



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.*



Online Bulletin

## The First Sunday after Christmas Day December 30, 2018 10:15 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.*

*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, build 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.*

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## Holy Eucharist *Liturgy of the Word*

**Prelude** *Lullaby of the Birds to the Christ Child* *William Cain*

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

**Entrance Hymn** **All glory be to God on high** **Hymnal 421**

**Opening Salutation** *Book of Common Prayer p. 355*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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**

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

**Psalm 147:13-21**

- 13 Jerusalem will worship you, O God; \*  
 and Zion will praise your name.
- 14 For you have strengthened the bars of our gates; \*  
 and have blest our children within us.
- 15 You have established peace on our borders; \*  
 and satisfied us with the finest wheat.
- 16 You send out your command to the earth, \*  
 and your word runs very swiftly.
- 17 You give snow like wool; \*  
 and scatter hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 You scatter your hail like bread crumbs; \*  
 who can stand against your cold?

19 You send forth your word and melt them; \*  
you blow with your wind and the waters flow.

20 You declare your word to Jacob, \*  
your statutes and your judgments to Israel.

21 You have not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them you have not revealed your judgments.  
Alleluia!

## Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

## Gradual Hymn                      Away in the manger

**Hymnal 101**

*Please stand as you are able and face the Gospel.*

## Holy Gospel

**John 1:1-18**

*Deacon*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
***People***        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend Susan Bek

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## **Nicene Creed**

*Book of Common Prayer p. 358*

*All stand as able and together say*

**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. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*Please stand or kneel as is your custom.*

*Deacon*

All things have been clothed in grace by the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ; all the earth has been enlightened in his dawning. Trusting in the light and grace, let us pray for all people in need and for all the world, saying: Merciful God, hear our prayer.

*Leader*

For the churches, that united in life they may be faithful in witness to your Son come among us, merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For the poor of the earth, for the victims of recent violence or recovering from fires and floods, that their mourning may be turned into joy, merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For our Bishops John and Diane, and for all bishops, that they may rejoice in your mercy and faithfully teach the greatness of your coming among us, merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For this assembly, for our sick, *(the people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)* and for ourselves, that we may be renewed by the light and grace of your incarnate word, merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who have died especially *(the people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*, that they may rest in peace. May we wait in hope for the promise of resurrection with them, merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

*Deacon*

Rejoicing in the company of Mary, mother of our Lord, and of all the witnesses of the incarnation, we commend these prayers and all our life to you, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Confession**

Let us confess our sins to God.

*A period of silence is observed.*

**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.**

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**

*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.**

*For other prayer requests, trained lay prayer ministers will be available in the chapel 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***

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2*

### **Offertory**

*Allemand*

*J.S. Bach*

### **Presentation Hymn**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice**

**Hymnal 107**

*Please stand.*

### **Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer B

*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.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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 or kneel as is your custom.*

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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

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 Mary, Joseph, Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

This is the Banquet of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who fear you have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

*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.*

*Trained lay prayer ministers are stationed in the chapel to pray with you. 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**

*Das Fischermäden  
Christmas Pastoral*

*Franz Schubert  
Alexander Guilmant*

**Postcommunion Prayer**

*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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.**

**Blessing**

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn****Joy to the world! (v.1,2,4)****Hymnal 100**

*Please stand.*

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world! The Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**



## ***Serving This Week*** ***10:15am***

<b>Acolytes</b>	Charlotte & Marina Bretz
<b>Chalice</b>	Drew Darby, Kay Armstrong
<b>Psalm</b>	Drew Darby
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Ralph Armstrong, Lori Redding
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Roger Crow
<b>Ushers</b>	Elizabeth Rose, Julie Braithwaite
<b>Eucharistic Prayer Ministry</b>	Ruth McCool
<b>Pastoral Care Team</b>	Ruth McCool, Connie Baer
<b>Welcome Ministry</b>	Rob Butler, Marcia Semple
<b>Hospitality</b>	Nate & Anne Alday, Bruce & Judy Kelly, Greg & Karyn Jackson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dela Parker, Carole Nelson, Susan Talmadge
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Renee Bower, Carole Nelson
<b>Counters</b>	Marilyn Angelo, Susan Talmadge
<b>Facility Lock Up</b>	Nate Alday

