 6:30-7:30PM
Please consider yourself invited, all are welcome!
Do you have questions? Are you interested in learning about the Episcopal Church, the Bible, and the life of faith? Join us as we explore or faith together in this fun and interesting small group. We meet from 6:30-7:30 pm on the 3rd Mondays (3/18, 4/15, 5/20) in the Library (next to the school gate just off the parking lot). We'd love to see you there! For more information, contact Rev. Susan revsusan@saintpaulsventura.org

	<p>THURSDAY, MARCH 21 LADIES LUNCH BUNCH</p> <p>All women of St. Paul's and their friends are invited to join us for our monthly Ladies Lunch Bunch at Mimi's. We gather at 11am and order at 11:30. We always have a wonderful time, and we would be very pleased for you to join us. Please RSVP to Marjorie, Ruth, Pam or the Office by Sunday, March 17th.</p>
	<p>FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – MARCH SELECTION</p> <p>The selection this month is <i>A Beautiful Mess: A Perfectionist's Journey Through Self-Care</i> by Kristin Ritzau. <i>In a society obsessed with perfection, it is not surprising that so many women especially Christian women are breaking beneath the burden of expectation. Kristin will help readers experience the Holy Spirit's healing: acceptance, contentment and rest by introducing practices such as contemplative prayer, art journaling, and playing in your body while demystifying the self-care journey.</i> We will meet again on Monday, April 1 at 5:00PM for food and 5:30pm for discussion at Panera Bread. All women are welcome! See you then!</p>
	<p>OUR NEW ASSOCIATE RECTOR HAS ARRIVED!</p> <p>Our new Associate Rector, the Rev. Liz Williams, has arrived and begun her work with us. What a wonderful blessing it is to have two priests at St. Paul's! Rev. Liz is looking forward to meeting you and getting to know the members of our congregation. You can meet up with her on any Sunday, but also at the following upcoming events: The Friday Evening Lenten Study, the Lenten Retreat for Women and the Ladies Lunch Bunch. <i>Please wear your name tag while Rev. Liz learns all our names and it is a friendly way to welcome all visitors and new members!</i></p>
	<p>REACH! in MARCH</p> <p>The REACH projects for the month of March are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashes to Go – Ash Wednesday Over 60 people came by for the imposition of ashes! • Sack Lunch Packing Party – Sunday March 31 at Noon Meet in the narthex (church lobby). We will set up an assembly line and fill the sack lunches so they are ready for distribution. 20-50 lunches are handed out every week! • Invite a friend to church and share the Easter invitations! Pick them up in the narthex.
	<p>ST. PAUL'S IS LEARNING SIGN LANGUAGE Why? Because all are welcome here!</p> <p>We are committed to welcoming all, even if that means we need to change and adapt in order to become more accessible. A current feature of our weekly announcements includes the "ASL Minute" – an opportunity to learn a few signs. Please let us know if there are specific signs you'd like to learn.</p>
	<p>SAVE THE DATES:</p> <p>Friday, March 8 – Evening Lenten Study begins 6pm Sunday, March 17 – Saint Patrick's Day Dinner Saturday, March 23 – Women's Lenten Retreat Saturday, April 13 – Palm Cross Making, Decorating the Church Sunday, April 14 – Palm Sunday Thursday, April 18 – Maundy Thursday Friday April 19 – Good Friday Sunday April 21 – Easter Sunday</p>

The Season of Lent



PRAYING THE ROSARY – SUNDAY MORNINGS

Join us Sunday Mornings at 9:45 in the Community Room as we pray the Anglican rosary together during lent.

ROSARY MAKING WORKSHOP

Sunday, March 17

Join Rose Hayden-Smith in the Community Room after the 10:15am service and create your own Anglican Rosary. All materials will be supplied.

LENTEN STUDY – FRIDAY EVENINGS

March 8 – April 12

6-7PM SOUP SUPPER AND BOOK STUDY IN KAHLER HALL

7-7:30PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE SANCTUARY



As we enjoy our supper, Rev. Liz will lead us in a discussion about Rob Bell's book *Love Wins: A book about heaven, hell, and the fate of every person who ever lived*. (Available on Amazon in paperback and on Kindle.)

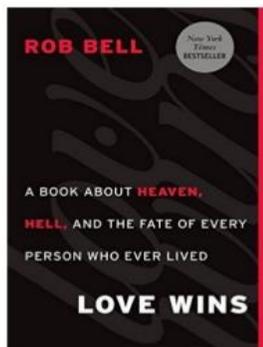
In the preface, Rob tells us that Jesus answers almost every question he is asked with a question, "What do you think? How do you read it? Rob reminds us of ancient sages who, "said the words of the sacred text were black letters on a white page – there's all that white space, waiting to be filled with our responses and discussions and debates and opinions and longings and desires and wisdom and insights. We read the words, and then enter into the discussion that has been going on for thousands of years across cultures and continents."

Bring your questions and longings and desires and wisdom and we'll enter into the discussion together.

Friday, March 8 - We'll start with the Preface and Chapter 1

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

After dinner, you're invited to join us as we walk the Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary. It's a wonderful way to expand your understanding and enrich your experience of Lent.



LENTEN RETREAT FOR WOMEN SATURDAY, MARCH 23

8:30 am to 3:00 pm Kahler Hall

A Beautiful Mess



The women of St. Paul's and their friends are invited to a day of retreat to reflect on real life as "A Beautiful Mess." The retreat will be facilitated by Kristin Ritzau, the author of *A Beautiful Mess* and Julie Morris, an Episcopal Priest. The day will include music, lunch, Eucharist and opportunities for solitude, as well as time sharing with others. Childcare will be provided. The cost for the Retreat is \$15.00; scholarships are available. To register online, visit Eventbrite – Women's Lenten Retreat There are 5 spaces left.

<https://stpaulsventura Lentenretreat.eventbrite.com>

For more information, please contact the St. Paul's Church office at 805.643.5033.

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2019 Holy Week Services

Saturday, – April 13 Palm Cross Making

9 a.m. Come learn this ancient art and help prepare for Palm Sunday.
No experience necessary.

April 14 - Palm Sunday

8 a.m. Procession of the Palms and Service with Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Procession to Ventura County Medical Center - *to offer prayers
and blessings for the sick and all who work to help them*
10:15 a.m. Procession of the Palms and Service with Holy Eucharist

April 17 - Holy Wednesday

9 a.m. Healing Service with Holy Eucharist

April 18 - Maundy Thursday

7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar
9 p.m. Vigil at the Altar of Repose - Stay and keep watch for an hour
(Continues in shifts until Noon on Good Friday)

April 19 - Good Friday

6:00-7:00 a.m. Walk the Labyrinth by Candlelight at dawn
12:00 noon Traditional Good Friday Service
3:00 p.m. Bell Rings and Church Closes
7:00 p.m. Experience the Stations of the Cross

Easter Services

Saturday, April 20, 2019

8 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter
*Join us as we kindle the new flame and retell the stories of
our ancestors in the faith by candlelight. We will then renew our baptismal vows
and proclaim the coming of Easter in a glorious celebration.*

Sunday, April 21, 2018

8 a.m. Traditional Language Eucharist with Choir and Brass
10:15 a.m. Easter Eucharist with Choir and Brass