



# 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 8 a.m.

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### *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. Please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your time with us more enriching and enjoyable.*

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## Holy Eucharist *A Penitential Order for Lent*

### **Prelude**

*Strengthen for Service, Lord*

*arr. David Ashley White*

### **Silent Procession**

*Please stand as you are able at the sound of the bell.*

### **Opening Acclamation**

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 319

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;  
*People* **His mercy endures for ever. Amen.**

### **The Decalogue**

BCP p. 317

*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.  
Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honor thy father and thy mother.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt do no murder.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not steal.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not covet.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

## **Sentences of Scripture**

BCP p. 319

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

*Matthew 22:37-40*

## **Confession**

BCP p. 330

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Absolution**

BCP p. 321

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***Liturgy of the Word***

**Trisagion**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Hymnal S102**

*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 with thy spirit.**

*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.

The Word of the Lord  
**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."

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 be to thee, O Christ.**

## Sermon

The Reverend Ed Steever

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## Nicene Creed

BCP p. 326

*All stand as able and say together.*

## Prayers of the People

*Please stand or kneel as is your custom.*

BCP p. 328

*Deacon*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*Leader*

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Teach us, O God, to treasure the differences that distinguish one person from another. Help us to overcome fear and hatred. Open our hearts to see thy radiance in every human soul. Give us the courage to combat prejudice and intolerance, and bless us with compassion, with kindness, and with peace.<sup>1</sup>

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers *especially our bishops John and Diane; our clergy Susan, Liz, Ed, and Dick*, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land *especially Donald, our President; the congress and courts; Gavin, our Governor*, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor **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** and those enduring a long term illness *especially Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rachel*, and those others on our hearts and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*(See page 11 for other parish petitions and prayers of thanksgiving.)*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially *Lauren Parker and those whose names we bring before God*, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Paul and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## 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, Anniversaries and other Special Occasions.

## *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.*

<b>Offertory</b>	<i>O Salutaris Hostia/O Saving Victim</i>	<i>arr. Paul Kernonen</i>
<b>Presentation Hymn</b>	<b>Lord, who throughout these forty days</b>	<b>Hymnal 142</b>
<i>Please stand.</i>		
<b>Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer I)</b>		BCP p. 333
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>		BCP p. 336
<b>Breaking of the Bread</b>		BCP p. 337
<i>A period of silence is kept.</i>		

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.*

<b>Communion Music</b>	<i>Smücke dich, O liebe seele/Deck thyself, my soul with gladness</i>	<i>arr. Charles Callahan</i>
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<b>Post Communion Prayer</b>		BCP p. 339
<i>Please stand or kneel as you prefer.</i>		

### 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**

**Go Ye Now in Peace**

*Joyce Eilers*

*Please stand as you are able.*

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.*

## Dismissal

*Deacon*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

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Check out next Sunday's readings at [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)

## ***Serving This Week***

<b>Acolytes</b>	Jo Ellen Heil
<b>Chalice</b>	Jo Ellen Heil, Lori Burke
<b>Psalm</b>	Jo Ellen Heil
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Jo Ellen Heil, Ellen Morgan
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Lori Burke
<b>Cantor</b>	Diego Magaña
<b>Vestry Greeter</b>	Woody Bretz
<b>Ushers</b>	Roger Myers, Sally Weimer
<b>Hospitality Sponsors</b>	Wes Cullin
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Pauli Powers, Ruth McCool, Rose Hayden-Smith
<b>Counters</b>	Louise Bretz, Brenda Christianson
<b>Facility Lock Up</b>	Miles Sexton

## Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

<b>Today</b> <b>3/10</b>	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)
	<b>Mon.</b> <b>3/11</b>	8:00 pm
<b>Tues.</b> <b>3/12</b>	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)
<b>Wed.</b> <b>3/13</b>	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)
<b>Thurs.</b> <b>3/14</b>	8:30 am	Building & Grounds Committee (Community Room)
	10:00 am	Risk Management (Office)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
<b>Fri.</b> <b>3/15</b>	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)
<b>Sat.</b> <b>3/16</b>	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
<b>Sun.</b> <b>3/17</b>	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 (Kahler Hall)

## ***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 Wiawso, 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.*



### **St. Paul's Episcopal Church Staff**

The Rev. Susan Bek, Rector  
The Rev. Liz Williams, Associate Rector  
The Rev. Ed Steever, Deacon  
The Rev. Dr. Richard Swanson, Assisting  
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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!*



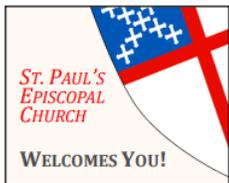
**TODAY FAIR TRADE SALES** After Sunday services buy a taste of fine chocolates, tea, coffee and baskets that are from businesses committed to providing fair wages and good employment opportunities to economically disadvantaged artisans and farmers. For more information speak with Joanne at [joannewakelee@yahoo.com](mailto:joannewakelee@yahoo.com)



### **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.

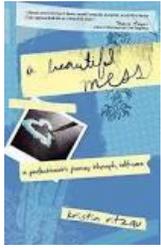
We meet from 6:30-7:30 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays (3/18, 4/15, 5/20) in the Library (next to the school gate just off the parking lot). We'd love to see you there! For more information, contact

Rev. Susan [revsusan@saintpaulsventura.org](mailto:revsusan@saintpaulsventura.org)



**THURSDAY, MARCH 21 LADIES LUNCH BUNCH**

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.



**FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – MARCH SELECTION**

The selection this month is *A Beautiful Mess: A Perfectionist's Journey Through Self-Care* by Kristin Ritzau. *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.* 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!



**OUR NEW ASSOCIATE RECTOR HAS ARRIVED!**

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. *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!*



**REACH! in MARCH**

The REACH projects for the month of March are:

- **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.



*This sign means, "I love you."*

**ST. PAUL'S IS LEARNING SIGN LANGUAGE** Why? Because all are welcome here!

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.



**SAVE THE DATES:**

- 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

# 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

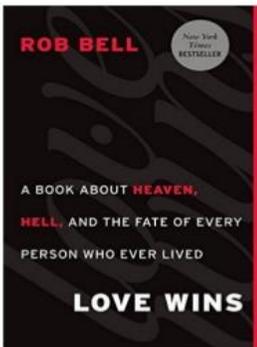


As we enjoy our supper, Rev. Liz will lead us in a discussion about Rob Bell's book *Love Wins: A book about heaven, hell, and the fate of every person who ever lived.* (Available on Amazon in paperback and on Kindle.)

*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