



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.



Online Bulletin

The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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November 18, 2018 8 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. Please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your time with us more enriching and enjoyable.

Holy Eucharist ***Liturgy of the Word***

Prelude

Variations on *We Gather Together*

Michael Sullivan

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Processional Hymn

O God of every nation

Hymnal 607

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 323

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards all.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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

Daniel 12:1-3

A Reading from the Book of Daniel

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:11-25

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

"This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,"

he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 13:1-8

Please stand.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

The Reverend Susan Bek

Nicene Creed

All stand and together say

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Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

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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.¹

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers *especially our presiding bishop, Michael; our bishops John and Diane; our clergy Susan, 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; Jerry, 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, Brenda, Grace, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Jan, Priscilla, Duncan, Frank, Julie, Liz, Bruce, Charly, Paul, Carol, Stacy, Mary, Kathie, and Tom.** *And those enduring a long term illness especially Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rob, Rachel, Kim, and those others on our hearts* and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those affected by the fires and floods.

(See page 9 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 *Paul Beason, 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.**

Confession and Absolution

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Peace

All stand as they are able.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

Announcements

Please be seated.

Prayers for birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.

Liturgy of the Table

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:15,16

Offertory

Now Thank We All, Our God

arr. Van Denman Thompson

Presentation Hymn

Holy Father, great Creator

Hymnal 368

Please stand.

Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer I)

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The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

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Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Prayer of Humble Access

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Serving This Week

Acolytes	Jo Ellen Heil
Chalice	Lori Burke, Jo Ellen Heil
Psalm	Lori Burke
Lay Readers	Pauli Powers
Prayers of the People	Jo Ellen Heil
Ushers	Jim & Dela Parker
Hospitality Sponsors	Bill Brewer, Dela Parker

Altar Guild	Dela Parker, Carole Nelson, susan Talmadge
Flower Guild	Carole Nelson, Rev. Susan & Teddy Bek, Sarah & Gabriel Lamola, Renee Bower
Counters	Marilyn Angelo, Susan Talmadge
Facility Lock Up	Nate Alday

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
11/18	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:30 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
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Monday	9:30 am	Family to Family (Ventura Ave)
11/19	11:30 am	Tai Chi – Beginning (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)
	6:30 pm	Exploring Our Faith (Room 13)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
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Tues.	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop (Community Room, Kahler Hall)
11/20		
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Wed.	9:00 am	Healing Service CANCELLED
11/21	10:30 am	Bible Study CANCELLED
	11:30 am	Tai Chi – Beginning (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
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Thurs.		Thanksgiving Day
11/22		Office Closed
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Fri.	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
11/23		Office Closed
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Sat	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
11/24		

Prayer Intentions for the Week of November 18, 2018

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

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

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

Lillian, Wayne, Adele, Babs, Brenda, Grace, James, Jacob, Carolyn, 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.

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + The ministry of Family to Family; all who volunteer and/or give financially to feed Ventura's hungry.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- + Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles, Deanery One in Ventura 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 & Retreat House*, Santa Barbara.
- + Our World Mission Companions: *Ankwanda Village in the Diocese of Cape Coast*, and the *Dioceses of Sunyani & Wiawso, Ghana*.
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *First United Methodist*, *Trinity Lutheran*, *Our Lady of the Assumption churches* and the *Salvation Army*

IN MEMORIAM:

- + Paul Beason

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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 **Bill Brewer, Dela Parker**

10:15 am **Tom & Grace Dunlevy, Bridget Wareham**

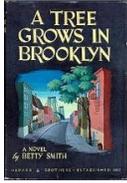
(Next week for hospitality: 8am – Vicki Paul

10:15 am – Dan & Joanne Wakelee, Judy Wareham)

If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.

Please join us again next Sunday!

 <p style="text-align: center;">MUSIC at ST. PAUL'S</p> 	<p>TODAY: Only two Sundays until Advent! Come <i>Praise Ye The Name Of The Lord</i> with the choir. (10:15)</p> <p>NEXT SUNDAY: Only one Sunday until Advent! And what a Sunday it will be. St. Paul's hymn Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!, the choir chanting the psalm, and original composition by St. Paul's Music Minister Dr. Felix Eisenhower will all create a festive atmosphere as we celebrate Christ the King! (10:15)</p>
	<p><i>Want to help serve lunch to the hungry?</i></p> <p>IT'S OUR TURN TO SERVE LUNCH – Monday, November 19th</p> <p>Come serve lunch tomorrow at 303 N. Ventura Avenue. This month's volunteer coordinator is Elena Kennedy. Check in with her and she'll put you to work. Preparation and set up begins at 9:30 am; servers are needed between 11:30 and 12:30 pm. Clean-up 12:30 – 1:00pm.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">#GIVING TUESDAY</p>	<p>GIVING TUESDAY</p> <p>Celebrate the international day of giving and support St. Paul's many ministries and reach into the community. Donate through our website www.saintpaulsventura.org, send in a check or.....</p> <p>*New* Text StPaulsVentura to 73256 to give to Mission & Ministry using your text messaging. Standard text message rates do apply.</p>
	<p>ALTAR GUILD MEETING – Tuesday, November 27, 6:30pm</p> <p>Let's get ready for Advent and Christmas. Meet in the Library at 6:30pm on Tuesday evening, November 27.</p>
	<p>THE SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OF MEDITATION – THURSDAYS, 5:30-6:30pm</p> <p>Dr. Ralph Armstrong will continue offering this as an ongoing ministry due to the interest, in the Library at St. Paul's. Everyone is welcome any evening. Each session will include time to get comfortable, a description of the meditation practice, time to meditate, and an opportunity to share and reflect.</p>



FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – November Selection

The November selection is A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith. This classic focuses on an impoverished but aspirational adolescent girl and her family living in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, New York City, during the first two decades of the 20th century. Meet at Panera Bread on Telephone Rd on **December 3rd** at 5pm for food and 5:30pm for discussion. All women are welcome! *Sponsored by Daughters of the King.*



DIOCESE FIRE AND MUDSLIDE RELIEF FUND

– Donations may be made online at www.edlagives.org to provide aid to the region’s low-income and otherwise most vulnerable who might not otherwise receive relief amid the disaster of the recent fires.



ANNUAL BISHOP’S VISIT – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

A BISHOP IS COMING!

The Right Rev. Samuel Azariah will be with us for the 10:15am service on Sunday, December 9. Those who seek baptism, confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church, please contact the church office. Stay for after the service for Fellowship & Formation to meet the Bishop.

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church Presents

Exploring our Faith

For those who seek to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church, newcomers who are curious and anyone who wants to join us in exploring our faith.

Monday Evenings

11/12, 11/19, 11/26, & 12/3

6:30-8pm in the Library

Confirmations and Receptions will be Offered at St. Paul’s During the Bishop’s Visit on Sunday, December 9, 2018



You’re welcome to bring your dinner with you.

- 11/19/18 Session 3 Episcopal Identity – Who are we?
God in Jesus: an Incarnational Faith
- 11/26/18 Session 4 The Episcopal Church – What do we do?
God the Holy Spirit: the breath of new life
- 12/3/18 Session 5 The Episcopal Church – How do we view the Bible?
Our lives as 21st Century Christians

OUTREACH PROJECTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

 	<p><i>One act of prayerful, tangible thanksgiving at a time has a wider impact than you can possibly imagine.</i></p> <p>UNITED THANK OFFERING – MONTH OF NOVEMBER</p> <p>The United Thank Offering of The Episcopal Church is a personal spiritual discipline of thanksgiving that supports God’s mission throughout the world. As you give thanks, for the good things that happen every day, put some coins or dollars into a UTO Blue Box or a note of what you are thankful for. At the end of the month, when your box is full, bring in the coins or put a check in a UTO envelope (made out to St. Paul’s with UTO noted on the memo line) and we will forward to UTO. Your thanksgivings unite with others’ prayers and thankful quarters, dimes and dollars from across The Episcopal Church to support God’s mission around the world. UTO Box/Envelope are available in the church lobby and Kahler Hall. Find the UTO Gratitude Challenge at https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/document/november-2018-gratitude-challenge-united-thank-offering</p>
	<p>COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SHOPPE by Action: We are collecting new, unwrapped toys for the shoppe. For gift ideas, choose a tag from the tree in the lobby. The toys will be picked up December 5. There are many volunteers needed the day of the event- to set up the day before and to serve during the shoppe on December 15 from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm. Sign up at: http://actionvc.org/community-christmas-shoppe/ or call (805) 647-3757. The event will be held at Orchard Community Church 8180 Telephone Rd., Ventura.</p>
	<p>COATS FOR ALL We are collecting new or gently used coats and jackets of all sizes now through the end of the year! Coats will be cleaned and donated to people in need through local churches and non-profits. The drive is sponsored through the Downtown Chapter of the Rotary club. Donation box is located in the narthex (church lobby).</p>



November 19	Exploring Our Faith - 6:30pm Room 13
November 25	Christ the King - Final Sunday of the Church Year
November 26	Exploring Our Faith - 6:30pm Room 13
November 30	Diocesan Convention Begins – Ontario
December 2	Advent Begins
December 3	Exploring Our Faith - 6:30pm Room 13
December 9	Bishop Azariah Visits – Confirmations (10:15)
December 16	Parish Sing-Along Christmas Party – 11:45am
December 23	Sunday Service – 9:00am only
December 23	Greening of the Church – 10:30am
December 23	Night Before Christmas Eve – 7pm
December 24	Christmas Eve – Family Service – 4pm
	Carols – 10pm
	Candlelight Service – 10:30pm
December 25	Christmas Day Service – 9:00am
January 6	Epiphany



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Elizabeth Helms, Artistic Director
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A Down Home Bluegrass Christmas

Friday, December 7, 2018 at 8:00 pm

Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 2:00 pm

NEW VENUE!

St. Paul's Episcopal Church • 3290 Loma Vista Road, Ventura

Yeehaw! "A Down Home Bluegrass Christmas" will have you tapping your feet and dancing in the aisles! Your favorite holiday tunes and carols will jump to a bluegrass beat as the Gold Coast is joined by spectacular musicians Bill Knopf, Tom Corbett, and the rest of the band. Bring the whole family for a rollicking good time!

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