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

<b>Today</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
<b>12/30</b>	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
<b>Mon.</b>	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
<b>12/31</b>		
<b>Tues.</b>	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #179 (Kahler Hall)
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<b>Wed.</b>	6:30 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
<b>1/2</b>	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
<b>Thurs.</b>	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
<b>1/3</b>		
<b>Fri.</b>	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
<b>1/4</b>	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
<b>Sat.</b>	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
<b>1/5</b>		
<b>Sun.</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
<b>1/6</b>	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	12:00 pm	DOK Epiphany Meeting (Community Room)
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel, Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)

### ***Office Hours***

We will be taking some time with our families this Christmas Season. The office will be open by appointment only through January first. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of December 30, 2018***

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

Our clergy: Susan Bek, Ed Steever, Dick Swanson  
President Donald Trump, Congress, Federal Courts  
Governor Jerry Brown, Legislature, State Courts

### ***FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:***

- + The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County; the city councils of the communities in which we live; public safety and emergency personnel in Ventura County.
- + 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, Deanery One in Santa Barbara County: *St. Mary's, Lompoc; St. Mark's, Los Olivos; All Saints', Christ the King, Trinity, Santa Barbara; St. Peter's, Santa Maria; St. Michael's Mission & campus ministry at UCSB in Isla Vista, Mount Calvary Monastery and Retreat House, Santa Barbara.*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *Ankwanda Village in the Diocese of Cape Coast, and the Dioceses of Sunyani & Wiawso, Ghana*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiawso, Ghana.*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Project Understanding and FOOD Share Ventura County.*

### ***HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:***

Lillian, Wayne, Adele, Babs, Brenda, Grace, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Barbara, Jan, Priscilla, Duncan, Frank, Julie, Liz, Bruce, Charly, Paul, Carol, Stacy, Mary, Kathie, Tom

### ***THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:***

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

*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. Ed Steever, Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Richard Swanson, Assisting

Felix Eisenhauer, Music Minister; Tara Eisenhauer, Assistant Music Minister

Sara Edwards, Organist

Paula Robertson, Parish Administrator

Kathleen Jensen, Assistant Administrator

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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-**Vicki Paul**,  
10:15 am-**Nate & Anne Alday, Bruce & Judy Kelly,  
Greg & Karyn Jackson**  
(Next week for hospitality: 8:00am-Eunice Koch  
10:15 am-Larry & Shirley Myers, Miles & Cathy Sexton,  
Laura & Teddy Andrews)  
*If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.*

### ***Please join us again next Sunday!***

 <b>MUSIC at ST. PAUL'S</b>	<p><b>TODAY:</b> Many thanks to guest musician Caitlin Boruch on flute.</p> <p><b>NEXT SUNDAY:</b> The <i>Three Kings</i> will <i>Go Tell It On The Mountain</i> as we <i>Hail To The Lord's Anointed!</i></p>
 <b>Epiphany Pageant</b>	<p><b>NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 6—EPIPHANY PAGEANT</b></p> <p>Would you like to help us put on this year's skit? We'd love for you to join us! Please sign up in the narthex (lobby), speak with Heidi Trevisan or contact the church office.</p>
 <b>Greening of the Church</b>	<p><b>THANK YOU</b> to all who participated in the <b>GREENING OF THE CHURCH</b>. A lot of work goes into making our sanctuary so beautiful for Christmas and we appreciate all of you!</p>
 <b>ST. PAUL'S VENTURA, CA EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b>	<p><b>PLEDGE ENVELOPES AVAILABLE</b></p> <p>Pick up your 2019 weekly or monthly pledge envelopes in the narthex. If you can't find them, please contact the office.</p>
 <b>FRENCH EXIT</b> <small>PATRICK DEWITT</small>	<p><b>FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – January 7, 2019</b></p> <p>The December selection is <i>French Exit</i> by Patrick deWitt. In this comedy, Frances, “a moneyed, striking woman of 65 years” flees Manhattan for Paris after using up all of her cash. Meet at Panera Bread on Telephone Rd at 5pm for food and 5:30pm for discussion. All women are welcome! <i>Sponsored by Daughters of the King.</i></p>
	<p><b>UPCOMING BAPTISM OPPORTUNITIES</b></p> <p>January 13, Baptism of Our Lord April 20, Easter Vigil June 9, Pentecost</p>