



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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



*Online Bulletin*

## **The Third Sunday of Easter**

**Year B**

**April 15, 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** *Instrumental*

*Please stand at the sound of the bell*

**Entrance Hymn** **Alleluia! The strife is o'er** **Hymnal 208**

**Opening Salutation** Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 323

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

**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.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; 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**

Acts 3:12-19

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 4**

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"

3 Know that God does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call God, he will hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Most High.

6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O God.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, God, make me dwell in safety.

## **Second Reading**

1 John 3:1-7

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

## **Holy Gospel**

Luke 24:36b-48

*Please stand.*

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

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

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

## Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Richard Swanson

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## Nicene Creed

BCP p. 326

*All stand and say together.*

## Prayers of the People

BCP p. 328

*Please stand or kneel as is your custom.*

*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 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, Marilyn, Adele, Babs, James, Jacob, Jim, Carolyn, Stephanie, Maggie, Duncan, Shelia, Janet, Frank, Julie, Helen, Kevin, Paul, Carol, Randy, Carolin, Anzhela, Stacy and Stacie.** *And those enduring a long term illness especially Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Lucille, Rachel, Kathy, Doug, 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 acts of violence and the recent fires and floods.

*(See page 7 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 *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**

BCP p. 330

### **Peace**

*All stand as they are able.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

## **Announcements**

**Prayers for birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.**

## ***Liturgy of the Table***

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

*Psalm 96:8*

### **Offertory**

*Instrumental*

### **Presentation Hymn**

**Good Christians all, rejoice and sing (v. 1-3)**

**Hymnal 205**

*Please stand.*

### **Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer I)**

BCP p. 333

### **The Lord's Prayer**

BCP p. 336

### **Breaking of the Bread**

BCP p. 337

*A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **Prayer of Humble Access**

BCP p. 337

### **Invitation**

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 the Lord's 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.*

**Communion Music**                      *Instrumental*

**Post Communion Prayer**

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*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

**Blessing**

Go in the peace of the Lord Jesus. May Christ's light shine brightly in your hearts so that you may bring the joy and the hope of Easter to others; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you this day and forever more. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn**

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing**

**Hymnal 182**

*Please stand.*

**Dismissal**

BCP p. 339

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Postlude**

*Instrumental*

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<sup>1</sup> *A Prayer for Tolerance* Rabbi Naomi Levy, adapted by Barbara Bennett and David Catron.

Psalm: *The Saint Helena Breviary*, Church Publishing, 2006

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



**St. Paul's GO**

This Sunday's Worship Bulletin with Announcements is now available online.

**Here's How:**

1. Login into our wi-fi network: user name is St. Paul's Guest  
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3. Open the app and scan the QR Code.

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## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of April 15, 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, Marilyn, Adele, Babs, James, Jacob, Jim, Carolyn, Stephanie, Maggie, Duncan, Shelia, Janet, Frank, Julie, Helen, Kevin, Paul, Carol, Randy, Carolin, Anzhela, Stacy, Stacie

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

Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Lucille, Rachel, Kathy, Doug, 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.
- + U.S. Armed Forces 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 Ventura County: *St. Columba's*, Camarillo; *Trinity*, Fillmore; *St. Andrew's*, Ojai; *All Saints'*, Oxnard; *St. Paul's/Emmanuel*, Santa Paula; *St. Francis'*, Simi Valley; *St. Patrick's*, Thousand Oaks.
- + Our World Mission Companions in the Diocese of Wiawso: The Cathedral Church of the Ascension; the Diocese of Jerusalem and Diocese of El Salvador.
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *First United Methodist*, *Trinity Lutheran*, *Our Lady of the Assumption churches and the Salvation Army*



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

The Rev. Susan Bek, Rector; The Rev. Ed Steever, Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Richard Swanson, Assisting

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

<b>Today</b> <b>04/15</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Newcomer Orientation
	10:30 am	Rite II Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	11:30 am	Children's Music Workshop (Choir Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
<b>Monday</b> <b>04/16</b>	9:30 am	Family to Family (303 N. Ventura Blvd.)
	11:30 am	Tai Chi - Beginning (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
<b>Tues.</b> <b>04/17</b>	3:00 pm	Comprehensive Growth Oversight Committee (Room 13)
	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop (Youth Room, Kahler Hall)
<b>Wed.</b> <b>04/18</b>	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	11:30 pm	Tai Chi - Beginning (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)
	6:00 pm	Finance Committee (Room 13)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Youth Room)
<b>Thurs.</b> <b>04/19</b>	11:00 am	Ladies Lunch Bunch (Marie Calendar's)
	6:30 pm	Music Department Open House (Music/Choir Room)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
<b>Fri.</b> <b>04/20</b>	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
<b>Sat</b> <b>04/21</b>	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Youth Room)

### ***Serving This Week***

**8:00am**

**Acolytes**  
**Chalice**  
**Psalm**  
**Lay Readers**  
**Prayers of the People**  
**Ushers**  
**Hospitality**

Jo Ellen Heil  
Jo Ellen Heil, Peter Bowers  
Peter Bowers  
Ruth McCool, Liz McEwan  
Jo Ellen Heil  
Lori Burke, Ellen Morgan  
Wes Cullins

**Altar Guild**  
**Flower Guild**  
**Counters**  
**Facility Lock Up**

Dela Parker, Rose Hayden-Smith, Jennifer Golland  
Babs Brennan, Carmela Carreño, Rose Hayden-Smith, Renee Bower  
Louise Bretz  
Greg Jackson

## 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 Wes Cullins  
 10:15 Carmela Carreño, Rob & Susan Talmadge, Judy Wareham

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

**MUSIC at ST. PAUL'S**

**THIS SUNDAY:** Thank you to today's cantor, Diego Magaña and the 10:15 service guest musician, Julia Staley.  
  
 If you are interested in joining the choir, please speak to Felix or Tara Eisenhauer & visit Choir Open House on **April 19th** at 6:30pm.



**TODAY: CHILDREN'S MUSIC:** St. Paul's is pleased to provide a wonderful (and free) opportunity for children's music education.  
  
 Our professional children's music teacher, Nicole Benson, will gather the children in the Music Room during the 10:15 coffee hour to explore music through song, movement and fun activities! Please pick up your children at 12:15pm. (All ages are welcome. Children under 5 need to be accompanied by an adult.)



**Today - Introduction to American Sign Language**  
**SUNDAYS 12-1PM IN KAHLER HALL AT ST. PAUL'S**  
**Four Sessions: 4/15; 4/22; 4/29; and 5/6**

**Each session will include:** fingerspelling, ASL Vocabulary, Song-Sign, glimpses into Deaf Culture and an opportunity to practice with others while sharing a potluck lunch.  
**Free & Open to All Ages**

ST. PAUL'S  
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**WELCOMES YOU!**

**Today - Newcomer Information Series**  
**SUNDAYS 9:30-10AM IN THE MEETING ROOM NEXT TO THE KITCHEN**

**4/15 Getting to Know Each Other and the Episcopal Church**  
 4/22 Understanding our Worship and Exploring our Ministries  
 4/29 Giving and Serving in the Name of Christ

**ASK YOUR QUESTIONS, MEET PEOPLE, EXPLORE THE FAITH**  
*All are welcome!*



**MONDAY, APRIL 16 - FAMILY TO FAMILY:** Come serve lunch tomorrow at 303 N. Ventura Avenue. Paula is our volunteer coordinator. Looking for a team to share in the organizational details. 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.



## Forever Found

**This month's outreach project is FREEDOM BAGS.**

Take a red REACH BAG and fill it with items to be given to women who have been freed from human trafficking in our area. Our partner is the Ventura Soroptimist Club. REACH BAGS with attached suggestion lists are in the church lobby and in Kahler Hall. Please bring the items to St. Paul's any Sunday in April.



## Music Ministry Open House

**THURSDAY, APRIL 19 6:30-7:00PM**

In the Music Room, upstairs from Kahler Hall

*Come learn about our exciting music program and how you can be a part of it!*

Choir, Bells/Chimes, Contemporary Music, Children's Music & more!

Stay and try out a choir rehearsal @ 7:00PM!

Questions? E-mail our music minister, Felix Eisenhauer

musicminister@saintpaulsventura.org



## THURSDAY, APRIL 19 – LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

All women of St. Paul's and their friends are invited to join us for our monthly Ladies Lunch Bunch at Marie Calendar'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, April 15.



## SUNDAY, APRIL 22 – FAIR TRADE SALES

The next Fair Trade Sale of coffees, teas and chocolates will be April 22 after both services.

St. Paul's is an Abolitionist Congregation. Join us as we do all we can to abolish the scourge of modern day slavery.



## SUNDAY, APRIL 22 – DAUGHTERS OF THE KING CHAPTER MEETING

Meet in Kahler Hall at noon. We will update our prayer list, plan the remaining 2018 calendar, create a slate of chapter officer candidates and plan new member activities. Contact Paula Robertson with questions.

**Thank you for Coming! Join us for the following special events:**



Date	Time	Event
May 13	8am & 10:15am 4pm	Ascension Sunday Services Kite Flying at Harbor Cove
May 16	7:00pm	Benefit Concert for the Victims of the Thomas Fire
May 20	8am & 10:15am 11:45am	Pentecost Sunday Lunch & Birthday of the Church